



# HOME OF THE OTTERS



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Ippolito Families,

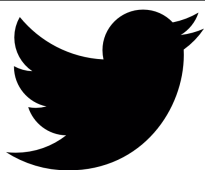
March is upon us and it has already graced us with warmer temperatures and sunnier days! We have freshened up areas around campus as we welcome in Spring. The bird houses have been revitalized with fresh artwork by our very own Artist, Mrs. Samad. A variety of flower seeds were planted in our gardens. We can't wait to see them bloom and add more beauty to campus this month! The building is looking spic-and-span after undergoing a pressure-washing facelift. Several touchless water-bottle refill stations were installed throughout campus. Students and staff will enjoy these upgrades as they spend more time enjoying the outdoors.

The month of March has already started off with a HUGE surprise! I received a letter first thing this morning from Colonel Leprechaun. The Colonel alerted me of a presumed Leprechaun Invasion that took place over the weekend on campus. Security will be super tight as early reports have indicated that Leprechauns were seen carrying pots of gold around campus. If rumors hold true of a Leprechaun Invasion, students may be able to come across pots of gold and literary treasures! Leprechauns are known to LOVE literature. I hope the Leprechauns invaded our campus with enchanting literature which will create a deeper love of reading for all students!

Before I close out this message, I want to thank you for allowing us to educate your children. They've made this atypical school year an enjoyable one. They are funny, loving, kind, and respectful. Students have whole-heartedly welcomed and embraced students transitioning from eLearning. Their resilience and positive outlook always amazes me. We can learn so much from children. Our students are truly the best and I thank my lucky stars each night for serving as their Principal.

Sincerely,

*Dr. McManamey*  
*Principal*



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# IPPPOLITO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Outstanding Otter Award

**Congratulations  
Mr. Garcia!**



**Outstanding  
Otter Recipient**

We are fortunate to have Mr. Garcia as a Kindergarten Teacher. His passion, expertise, and 'whatever it takes' attitude is appreciated. He makes Ippolito a great place to work and learn!

## Welcome, Mrs. Mary!



We have a new face that you may have seen in the front office! Mrs. Mary is our new Secretary. She has phenomenal customer service skills, is bilingual, and loves children. We are happy to have her on our team!

## Help Ippolito, "Spread the Word to End the Word!"

3/1/21 – 3/21/21  
**SPREAD THE WORD  
TO END THE WORD  
WITH DSATB**



### MEMO

*March 21st is World Down Syndrome Day! They say it takes roughly 21 days to build a habit. Well starting on March 1st, I need your help.*

*My son, Craig Woodard, Jr., is in 1st grade attending Ippolito Elementary School in Riverview, FL. My wife, Christine Woodard, is an educator with Charter School USA in Riverview as well. I have heard on several occasions that the "R" word has been and is being said frequently by both students and surprisingly educators. This is extremely disturbing in 2021.*

*Starting March 1st, I would like to invite you to join hands in our 21 Day challenge to "Spread the Word to End the Word." This challenge will bring awareness to how disrespectful the word "Retarded" is and challenge us all to extend our vocabulary and use another word to get our point across.*

*How can we expect our students and young folks to refrain from using the "R" word if we as adults and educators are still using it frequently on school campuses? We need to hold those perpetrators accountable.*

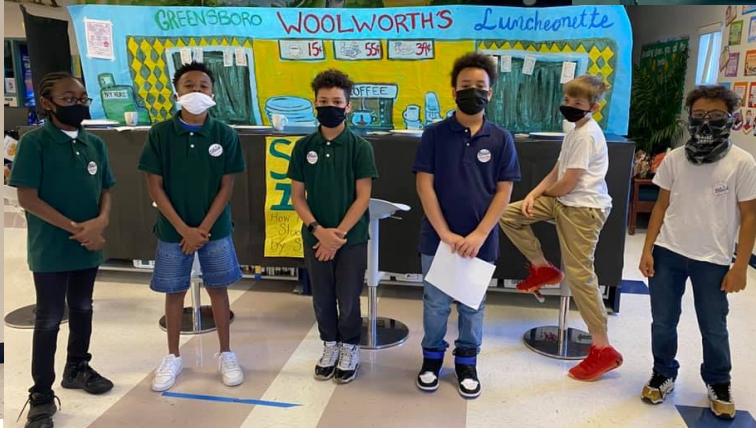
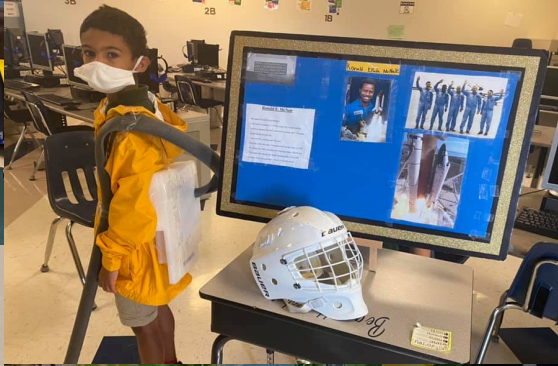
*I would recommend that administration come up with a policy that make this word against school policy and those found using it be held accountable just like they are if they were to use the "N" word just as any other offensive word. I would ask you to consider having this word banned in policy.*

