

# The Parent Press: Hernando Elementary

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## “Only One You”

### Welcome Back Hornets!

#### Things to Know:

- Breakfast is served from 8:50—9:10
- School begins at 9:10
- Dismissal is 3:30

#### Dates to Remember:

Meet Your Teacher @ 4:00-6:00	<b>8/7</b>
Students Return	<b>8/10</b>
Early Dismissal @ 12:30	<b>8/30</b>

#### Meal Prices:

Full Price Breakfast	<b>\$1.00</b>
Reduced Price Breakfast	<b>\$0.30</b>
Full Price Lunch	<b>\$2.00</b>
Reduced Price Lunch	<b>\$0.40</b>
Adult Lunch	<b>Ala-carte</b>

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back to the 2017-2018 school year. Our faculty and staff have been working throughout the summer to prepare our school and develop lessons as we anticipate the return of our Hornets.

Our focus this year remains on helping our Hornets reach the highest academic standards. This is accomplished when students, parents and school staff work hand in hand to support learning. As your child's first teacher, you play a key role in their success. You can help by playing an active

role in your child's education. Monitor your child's grades on Skyward Family Access. Attend conferences with your child's teacher. Make it a priority that your child is in school from bell to bell each day.

Our school day begins at 9:10 and continues until 3:30 each day. Our staff is committed to utilizing each minute of the day for focused instruction. Students with a pattern of being checked out before the final bell rings are missing valuable instructional time. Over time this can have an impact on their academic success. As our partner we appreciate all that you do to help your child

establish positive attendance habits.

Looking forward to another super school year.

Chris Bosse

Principal



### Keeping Our Kids Safe: Dropping off/Picking up

Maintaining safe procedures during drop off and pick up times is of utmost importance to our staff.

- Parents, please remain in your vehicle when dropping off or picking up your child.
- If your child needs to go

home in a way that is different from their normal procedure, please send a note with specific instructions for the homeroom teacher or call prior to 1:00. Students often become very concerned when they know their dismissal procedure

may be different and it becomes a distraction to their ability to learn throughout the day.

- Please be aware, students should NOT be dropped off to school before 8:50. There is NO supervision for them prior to this time.

## New Faces!

We are excited to welcome many new staff members to Hernando Elementary this year. Please help us to make the following teachers like part of our Hornet family:



### Teachers:

Tammy Geldmaker, KG  
Heather Slusser, 1st Grade  
Cristina Gomara, 3rd Grade  
Cynthia Pratt, 3rd Grade  
Michelle Cleary, 4th Grade  
Danita Consol, Gifted

### Support Staff:

Paraprofessional  
Emilie Kimmons  
Linda Mulhern  
Bridget Spell

## District Information

### School Public

#### Accountability Reports

Parents and guardians can view the School Public Accountability Reports by going to: [http://www.citrus.k12.fl.us/departments/research\\_&\\_accountability/default.htm](http://www.citrus.k12.fl.us/departments/research_&_accountability/default.htm) or <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/index.cfm>. These reports will be available by the end of September 2017.

### Asbestos Report

Citrus County Schools previously developed an Asbestos Management Program for all facilities. Required re-inspection of the facilities are performed at six month intervals. Information from these re-inspections, along with that from the original Management Plan, is available for review at each facility.

### SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS

**Skyward Family Access** allows parents and guardians of Citrus County students to be part of the educational process by using state-of-the-art encryption technology to provide a secure Internet link, allowing parents and guardians the opportunity to monitor educational progress, view students information, and communicate with teachers.

New families will need to submit a Skyward Family Access form to school.

Once the account is enabled, you will receive an email with your login and a link to obtain a password.

Please contact our front office with any questions about Family Access.

## Transportation Tidbits

In order to ensure that all students are safe and adequately supervised at all times, an authorized adult must be at the school bus stop to receive a Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten student. If there is no authorized adult at the bus stop when the bus arrives, the student will

remain on the bus and be returned to school. Upon return to school, the student will be turned over to YMCA aftercare. Parents will be responsible for assessed fees from the YMCA program.



## How To Get Involved at School

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“There are tons of great reasons for parents to get involved in school. Children whose parents are involved in their education tend to get better grades and have fewer behavior problems, and they are more likely to continue their education beyond high school, among other benefits. How can something so easy pay off in such a big way? It’s simple, really. When you make time to go to parent-teacher conferences or volunteer at the school carnival, you show your child just how much you care about her education. And she’ll be more

likely to care about it, too. Here are some of the other benefits of parent involvement, according to more than 30 years of research studies. Kids have better attitudes about school and develop better social skills. They’re more likely to do their homework and to attend school regularly. Parents start to feel more comfortable at school and more capable of helping their children learn. Teacher morale improves. The quality of schools rises, and they enjoy better reputations in their communities. No matter how busy your schedule is,

there are ways you can get involved in your child’s education. At home, emphasize the importance of learning to your child. Make sure he completes his homework, and be on hand to help if he gets stuck. Stay in touch with your child’s teacher throughout the school year. Don’t wait until your child gets a bad report card to talk to the teacher about his trouble finishing math homework or how he freezes up when he takes a test.” Be sure you don’t miss important school events like open houses and parent-teacher conferences.

## Adopt-a-Class

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In the past, Hernando Elementary has been so blessed to receive a number of cash donations from our local business supporters.

If you yourself are so inclined or know a business who would like to support a specific classroom at Hernando Elementary, adoption

forms can be located in the front office or through the classroom teacher.

Our students directly benefit from any funding provided. Thank you in advance to all those who chose to support our children!



## YMCA Before and After School Program

Partnering with the Citrus County School District, the Y operates onsite before and after school child care program in all 11 Elementary Schools. The YMCA School Age Program provides child care for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Hours: 6:30 am – 8:50 am, 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Fees:

- All Inclusive Plan - \$45 per week; 42 weeks  
(Includes All In-Service Days and All Holiday Breaks)
- Standard Plan - \$47 per week; 38 weeks  
(Includes all In-Service Days and Early Release Days)
- AM or PM Only - \$27 per week; 38 weeks  
(Includes Before Care or Afternoon Care Only, Teacher Work Days and Early Release Days)
- Annual Membership Fee - \$25 per individual/\$40 per family



\*Financial assistance available for those who qualify; Financial assistance may also be available to qualifying families through the Early Learning Coalition's School Readiness Program

For more information on the YMCA Before and After Care program please call the Y's Administrative Office at (352) 500-9622 or visit [www.ymcasuncoast.org/locations/citrus-county-branch](http://www.ymcasuncoast.org/locations/citrus-county-branch). You can also email [AHall@suncoastymca.org](mailto:AHall@suncoastymca.org)

### **Employment Opportunity**

The Citrus County Schools Transportation Department is always in need of Bus Operators.

This is an opportunity to earn income and still be home with your children when school is not in session. We are looking for safe drivers who care about children. We provide training and testing to receive a commercial driver's license and State School Bus Operator Certification.

If you are interested, please call Transportation at 352-726-1931, extension 2370 and/or complete a Substitute Bus Operator application on line at [www.citrus.k12.fl.us](http://www.citrus.k12.fl.us). Thank you!

### Fundraising Activities

HES sponsors several fundraisers each year, including student pictures, for different purposes. Profits from fundraising will be used, among other things, to purchase school wide needs, such as playground equipment, technology supplies, instructional support materials, campus beautification and student rewards. A small portion of these funds may be used to provide food and other consumable items for student recognition, faculty and staff meetings, and staff appreciation throughout the year. We appreciate your support of the HES community.