



May 2023

Symmes Elementary School

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A Hillsborough County Public School

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 Please call 740-4182 press 1 and leave a message.

Symmes Families,

May is a busy month for our school!

We kick this month off celebrating our Amazing Staff who make sure our Sharks are cared for, educated and safe each day! They are hardworking and passionate about our student's success. Let's show them our appreciation!

We will host our 4th & 5th grade Talent Show on May 11th at 6:30 p.m.

PTA will hold their General Assembly prior to the show at 6:15 p.m. as we induct our new offices for the 2023-2024 school year!

We end the month with our Senior Clap-Out , 5th grade field trip and banquet and our annual Yearbook Party on May 24th from 6-7 P.M.

We will also have our final round of testing , please see schedule below:

May 2 FAST STAR READING	GR 2& 3
May 3 FAST STAR READING	GR 4 & 5
May 4 FAST STAR MATH	GR 2&3
May 5 FAST STAR MATH	GR 4&5
May 8-12 STAR	GR KG & 1st
May 9 STATE SCIENCE TEST	GR 5
May 10 STATE SCIENCE TEST	GR 5
May 16 IREADY READING	GR 3

It has been an amazing year! We are so proud of how hard our students have worked!

“Fins Up”
Ms. Rothenbush
Principal

Media News

The end of the school year is quickly approaching. That means time to look for lost or missing books. Classes are challenged to see which ones can have 100% of their library books returned. Classes who reach this goal get to pick a special activity to do in the media center for 30 minutes. If your student has lost a book, please send in \$10 cash and I will send home a receipt to alert you that their account is now clear. Please help me wrap up an amazing school year, by finding all missing books.

Have you heard of Sunshine State Young Reader Awards? SSYRA is a wonderful program offered to students in K-12 grades in the state of Florida. Each year 15 new books are picked for the following levels, K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Students are encouraged to start reading these books over the summer and during the upcoming school year. You can find these books at the Hillsborough County Public Library, local bookstores, Amazon, and the app AXIS 360. For students who are interested in reading these books, Hillsborough County offers a program called SLAM. SLAM is a program where students in each of these grade level categories can create 2D and 3D art projects, book trailers, and group projects using the books from the SSYRA list. Each school can choose winners to go on to the district awards in April. During the upcoming school year, students will learn more about the SLAM competition and the SSYRA and SSYRA JR books. To get started reading these awesome titles today, visit <https://www.floridamediaed.org/ssyra-jr.html> for K-2 and <https://www.floridamediaed.org/ssyra.html> for 3-5

Symmes Summer Nights

Join us for our Symmes Summer Nights in June and July. Bring the family, friends, and a chair to the front lawn for themed nights of reading and fun from 6pm-7pm. Make sure to mark your calendars now before your summer activities fill up. Wednesday, June 7th is our luau night, Wednesday, July 5th is our patriotic night, and Wednesday, July 26th is our bubble themed night. If you know of any new families or upcoming kindergarten sharks, please pass this information on, so we can meet them. Be on the lookout for a flyer going home with more details. You can also join our Symmes PTA Facebook group for more details. Hope to see you there.

Ms. Kovach

Upcoming events

- 5/1
Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/5
Shark Shop KG & 5th
- 5/11
4/5 Talent Show
- 5/12
Shark Shop
1st & 4th
- 5/18
5th grade Universal Studio's field trip
- 5/19
Shark Shop 2nd & 3rd
- 5/24
Yearbook signing Party
6-7 p.m.
- 5/25
5th grade Clap-out and Banquet
- 5/26
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Early Release 1/2 Day
- 6/7 , 7/5 & 7/26
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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Western Wear</i>	2 <i>Shark Shirt</i>	3 Talent Show Practice <i>Tropical Attire</i>	4 Talent Show Practice Favorite "Travel" Shirt	5 <i>Shark Shop Kg & 5</i> <i>Wear Red, Orange or Yellow</i>	6
7	8 <i>Girl Scout Info Night</i> <i>Pta/Sac 5th grade banquet mtg</i>	9	10 <i>Talent Show Practice</i>	11 <i>Talent Show 6:30</i> <i>PTA Assembly 6:15</i>	12 <i>Volunteer Breakfast 8:30 a.m.</i> <i>Shark Shop 1st& 4th</i>	13
14	15	16	17 <i>KG program 8:30-9:30</i>	18 <i>5th grade Field Trip</i> <i>Universal Studios</i>	19 <i>VPK Graduation</i> <i>Shark Shop 2nd & 3rd</i> <i>PTA Kids Club</i>	20
21	22	23 <i>Senior Clap-out</i>	24 <i>Terrific Kid Ceremony</i> <i>Yearbook Signing Party 6-7 P.M.</i>	25 <i>5th grade banquet</i>	26 <i>Last day of School 1/2 DAY</i> <i>End of 4th nine weeks</i>	27
28	29	30	31			

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6/7, 7/5, 7/26

Be on the lookout for an opportunity to join our School Advisory Committee (SAC)! We meet once a month as a team of parents, teacher(s), administration and community stakeholders to analyze academic and behavioral schoolwide data. Together, we collaborate to ensure that our school is progressing appropriately through our annual School Improvement Plan. If you would like to learn more about our school and contribute to our young learners' learning environment, please consider volunteering to be a part of our SAC! For more information, please contact

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