

Valrico Elementary

Hawk's Nest News



IMPORTANT TESTING DATES

****All testing begins promptly at 7:40****

- 4/1: FAST Writing Test—GRADE 5
- 4/2: FAST Writing Test—GRADE 4
- 4/15-4/17: STAR Testing (Reading & Math)—K-Grade 2
- 5/1: FAST ELA Testing—GRADE 3
- 5/2: FAST ELA Testing—GRADE 5
- 5/6: FAST ELA Testing—GRADE 4
- 5/7: FAST Math Testing—GRADE 3
- 5/8: FAST Math Testing—GRADE 5
- 5/13: FAST Math —GRADE 4
- 5/14: SSA (Statewide Science Assessment)—Grade 5

THINK Positive

You GOT This!

Helpful Tips for Successful Testing Experience:

- Please ensure your child arrives to school on time.
- Safeguard sleep: Make sure your child gets enough sleep the night before the assessment.
- Plan for a well-balanced and healthy breakfast.
- Stay positive: Your child can be influenced by your attitude toward testing time.
- Give him or her a positive send-off in the morning.
- Don't Stress: Our stress can spill over to our children.

DON'T LOSE FOCUS

Breathe and Relax



The District S.T.E.M. Fair took place on February 12. The following students placed at district level:

Great Work, Hawks!

GRADE 3

Adalynn Swartz
Superior (Gold Medal)

Audreigh Guerrero & Jaxon Fowler
Excellent (Silver Medal) & Discovery Award

Rosalie Darner
Excellent (Silver Medal)

Maryn Mitchum
Discovery Award

GRADE 4

Henry Tanner
Excellent (Silver Medal) & Discovery Award

Zoey Comer
Hand 2 Mind
"Save Our Planet" Award

GRADE 5

Gabriel Hernandez-Perez
Superior (Gold Medal)

Andrew Pareja
Excellent (Silver Medal)

School Board

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Attendance Matters

Make every day count!
School success starts with attendance!

Congratulations!

The following students placed at the district level in the PTA Reflections Contest.

Rijash Shah

- Award of Excellence for Dance Choreography (K-2)
- Honorable Mention for Photography (K-2)

Taylor Combs

- Award of Merit for Dance Choreography (3-5)

Layla Stokely

- Award of Merit for Visual Arts (3-5)

Riley Mobley

- Award of Merit for Photography (3-5)

Zoey Comer

- Award of Merit for Film Production (3-5)



RELAY FOR LIFE
CELEBRATE. REMEMBER. FIGHT BACK.



Our annual Relay for Life Coin Drive was huge success! We exceeded our goal and raised just under \$1700 during the week of the coin drive.

WOW—way to go Valrico Hawks!
Thank you for your support!

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY April 23rd



*Thank You, for your hard work, smiles, and professionalism,
Mrs. Gammill,
Mrs. Kolpin, &
Mrs. Mitchell*



MATH BOWL

SPECIAL SHOUTOUT to our 2nd Grade Team that placed **SILVER** at the DISTRICT WIDE MATH BOWL COMPETITION!
WAY TO GO!!!



- Rijash Shah** in Mrs. Abraham's Class
- Blair Barrow** in Mrs. Gladbach's Class
- Logan Chambers** in Mrs. Gladbach's Class
- Terran Rice** in Mrs. Gladbach's Class
- Amalia Velazquez** in Ms. Olivares' Class

Team Sponsor: Mrs. Abraham



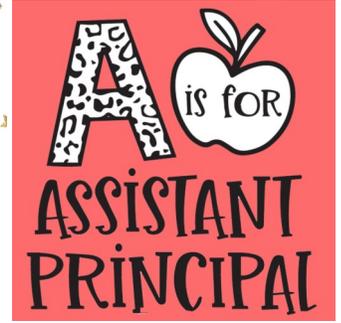
Friendship consists of loyalty, honesty, and forgiveness. These are qualities that all children have, including those with autism. April 2nd is World Autism Awareness day.

Please support our autism community here at Valrico Elementary by wearing **BLUE** on Friday, April 4th for Autism Awareness Spirit Day. This is the perfect opportunity to reach out and connect with a new friend. Your friendship and compassion may be the piece of the puzzle they are searching for.

Thank You, Mrs. Vick!