*For the next three weeks, starting March 1st, join the Down Syndrome Association of Tampa Bay in educating all in why it's important to remove this word from our everyday lives. Be creative, talk about it at school daily and hold those accountable that continue to abuse it.*



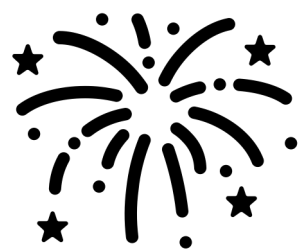
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## Black History Month Wax Museum



# Kiwaniis

## Terrific Kids!



### PreK

Ava M.  
Mardarius F.

### Kindergarten

Jefferson J.  
Emaya E.  
Armita U.  
Shiloh B.

### First Grade

Samantha H.  
Kenneth F.  
Makenzie O.  
Misael B.

### Second Grade

Maiah N.  
Melaysia D.  
Camron P.  
Ebdiel C.  
Dakota C.

### Third Grade

Kaydee S.  
Semiya R.  
Chanel C.  
Dequan P.

### Fourth Grade

Brandon M.  
Sean C.  
Bellamia N.

### Fifth Grade

Saint Valent R.  
Jayden D.  
Kaleb H.  
Jahxiel G.

Terrific Kids is a student-recognition program sponsored by the Riverview Chapter of the Kiwanis club. It promotes character development, self-esteem and perseverance. The character trait for February was Friendly. Congratulations to the following students for being nominated as a "Terrific Kid"!

# Ippolito March 2021 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<div>1</div> <div> Dr. Seuss Week</div> <div>Leprechaun Invasion</div> <div> 12.55 Early Release</div>	<div>2</div> <div> Dr. Seuss Week</div> <div>Leprechaun Invasion</div> <div> Hearing Screening (K-1st)</div>	<div>3</div> <div> Dr. Seuss Week</div> <div>Leprechaun Invasion</div> <div> Kids on the Block (4<sup>th</sup>)</div>	<div>4</div> <div> Dr. Seuss Week</div> <div>Leprechaun Invasion</div> <div></div>	<div>5</div> <div> Dr. Seuss Week</div> <div>Leprechaun Invasion</div> <div></div>	<div>6</div>
<div>7</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Non-Student Day</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Leprechaun Invasion</div> <div></div>	<div>10</div> <div>Leprechaun Invasion</div> <div> Onsite Field Trip: Diamond Del (PreK-K)</div> <div></div>	<div>11</div> <div>Leprechaun Invasion</div> <div> Onsite Field Trip: Diamond Del (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>)</div> <div></div>	<div>12</div> <div>Leprechaun Invasion</div> <div> PTA Fundraiser-Kona Ice</div> <div></div>	<div>13</div>
<div>14</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Spring Break</div> <div></div>	<div>16</div> <div>Spring Break</div> <div></div>	<div>17</div> <div>Spring Break</div> <div></div>	<div>18</div> <div>Spring Break</div> <div></div>	<div>19</div> <div>Spring Break</div> <div></div>	<div>20</div>
<div>21</div> <div></div>	<div>22</div> <div>Students Return</div> <div>12.55 Early Release</div>	<div>23</div> <div>SMILE! Picture Day</div> <div></div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div> <div>End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grading Period</div>	<div>27</div>
<div>28</div>	<div>29</div> <div>12.55 Early Release</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div>			