



The Parent Press: Hernando Elementary

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“Only One You”

Make Every Day Count, Hornets!

Things to Know:

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

Dates to Remember:

Dental Sealants	3/1—3/2
Vision Field Trip @ 1:45	3/8
All County Chorus @ LHS 6:30 p.m.	3/9
Volunteer Luncheon @ 1:00	3/15
Early Dismissal @ 12:30	3/15
Early Dismissal @ 12:30 p.m.	3/16
County Trach Meet @ LHS	3/10
Upward Bound 9:30—11:30 at CSCC	3/21
VFW Awards @ 2:45	3/21
Gr. 1 Field Trip @ 9:30-5:30	3/22
Vision Field Trip @	3/22
Dental Sealants	3/23
Spring Break	3/26—3/30

Dear Parents and Families,

Each day I have the privilege of walking through our classrooms to watch as our teachers and students work together. I watch as our teachers implement instruction that engages and excites students. I watch as students work hard to learn new content. Each day I see adults helping students grow.

Attendance in school is critical to a child's academic success. Instructional outcomes are defined for students from PreK to 12th grade. A student's daily schedule consists of instruction in

English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Special Areas. At Hernando Elementary, students in grades 2-5 are assigned a daily Successmaker computer time that allows for practice on individualized reading and math skills. Students in need of additional instruction may also be scheduled up to 60 minutes of additional support in their day. You can help your child take advantage of this instruction by making attendance at school a priority. Attendance habits established in elementary school can last

throughout a child's academic life.

In an effort to help you see all the great things happening at Hernando Elementary, many of our teachers are using Twitter to showcase their work. I encourage you to take a look and follow me on Twitter @CBosse_HES .

Thanks for all that you do to support your child and Hernando Elementary School.



Chris Bosse

Principal

Parent Surveys Available the Month of March

We will be collecting feedback from parents and families during the month of March. Our survey can be completed online and can even be accessed using a Smartphone. Thank you in advance for taking time to tell us what we are doing well and how we can make HES even better.

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q2FP5DH>

Health Tidbit

“Anyone can get head lice. It is mainly spread through direct head-to-head contact but also from sharing hats, brushes, and other personal items. Head lice cannot jump or fly. Head lice do not reflect poor hygiene and do not transmit disease. A few steps to help prevent head lice are checking your child(ren) on a regular basis (weekly), shampooing with Head and Shoulders a few days a week (lice seem to not like the smell), blow drying hair (lice do not like fluffy hair shafts), applying products such as mouse and gel (lice like clean hair), and keep long hair pulled up when possible. If you need further information regarding prevention or treatment of lice, please contact your school clinic.”

March Field Trips

- 3/78 1:45—3:00 Vision Field Trip to Publix
- 3/22 9:30—5:30 Grade 1 Field Trip to Lowry Park Zoo
- 3/22 1:45—3:00 Vision Field Trip to Walmart



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.

Applying for Free & Reduced Price Meals

If your family is in need of free or reduced priced breakfast and/or lunch, please complete the online application by going to : www.cafe.citruschools.org and clicking the link in the bottom left.

Please feel free to contact our cafeteria manager at 726-4240 if you have any questions.

Meal Prices:

Full Price Breakfast	\$1.00
Reduced Price Breakfast	\$0.30
Full Price Lunch	\$2.00
Reduced Price Lunch	\$0.40
Adult Lunch	\$3.50

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.



FSA Testing Policies (4th and 5th Writing March 6th)

- **Electronic Devices Policy**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom), even if they are turned off or students do not use them. If a student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All FSA tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by signing below the statement in their test and answer books.
 - **Leaving Campus**—If students leave campus before completing a session (for lunch, an appointment, illness, etc.), they will not be allowed to return to that session. Students and parents/guardians should be aware of this policy. If a student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for the student to wait and be tested on a make-up day.
 - **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment reads, “Because the content in all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the test items or passages after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, or Instagram.” Please make sure that students understand this policy prior to testing and remind them that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to blogs or social media websites, etc. While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.
- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. In addition, FDOE employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.

School Safety Drills

As part of our safety plan and procedures, we regularly conduct drills. As a reminder, we will continue to conduct these drills throughout the remainder of this school year.

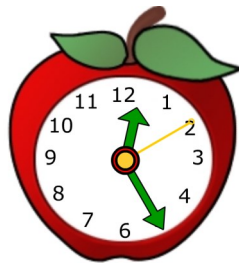
Please do not be alarmed that we are practicing our safety measures.

For the rest of this school year an automated call will go out to parents after each code drill is conducted.

In the event of a true emergency, please know we will immediately take every precaution to protect your child. These actions would include notifying all parents and guardians as quickly as we possibly can.

If you have any concerns regarding something you have heard or possibly seen regarding school safety, I ask that you please contact a member of our school's administrative team or law enforcement.

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 11th. Please set your clocks ahead 1 hour!



**Spring Break
March 26th-30th**

