

VES frequently asked questions

What are student hours?

Students that are *not* in the SPACE morning program can be on campus beginning at 7:10 a.m. The tardy bell rings at 7:40 a.m. **Students who are not in their homeroom at 7:40 will be marked tardy.**



Monday dismissal is at **12:55 p.m.**

Tuesday - Friday dismissal is at **1:55 p.m.**

Office hours are 7:00-3:30, Monday-Friday.

Can I come on campus?

VES is a closed campus. Special events will allow visitors with a valid ID (drivers license, Military ID, passport, HCPS ID). Minors will not be allowed on campus without a parent/guardian.



Can I volunteer?

Yes! Our PTA is always looking for volunteers! All volunteers MUST be approved. This includes parents who want to chaperone class field trips. To become an approved volunteer, please click [here](#).



Can my child bring a lunch and/or water bottle to school?

VES provides free breakfast (ends at 7:35) and lunch to all students. However, students may choose to eat breakfast at home and/or bring their own lunch. Outside food (Chick-fil-A, McDonald's, etc.) should not be brought in or delivered.



We recommend purchasing a reusable water bottle for your student(s). To minimize class disruption, please do not bring forgotten water bottles once the tardy bell has rung (7:40 a.m). There are many locations around the school, including classrooms, that have water fountains and refill stations.



Can I bring birthday treats for my child's birthday?

Treats may be sent in to celebrate your child's birthday if you have made prior arrangements with the teacher. Any food items must be pre-packaged and store bought with an ingredients label. Please send in items that can be easily distributed to each student (i.e. cupcakes, cookies, individually packaged items). Due to allergy concerns, birthday items will not be distributed in the cafeteria during lunch. Rather, these treats will be distributed only by the classroom teacher at outside recess or at a time deemed most appropriate. Please remember due to latex allergies, **balloons of any kind are not permitted in school.**



Do you have a Lost & Found? Can I go look through it with my child?

Our school Lost & Found is located in our cafeteria. Students have access to look before school or during their lunch periods. Since we are a closed campus, parents cannot go with students to look for lost items. We will gladly check the Lost & Found for lost items if given a description. Found items such as glasses and jewelry are given to office staff. **Please label all of your child's valuables in order to easily reunify lost items with their owner.**



What is my child's student ID? What is it used for?



All students have a 7 or 10 digit Student Number that is assigned when they are enrolled in a Hillsborough County Public School. This ID number stays with them until they leave HCPS. Most students have their number memorized and Kindergarteners will be working hard to learn their number. Student IDs are used to sign in to school computers and school based programs such as iReady. It is also used in breakfast and lunch lines, to sign-in late or sign-out early, and to access the [ParentVue Portal](#).

NOTE: In most cases the password will be the same student ID followed by students' initials in lowercase.

What is the school website?



The school website is www.hillsboroughcountyschools.org/valrico Our monthly newsletter and calendar will be posted to our website the last week of each month, beginning in September. Our wonderful PTA also has a Facebook page that can be found by searching "[Valrico Elementary PTA](#)".



Call (813) 744-6777 with any other questions

