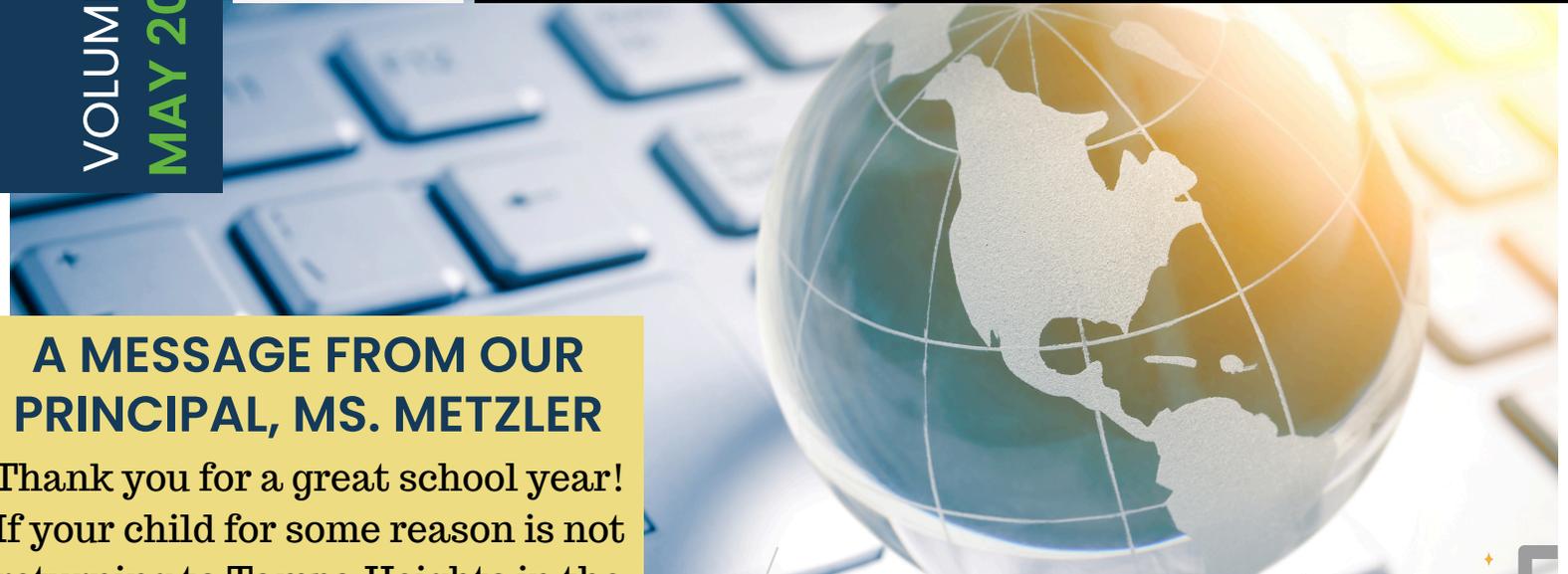




NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MS. METZLER

Thank you for a great school year! If your child for some reason is not returning to Tampa Heights in the fall, please call to let us know.

We are finishing up grades 3-5 testing this month. There are resources for you and your child included.

We are looking forward to the Taste of Tampa Heights on May 14th from 5-7pm. We hope to see you all there.

Student Spotlight

As we transition into our life science unit, our K-5 Navigators have been making meaningful real-world connections through their hands-on experiences in our sustainable garden. By observing the growth of various plants, they are gaining a deeper understanding of plant life cycles and identifying traits of non-flowering plants such as ferns and mosses. This direct observation enhances their scientific inquiry skills and helps them connect classroom learning to the natural world around them. Additionally, their work in the garden connects to SDG 15: Life on Land, as they learn the importance of biodiversity, responsible land use, and the role of plants in sustaining healthy ecosystems.

Teacher Spotlight

Ms. Austin is enthusiastic about helping her students grow in math and science. She finds creative ways to make learning meaningful and fun. Beyond the classroom, Ms. Austin also coaches of our dance team, where she inspires confidence, teamwork, and self-expression. Her commitment to both academics and the arts makes her a valued and dynamic part of our school community.



