

The Parent Press: Hernando Elementary

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*“It’s not who we are underneath, but
what we do that defines us!”*

Dear Parents and Families,

It is hard to believe that we are in the last nine-weeks of the 2020-2021 school year. This year has moved rapidly and although we have been faced with challenges, each Super Hornet student has shown resiliency and has demonstrated a strong desire to learn and do their very best.

The final quarter of the school year is filled with a plethora of activities and important dates. Our staff members are working diligently to ensure that all grade level standards are met. Students continue to focus on strengthening their ability to read, understand and respond to grade level text, and are practicing applying math computation skills. With your help, staff and students are focused on learning until the very last day of school.

The HES Virtual Book Fair will take place from April 19th through May 2nd. You can access the Book Fair by using the QR code below.



Thank you for all that you do to support your child and Hernando Elementary School!

Kyle Jaecks

Principal



Check out the **Hernando Elementary School Facebook page** to view photos from happenings around campus!

How can I make reading part of my family’s lifestyle?

Parents play a critical role in helping their children develop not only the ability to read, but also an enjoyment of reading.

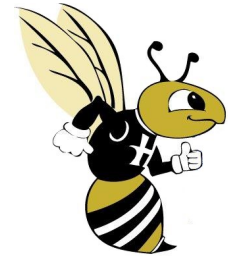
- **Turn off the screens.** Start by limiting your family’s screen viewing time.
- **Teach by example.** If you have books, newspapers and magazines around your house, and your child sees you reading, then your child will learn that you value reading. You can’t over-estimate the value of modeling.
- **Read together.** Reading with your child is a great activity. It is a wonderful way to foster a language rich environment in your family. Reading not only teaches your child that reading is important to you, but it also offers a chance to talk about the book and its themes. Books can really open the lines of communication between parent and child.
- **Hit the library.** Try finding library books about current issues or interests in your family’s or child’s life, and then reading them together. For example, read a book about going to the dentist prior to your child’s next dental exam, or get some books about seashore life after a trip to the coast. If your child is obsessed with dragons, ask your librarian to recommend a good dragon novel for your child.

If you have any questions concerning Title I please call: Rene’ Johnson (Title I Coordinator) @352-726-1931 Ext. 2412.

FSA Testing

We will be starting with FSA Testing in April. Please remember sleep is very important to our students success. As always this year we will provide breakfast for our students.

We know our Hornets are ready to do their best.



Important Information

School Lunch and Breakfast:

HES qualifies for free breakfast for all students because the percentage of free and reduced students was over 80% last school year. The free status does NOT apply to lunch.

If you believe that your family may qualify for free/reduced meal benefits, please visit the website that is included in the e-mail going out with this call and complete the online Free/Reduced meal application. Applications must be completed each year to qualify for free/reduced meal benefits. <https://www.citruschools.org/cms/one.aspx?portalid=737701&pageid=838208>

You may add money to your student's account and monitor purchase history at www.mypaymentsplus.com. You will need a credit or debit card to add money at this site.

Dates to Remember:

Students Return from Spring Break	4/5
FSA Testing Begins	4/13-4/15
SAC Meeting @ 4:00 via Zoom	4/19
No School	4/23
VFW Awards @ 2:30 via Zoom	4/28

TITLE I INFORMATION

Title 1 newsletters are available on our school website under the Parent Info tab.

The purpose of these monthly newsletters is to provide busy parents with practical ways to promote school readiness, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

Links to the HES School Improvement Plan, Parent Involvement Plan, and the Citrus County School District Parent Involvement Plan are located on the home page of our school website, <http://hes.citruschools.org>.

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 including food and other consumable items. A portion of these funds, no greater than 10%, may be used to provide food and other consumable items for faculty and staff meetings, and staff appreciation. We appreciate your support of the HES community.

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.

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, 3:35 pm – 6:00 pm

Fees: School Age Plan - \$54 per week; 42 weeks

(Includes all In-Service Days and Early Release Days)

- AM or PM Only - \$34 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. You can also email AHall@suncoastymca.org

Employment Opportunities

Citrus County Schools are always in need of substitutes and 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 substitutes that are caring individuals and can follow instructions. To become a bus driver the district will provide training and testing to receive a commercial driver's license and State School Bus Operator Certification.

For either of these opportunities please call 352-726-1931 and/or complete a substitute application on line at www.citruschools.org. Thank you!