

# Valrico Elementary

## Hawk's Nest News



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*teacher & staff*



### APPRECIATION WEEK!

Let's spend next week (May 5-9) celebrating the educators, staff, paras, nurses, custodians, food team, and administration who go the extra mile every day to make learning such a fun adventure!

*Here are some ideas, but feel free to follow your own path!*

**MON**

#### "Adventure Buddies!"

Draw a picture of you on an adventure with your "adventure buddy" (teacher or staff)!



**TUE**

#### "Explorer's Essentials"

Help "pack their backpack" for the adventure! Send in a small classroom or office supply like markers, sticky notes, or pens—tools for the trail!

**WED**

#### "Fuel for the Adventure"

Send in a favorite snack or drink to help them refuel for the road ahead!



**THUR**

#### "Trail Treasures"

Send in a small gift or trinket to remind them they are treasured on this learning adventure!



**FRI**

#### "Final Destination: Appreciation!"

Send a small gift card so they can end their journey at their favorite store, coffee shop, or restaurant!

## THANK YOU, PTA!

We would like to recognize all of our families that have supported the Valrico PTA! Thank you for all you do to provide students with the best opportunities & curriculum resources possible! Special recognition to our **PTA Executive Board:** *Cassy Timken, Kourtney Geary, and Michele Purner* for the many hours they dedicate to making a difference!

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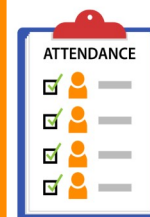
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*Attendance*  
**Matters**

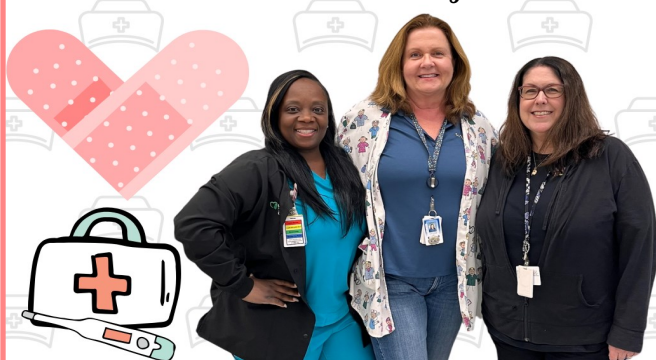
*Make every day count!*  
School success starts  
with attendance!

# HUGE SHOUT OUT

To 4th Grader *Hayla Ponto*, and 5th Grader *Teyla Black*, for placing at the Region 4-H Speaking Competition. Hayla's speech "Taylor Swift and Her Story" came in second place and Teyla's speech "Fruits Vs. Vegetables" placed 3rd! Way to go!

## NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY MAY 7TH

Thank you for your dedication to keeping all of our students healthy and safe. Your role is invaluable to our school community.



Hillsborough County Public Schools is offering a FREE educational Summer VPK program for children entering kindergarten in August of 2025!

Plan now to take advantage of the FREE 30-day SUMMER 2025 program at a Hillsborough County Public Schools campus near you.

Give your child a jump start into kindergarten!

### Summer 2025 dates:

June 4 – July 24, 2025

Monday–Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### Location Closest to Valrico Elementary:

Brooker Elementary School

### **Register NOW in two steps!**

- 1) Go to [elchc.org](http://elchc.org) to start the registration process and apply for the REQUIRED Certificate of Eligibility (COE).
- 2) Bring your certificate to the VPK school to finalize the process and secure a summer VPK seat at that site.

*Child must be 5 years old or turn 5 on or before September 1, 2025.  
Child may not have previously attended a VPK Program during the school year.*

# IMPORTANT TESTING DATES

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

## GRADE 3

- 5/1: FAST ELA Testing
- 5/7: FAST Math Testing

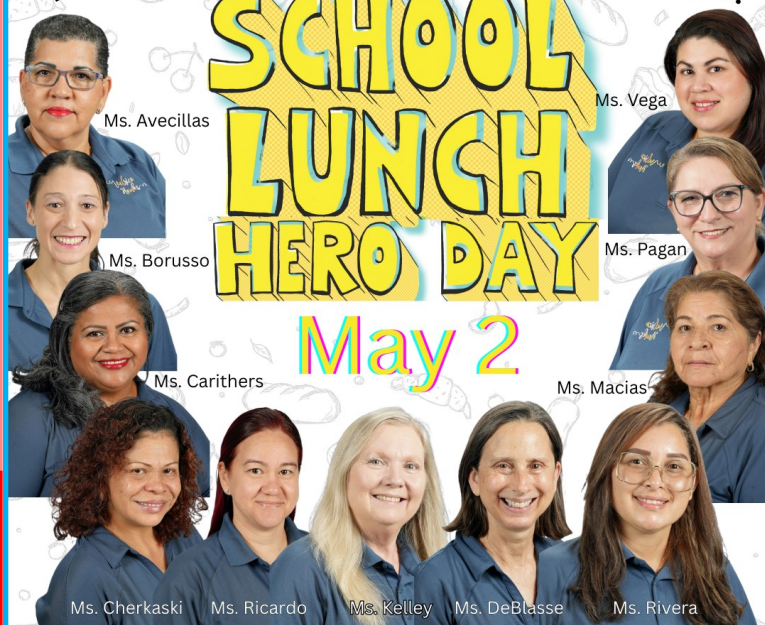
## GRADE 4

- 5/6: FAST ELA Testing
- 5/13: FAST Math Testing

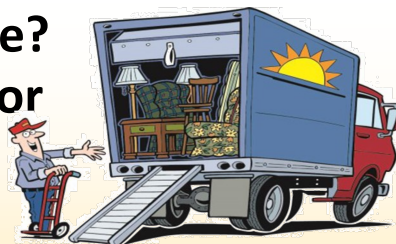
## GRADE 5

- 5/2: FAST ELA Testing
  - 5/8: FAST Math Testing
- 5/14: SSA (Statewide Science Assessment)

Thank You, Student Nutrition Services!



