



October 2024

**Symmes Elementary School**

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A Hillsborough County Public School

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**Student Hours:**

M 7:40–12:55, T-TH 7:40–1:55

**To report your child's absence:**

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

Upcoming events

**10/1**

K, 1 & 3 Health Screenings

**10/4**

Shark Shop 1 & 4  
September Terrific Kid Ceremony  
Patrol Induction 6 pm

**10/8**

Grand Hero Breakfast K-N  
makeup day

**10/9**

Wear Orange to stand up to bullying

**10/10**

Grand Hero Breakfast 0-Z  
makeup day

**10/11**

Shark Shop 2 & 3  
5th grade Biztown field trip  
Wear Pink

**10/14**

Non-Student Day

**10/16**

FunRun Kickoff

**10/17**

PBIS Bingo

**10/18**

Shark Shop K & 5  
Raise the Flags  
Harvest Happenings

**10/21-10/25**

Red Ribbon Week

**10/24**

**FUN RUN**

**10/25**

Raise the Flags

**10/29**

PTA Skate Night

**10/30**

Report Cards Available

**10/31**

Halloween  
Terrific Kid Ceremony  
Book fair starts

**Symmes Families,**

We have had a fantastic start to the school year. It's hard to believe our first quarter is coming to a close. The first 9 weeks will end on October 11th. By now our beginning of year assessments are complete and teachers can share your students progress with you. Report cards will be available online on October 30th. If you have not set up your Parent Vue account please do so. This information including your user name was given out at Open House. Parent Vue is where you will access your child's report card and test scores.

This month we will hold our Fun Run. This is a whole school fundraiser where every student gets to participate in the Fun Run on October 24th. The funds raised will be used to support programs and provide supplies and technology for the classrooms. Look for more information to come home on Oct. 16th.

Be sure to check out our calendar on the back, October is a busy month!

Attendance has a huge impact on student learning. Students who have chronic absenteeism perform lower than their peers who do not. Please make sure your student is on time and present at school daily. Classes with 100% attendance each day have an opportunity to earn Shark Bucks. We will also be recognizing students with perfect attendance each 9 weeks. "Superheroes show up!"

With Regards,  
Ms. Rothenbush  
Principal

**Media News**

Happy Fall Y'all. It's an exciting month in the media center. Some of our new books from our grant have started arriving. Students are so excited to see new books on the shelves. Please make sure that your student knows their library day, so they can check out some of these exciting titles. This month, classes can sign up with Mrs. Kovach to have storybook stem lessons. We will be reading a story about a skeleton and learning about bones and symmetry.

Later this month, we will be sending home information about our storybook pumpkins. We can't wait to see your creativity in pumpkin form. Classrooms and students are invited to decorate a pumpkin as your favorite book character(s)! These pumpkins will be put on display in the media center from October 14th through October 18th. Students will have the chance to vote for their favorite pumpkin when they visit the library during their assigned class time the week of October 14th-18th. If you would like to participate, please send your UNCARVED pumpkin to the media center on Monday, October 14th. Faux pumpkins are preferred, last year we had a lot of them rot during the week and they did not last for the Harvest Happenings display.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>K,1 &amp; 3 Health Screenings</i>	2	3 September Terrific Kid Ceremony Patrol Induction 6	4 <i>Shark Shop 1 &amp; 4</i>	5
6	7 <i>5th grade banquet meeting 6 PM SAC/Title 1 meeting 5:30 PTA 6:30</i>	8 <i>GrandHero Bfast makeup day for K-N</i>	9 <i>Wear Orange to stand up to bullying</i>	10 <i>Grandhero Bfast Makeup day for O-Z</i>	11 <i>Shark Shop 2&amp;3 Biztown 5th grade Field trip Wear Pink -Cancer Awareness End of 1st 9 weeks</i>	12
13	14 <i>Non-Student Day</i>	15	16 <i>Fun Run Kick-off</i>	17 <i>PBIS Event-Bingo</i>	18 <i>Shark Shop K &amp; 5 Raise the Flags Harvest Happenings</i>	19
20	21 <i>Red Ribbon Week  Shark or Blue Shirt</i>	22 <i>College Shirt and sunglasses</i>	23 <i>Dress like a Superhero</i>	24 <i>FunRun! Wear your Fun Run Shirt</i>	25 <i>Raise the Flags Bucs or Red Shirt</i>	26
27	28	29 <i>PTA Skate Night</i>	30 <i>Report Cards Available</i>	31 <i>Halloween Terrific Kids Bookfair starts</i>		

## Upcoming Events

**10/31-11/7 Book Fair**

**11/5 Gr. 4 Field Trip Plant Museum**

**11/6,11/13,11/20-Can Food Parade**

**11/7 Conference Night**

**11/11 No School- Veteran's Day**

**11/13 Gr. 2 Field Trip Cracker Country**

**11/21 Teach- In**

**11/25-11/29 Fall Break**



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