TAMPA HEIGHTS MAGNET ELEMENTARY

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES



May 2025



				1 3rd/5 th FAST Reading	2	3
4	5 Teacher Appreciation Week	6 4 th FAST Reading	7	8 3rd/5 th FAST Math	9 Skate Night 6-9:30pm	10
11	12	13 4 th FAST Math	14 5th FAST Science Taste of Tampa Heights 5-7pm	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 5th grade Lowe/Owens Awards Ceremony	24
25	26 No School Memorial Day	27 Kindergarten Graduation 9:15-12pm	28	29 5 th grade Gallogly Awards Ceremony	30 Last Day of School Early Dismissal 12:30	



Student Services



HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SKILLS CENTER

FATHERS AND FAMILIES SUMMIT

SATURDAY, MAY 17 9 A.M. TO NOON

THE SKILLS CENTER
5107 NORTH 22ND STREET, TAMPA, FL 33610

Doors open at 8:30 A.M.

THE IMPACT OF FATHERHOOD: STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS AND BUILDING FUTURE LEADERS

Join us for a day filled with inspiration, connection, and growth. Together, we can strengthen our families and help shape the leaders of tomorrow.

TOPICS TO INCLUDE:

- Ovett Wilson**
Principal
Pizzo K-8
FATHER'S INFLUENCE ON ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
- MarQuav's Hamilton**
President
Men of Vision
EMBRACING THE JOURNEY OF BECOMING A FATHER FIGURE
- Keith Ingram**
Program Manager
Success 4 Kids & Families
SUPPORTING YOU AND YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

Lunch | Raffles | Vendors

Register by:
Saturday, May 3
bit.ly/HCPSPFathersFamilies

For more information,
please email
william.betts@hcps.net






Parent Resources for helping your child prepare for testing



Ways to use the 7 Habits to get through testing and the end of the academic school year:



Habit 1: Be Proactive by taking responsibility for your learning—create a study plan and commit to sticking with it.

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind encourages you to set clear goals, such as aiming for a specific score or mastering certain subjects.

With Habit 3: Put First Things First, prioritize study time over distractions like social media or TV.

Habit 4: Think Win-Win helps you stay positive and collaborative—study with peers and encourage one another.

Use Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood to ask teachers questions and listen carefully to feedback.

Habit 6: Synergize by working in study groups, combining everyone's strengths for better understanding.

Finally, **Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw** reminds you to take care of your physical and mental well-being by getting enough rest, eating healthy, and taking breaks so you're refreshed and ready to perform your best on test day.

T.H.E.M. HOUSE COMMUNITY

OUR CALL TO Action...

Our leaders have spent the year discovering and developing their leadership skills. Now is the time that we are synergizing our newly acquired skills to FIND OUR VOICE. Our leaders are preparing to do this by showcasing their talents in a Talent Show. Stay tune for clips of our leaders.



House News

“FOUR MISSIONS LEADING TOWARDS ONE VISION”

DIVERSIDAD * FANSHE * UKUMELA * ZAEIM

MEETING

LEADERSHIP

3RD THURSDAYS

@ 8:15a.m

Congratulations HOUSE OF UKUMELA

The House of Balance and Fairness is showing out during the month of April.

House Challenge Winners

Earth Day Clean-Up (300 points)

House Meeting Mission Challenge (200points)

April's HOUSE OF THE MONTH Winners!!!



Davian, President



Zaeim



Shemiya, President



UKUMELA



Lilia, President



Diversidad



Moises, President



Fanshe

Student Lighthouse

Finding Your

VOICE!

People who have found their voice focus on expanding their circle of influence, being trustworthy, building trust, blending the voices of others, and creating a common vision..



Zion

5th Grade



Leader of the Month Student Speaker Soleli encourages our leaders to continue to develop and utilize their voice.



Zael

4th Grade



Geavon & Seige
3rd Grade & 2nd Grade