Assistant Principal's Week is April 7 - 11



Valrico PTA news!



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Instagram!
Email Us!

yearbook
order yours today!

\$25



April 8 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night!



LAST
PTA meeting of the year!
it's virtual!
April 28 @ 6:00pm



Attention Volunteers...

You're invited

to a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast!

April 17 @ 8:00am
see invitation on next page

Thank You for Helping Create
a Year Full of

Adventures

Our Volunteers
are Cordially Invited to the
**Volunteer & Business Partner
Recognition Breakfast!**

When: Thursday, April 17, 2025
@ 8:00 AM

Where: Valrico Elementary
Media Center

Why: To say "Thank you"
to our valuable
Volunteers/ Business Partners

RSVP: By April 11th to
alisa.ashley@hcps.net

THANK YOU

Our business partners play an integral part in the success of our school. Valrico Elementary wants to give thanks and appreciation to the following locally owned business partners for your donations and support during the 2025-2026 school year:
BubbaQue's, Chick-fil-A, Costco, Domino's Pizza, Gasparilla Pizza, Jeremiah's Italian Ice, Kiwanis Club of Greater Brandon, Rita's Italian Ice, Seeds of Hope, & The Stuffed Cookie



April 21 - 25

Coming Soon!

Students who are prepared to make a purchase will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair during school hours. Flyers with prices and information on how to setup an eWallet will be sent home with students. If you send cash, please send enough money with your child to cover sales tax. Tax is not included in the flyer prices.

Planning a Move? Not Returning for the 2025-2026 School Year?

We need to know! If your family is planning a move before the end of the school year *or* you know that your child will not be attending Valrico Elementary School next year, please contact office as soon as possible. Thank you!



In recognition of demonstrating a
**positive attitude, good character,
and responsible citizenship.**
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARCH TERRIFIC KIDS!

Teachers recognize one student from each class every month in honor of positive character traits.
The character trait is Cooperation. "Working together to get more done than you can do alone."

Elena Pecina	Amelia Quinones	Trey McLafferty	Myah Biondolillo
John Tanner	Brennan Tenney	Mason Olivares	Yamiel DeJesus
Eliana Wandell	Juliette Anglin	Lailah Stokely	Deacon Owens
Rafael Alvarez Silva	Beckett Hundley	Evelyn Brown	Jackson Owens
Luca Gray	Mason Paul	Kennedy Cobb	Zac Rivera
Oliver Waters	Sophia Padilla	Aubrie Couch	Sebastian Avila Marroquin
Sadie Chickadel	Dallas Wallace	Jase Eads	Alexis Galcia-Hernandez
Avery Allen	Gisela Solis Martinez	Derek Medley	Noel Avila Marroquin
Kaizen Sessions	Maryn Mitchum	Aiden Pierre	Amalia Sanchez
Lily Darner			Wyatt Kelly
Layla Baker			





April



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 GRADE 5 FAST WRITING	2 GRADE 4 FAST WRITING	3	4 WEAR BLUE FOR AUTISM AWARENESS SPIRIT DAY	5
6 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL Thank You, Mrs. Vick!	7	8 PTA Chick-fil-e Spirit Night 5:00—8:00	9	10	11 PTA Executive Board Meeting @ 9:45 3rd Grade Field Trip PURPLE UP! for military kids WEAR PURPLE FOR MILITARY KIDS SPIRIT DAY	12
13 PM3 STAR Reading and Math Testing this week (K-Gr. 2)	14 Grades 4 & 5 FINAL Chorus Practice 1:55—3:00 p.m.	15 REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE ONLINE	16	17 Volunteer & Business Partner Appreciation Breakfast in the Media Center 8:00AM	18 NON- STUDENT DAY 	19
20 Quarter 4 Progress Alerts sent home with students this week BOOK FAIR This Week!	21	22	23 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY Thank You, Mrs. Gammill, Mrs. Kolpin, & Mrs. Mitchell	24 Rita's Spirit Night 4:00—8:00	25 Terrific Kids Ceremony for Applicable Students NEON COLORS SPIRIT DAY	26 FRIDAY APRIL 25th Deadline for rising 5th graders to submit their job applications for next year
27	28 PTA General Meeting Virtual @ 6PM LINK TO BE SENT THROUGH PARENTLINK TEXT	29	30 May Newsletter posted on website			