



September 2023

Symmes Elementary School

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A Hillsborough County Public School

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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.

Each Year schools form a School Advisory Council to help monitor School Improvement Goals. Here is our SAC Team for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Anna Rothenbush, Principal,
- Karen Mears, SAC Chair,
- Sharon Clark, HCTA Teacher
- Sylvia Chaney, Parent
- Joyce Robins, Parent
- Jennifer Sims, Parent
- Angela Valadez, Parent
- Rahkita Delbaugh, Parent
- Sheyla Rodriguez, Parent
- Sugeil Rodriguez, Parent
- Alli Wentzell, Parent
- Jackalyn Chaviano, Parent
- Sara Farinas, Parent,
- Rachel Smith, Parent
- Hannah Wellls, Parent,
- Baranese Miller, Parent.

Thank you so much to these individuals for their willingness to serve. Our two areas of focus this year are :
#1. Students with high attendance issues need to be engaged and connected with the school and their classroom so they are wanting to attend school.

#2. For three years in a row, proficiency of Students with disabilities has been below 41%. These students include both our students in general education curriculum and those accessing alternative standards.

To improve in these areas we are focusing on building positive learning and engaging environments. Teachers are participating in a Book Study, Teach Like A Pirate, along with Teach Me Tuesdays focused on Kagan Cooperative Learning Structures. Our Social Worker, Ms. Reners, will be working with students and teachers to promote good attendance .“ If you miss school you miss out!” We will have our first official SAC meeting Sept. 11th at 5:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. This meeting is open to everyone.

We are looking forward to a great academic year!

“Hooked on Learning”
Ms.Rothenbush
Principal

Upcoming events

9/4

No School

9/8

Shark Shop 1st & 4th

9/14

Patrol Induction

6:30 P.M.

9/15

Shark Shop 2nd & 3rd

Raise The Flag

9/19

Publix Reading Night

5-7 P.M.

9/20

Fall Photos

9/21

Grand-Sharks Breakfast

A-M

9/22

Grand-Sharks Breakfast

N-Z

Shark Shop KG & 5th

9/26

Skate Night

6-8 P..M.

9/28

Terrific Kid

Media News

Our first family book club for 3rd-5th graders and their family will be on September 11th at 6:00pm in the media center. We are discussing the graphic novel, Swim Team. Our next meeting will be on October 9th at 6pm and we will be discussing the novel Stuck by Jennifer Swender. I hope you can make it!

Now that our media center orientations have finished, classes are ready for monthly reading challenges. Teachers can sign their class up for a lesson on ways to use our new district approved site, Beanstack. Beanstack has student features such as, logging in minutes read or books completed, write book reviews, and join monthly challenges.

Students who join the media center's monthly reading challenge get to visit my media center treasure box upon completion. Another class being offered this month is a book tasting. Teachers can sign up their class for a book tasting of SLAM books offered at their students reading band (K-2, 3-5). There are lots of ways to get excited about reading this month.

I can't wait to hear about all the favorite books this month. Happy Reading!

Ms. Kovach

SEPTEMBER 2023

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 NO SCHOOL	5	6	7	8 Shark Shop 1st& 4th	9
10 Mid-terms Go home	11 Book Club SAC 5:30 Pta Board 6:30 P.M.	12	13	14 Patrol Induction 6:30 P.M.	15 Shark Shop 2nd & 3rd Raise the Flags Wear Red/Bucs	16
17 Start with Hello Week	18	19 Publix Reading Night 5-7 P.M.	20 Fall Photos Gr 5 parent Meeting 6:30 P.M. Media Center	21 Grand-Sharks Breakfast A-M	22 Grand-Sharks Breakfast N-Z	23
24	25	26 Skate Night 6-8 P.M.	27	28 Terrific Kid Ceremony	29	30

Upcoming Events



10/5 Cracker Country Field Trip GR. 2

10/11 Glazier Museum Field Trip GR 1

10/12 Biztown Gr 5

10/16 NO SCHOOL

10/20 Harvest Happening

10/23-27 Red Ribbon Week

10/27 Fun Run



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