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Yates Elementary School "The Eaglet Eye"

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February Character Trait

The word of the month for February is Kindness! As a school and community, we want to spread kindness. By spreading kindness, we hope that our students will feel safe, comfortable and happy. Please encourage your kids to be kind, and they may be chosen as the Terrific Kid of the month!

Attendance Matters

The second quarter of the 24–25 school year has come to an end. While we have many things to celebrate, student attendance rates are a concern.

Florida Statute 1003.24: "Each parent of a child within the compulsory attendance age is responsible for the child's school attendance as required by law."

When children miss 10% of school or more, it can make it harder to:

- Gain early reading and math skills.
- Build relationships and a sense of belongingness.
- Develop positive routines and habits to arrive on time.

We are here to support you in addressing any barriers that are getting in the way of your child attending school regularly.

Terrific Kids

The character focus for January was Determination. It is the quality of continuing to work at something even when it is difficult. It means never giving up, no matter what. Let's go after our goals with purpose, drive and effort!.

The following students were nominated by their teacher to receive the Terrific Kid Award for demonstrating determination.

Mikel Baker Ricardo Maldonado Rivera Juan Castano Corredor Sofia Gangadyal Aivanna Casto Jocabethzoe Ortiz-Espinet Daisy Storm Yazmin Loza Kairi Amador **Avant Brewster** Eloy Jimenez Miranda Lania Vancleve Brianna Mateo Luke Ziegler Avah Narvaez Londyn Martin Jalivah Alvarado Alan Gonzaelz Arieliz Rivera-De Jesus **Emily Gutierrez Lalinde**

Lissette Alarcon
Abrianna Washington
Hefziba Mercado
Airam Gonzalez Pichardo
Raven Eckhardt
Andre Fernandez
Samantha Merchan
Gerlys Rojas Mendez

Vision

Students will demonstrate mastery in all Florida Standards

Mission

Encouraging, Empowering & Elevating Eaglets for Tomorrow

REACH FOR THE GOAL!

Lisa Varnum Principal Justin Hutcherson Asst. Principal Samantha Givan, Social Worker Angela Oser, ESE Specialist



Spring Break —March 17-21

Spring Break will begin Monday, March 17. All Hillsborough County Schools will be closed. We hope you have a wonderful, safe holiday. Students will return to school on Monday, March 24.



Remember, Sunday, March 9, is the day to move your clocks ahead one hour. In the Spring we "Spring Ahead".

Save the Date for Kindergarten Round-up

If your child will be 5 years old by September 1, 2025, you are invited to attend our Round Up to learn about the Kindergarten experience.

Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Cafeteria

Meet our staff.

Register your child.

• Materials will be given to help better prepare your child for Kindergarten

Information will be provided regarding Summer Voluntary Pre-K Program (VPK)

• Spanish forms and an interpreter will be available.



2025-2026 School Year Registration Open

Instructional program for Pre-K children!

Eligible children must be four by September 1, 2025 and not previously participated in a Kindergarten or

VPK program.

Note that NO transportation will be provided and HOST, our after school program, does not accept 4-year old students.

Certified Teachers! Age Appropriate
Curriculum!

Half day or full day!





Feb. - Mar. 2025

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Cell Phone Policy

In July 2024, Hillsborough County School Board implemented a cell phone policy limiting access to before and after school for all Elementary and Middle School students.

Please help our students focus on their learning.

Cell phones are not to be on or used during school hours. Cell phones should be left out of sight.