## 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 our office as soon as possible.

Thank you!



## IS YOUR CHILD MISSING AN ITEM?

All items in our Lost & Found will be on display outside the cafeteria on May 21. Please encourage your students to look for their lost items after their lunch period.

This will be the last Lost & Found for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Unclaimed items will be donated.



# REMINDER



THURSDAY, MAY 22

- All chaperones must view the chaperone video which includes important day of field trip information. A link will be shared with families before the field trip.
- Busses will leave on the morning of 5/22, at 7:45 A.M. sharp. **Busses cannot wait at school for students that arrive late.**
- Parents that are not attending the field trip must plan for student pick-up at 6:30 P.M. in the back parking lot.
- Students will need to bring money for lunch (snack and/or souvenir money is optional). Students are responsible for holding and handling their money.



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yearbooks!



**\$35**  
CASH ONLY!  
no large  
bills please

**LAST CHANCE**

Guidance Suite  
May 27-29\*  
7:10-7:40 am  
\*or until sold out -  
limited quantities

May 5-9  
**Teacher & Staff  
Appreciation Week!**

The PTA is so  
grateful for you  
and all you do!

We  
thank  
you!



May 13  
**Chick-Fil-A  
Spirit Night!**

last of the  
year!

**SKATE NIGHT!**  
Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>  
5-7pm  
**Brandon Astro Skate**  
PTA members skate **FREE!**  
(\$10 for all non-members)



In recognition of demonstrating a  
positive attitude, good character,  
and responsible citizenship.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR APRIL TERRIFIC KIDS!**

Teachers recognize one student from each class every month in honor of positive character traits.

The character trait is HOPE. "Believing that something good, can come out of something bad."

Kacper Bek	Hurshell Bonner	Sara Rose Branin	Humberto Antonio-Trejo
Madeline Custard	Dylan Custard	Channing Spain	Seanna Timken
Rachit Bhagat	Aranza Alvarez	Rosalie Darner	Luke Pulcifer
Beau Denton	Rijash Shah	Kaysen Tucker	Finnley Rice
Luis Jaimes	Kaili Theodosius	Zoey Comer	Leon Elvira
Bryson Bosquez	Emily Rosenau	Mayra Gomez	Tyler Hale
Melanie Martinez	Jesuaryl "Zuky" Cruz Matos	Sophia Estevez	Damian Stone Grant
Valkyrie Colindres	James McGinnis	Khiara Garcia-Rivera	Ozzy Baker
Leia Caine	Kai Williams	Isabella Rojas Gonzalez	Zoey Leiva Carballo
Aaron Marrero Borbor	Reign Wilson	Michael Smith	





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 <b>Grade 3</b> PM3 FAST ELA Testing 7:40 A.M. SHARP	2 <b>Grade 5</b> PM3 FAST ELA Testing 7:40 A.M. SHARP   MLB/RAYS SPIRIT DAY	3  Friday, May 2 <b>SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY</b>
4 <b>TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 5 - 9</b>  	5  	6 <b>Grade 4</b> PM3 FAST ELA Testing 7:40 A.M. SHARP	7 <b>Grade 3</b> PM3 FAST MATH Testing 7:40 A.M. SHARP  <b>NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY</b>   Thank You, Nurses Diana, Gina, and Erika	8 <b>Grade 5</b> PM3 FAST MATH Testing 7:40 A.M. SHARP   <b>PTA SKATE NIGHT</b> 5:00 - 7:00	9   <b>FAVORITE SPORT SPIRIT DAY</b>	10
11  <b>Happy Mother's Day</b> 	12	13 <b>Grade 4</b> PM3 FAST MATH Testing 7:40 A.M. SHARP   <b>PTA Chick-fil-e Spirit Night</b> 5:00—8:00	14 <b>Grade 5</b> SSA Testing (Science) 7:40 A.M. SHARP	15	16   <b>CAMOUFLAGE SPIRIT DAY</b>	17   <b>ARMED FORCES DAY</b>
18	19	20  <b>Kindergarten Field Day</b> 8:30 - 9:30 *Registered Parent Volunteers to attend*	21   <b>Final Lost &amp; Found Items on display during lunch periods</b> **Unclaimed items will be donated.**	22   <b>Grade 5 Trip to Universal Studios</b> 7:45am-6:30pm	23   7:10 High School Seniors (Former VES Students) Graduation Celebration  <b>COLLEGE SPIRIT DAY</b>	24
25	26  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>  REMEMBER AND HONOR <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	27 <b>9:00-9:45 VPK Graduation DAY</b>   MAY 27 & 28 FINAL YEARBOOK SALES \$35—CASH ONLY   PTA Pre-Ordered Yearbooks Distributed to Students	28 <b>Grade 5 Field Day</b> 8:30 - 10:00 *Registered Parent Volunteers to attend*	29	30   <b>Grade 5 Clap Out BEGINS @ 11:10</b> <b>Dismissal is at 11:25 AM</b>	31   <b>VES SPIRIT DAY on 5/30, last day of school.</b>