

The Parent Press: Hernando Elementary

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“UNLEASH YOUR INNER SUPERHERO!”

Welcome Back Hornets!

Things to Know:

- Breakfast is served from 8:50—9:10
- School begins at 9:10
- Dismissal is 3:35

Dates to Remember:

Meet Your Teacher @ 4:00-6:00 **8/8**

Students Return **8/12**

Meal Prices:

Full Price Breakfast	FREE
Full Price Lunch	\$2.00
Reduced Price Lunch	\$0.40
Adult Breakfast	\$2.25
Adult Lunch	\$3.50
Adult Items	Ala-carte

Dear Parents and Families,
Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year. Our faculty and staff have been working throughout the summer to prepare our school for the return of our Hornets.

Due to the efforts of students, staff and families, Hernando Elementary School retained our B rating from the Florida Department of Education.

Our focus 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. This is accomplished by monitoring your child's grades on Skyward Family Access, attending conferences with your child's teacher and making 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 3:35 each day. Our staff is committed to utilizing each minute of the day for focused instruction. Students with a pattern of arriving at school late or 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 posi-

tive attendance habits.

Looking forward to having the opportunity to work closely with you this year to help your child succeed.

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:



Administration:

Shana Florio—TOSA

Teachers:

Regina Heath— 5th

Allison Lambert—2nd

Christina Lindsay

April Palmer-Cortes—2nd

Nikki Smith—2nd

Bridget Spell—PK

Jeanine Sprouse—1st

Moira Steullet—3rd

Amanda Swayze—PE

Carol Trapp—2nd

Sherri Wallauer—5th

Support Staff:

Paraprofessional

Miranda McElhaneey

Gina Touby

Cari Warax

Food Services:

Lorraine McAvoy

District Information

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Reports

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), requires every state and district to publish report cards that show how the state, district and schools are doing with regard to student achievement and success. Part of this report card is the School Financial Report which is attached.

While it is not required to provide a paper copy of these reports for every student, we are required to notify parents/guardians of the availability of these reports via the internet. An excellent way to send out this notification is through your school's newsletter.

We are also requesting that the links be posted on your school's website. Florida Report Cards link: <https://edudata.fldoe.org/>

Parents and guardians can view the School Public Accountability Reports which is the last page of this newsletter.

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.



How To Get Involved at School

“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.

Citrus County School’s School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) is a group that meets quarterly to provide advocacy for school health and identify needs and opportunities to maximize community resources. We welcome parent and community involvement. The meetings are held quarterly at the Technology Resource Center on the Lecanto campus. The schedule for the 2019-2020 school year is:

Wednesday, September 11, 2019
Wednesday, December 11, 2019
Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Please join us! You can contact Student Services at 527-0090 for additional information.

“Students in district schools will receive specified health services as provided for in the district health services plan. Students will be exempt from any of these services if his or her parent or guardian requests such exemption in writing.”

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 - \$51 per week; 42 weeks

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

· AM or PM Only - \$31 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.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.

HERNANDO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2017-2018 SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

EDUCATIONAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Section 1010.215, F.S.

REVENUES	SCHOOL*	%	DISTRICT	%	STATE	%
Federal	336,267	98.80%	18,961,759	13.90%	3,417,824,301	13.34%
State/Local (excludes Lottery)	2,468	0.73%	117,268,488	85.98%	22,171,281,118	86.56%
Lottery	1,210	0.36%	25,150	0.02%	5,024,625	0.02%
Private	400	0.12%	136,122	0.10%	19,871,211	0.08%
Total	340,345	100.00%	136,391,519	100.00%	25,614,001,255	100.00%

* School revenues based on costs.

K-12 OPERATING COSTS **	Per Full-Time Equivalent Student			TOTAL COSTS
	SCHOOL	DISTRICT ***	STATE ***	
Teachers/Teachers Aides (Salaries/Benefits)	4,902	4,574	4,833	3,467,964
Substitute Teachers (Salaries/Benefits) [1]			Not Available from State Data Base	
Other Instructional Personnel ****	923	999	991	653,038
Contracted Instructional Services	140	313	222	98,974
School Administration	470	609	582	332,371
Materials/Supplies/Operating Capital Outlay	81	175	234	57,051
Food Service	725	511	518	513,200
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	673	828	925	476,011
Other School-Level Support Services	317	339	219	224,463
TOTAL SCHOOL COSTS **	8,231	8,348	8,524	5,823,072

** Capital expenditures for new schools are not included.

*** Amounts reported for District and State reflect costs for all levels of students, not costs by school type.

**** Includes some non-personnel costs, such as teacher training materials.

District Costs: The amounts above represent only school-level costs. No district-level costs have been included.

District costs such as transportation and administration for Citrus school district totaled \$15,629,135 or \$1,053 per FTE.

K-12 ADDITIONAL DETAIL INFORMATION	Per Full-Time Equivalent Student			TOTAL COSTS
	SCHOOL	DISTRICT	STATE	
Teachers/Teachers Aides (Salaries/Benefits):				
Basic Programs	4,272	3,985	4,051	2,542,779
ESOL	4,357	3,961	4,912	12,504
Exceptional Programs	8,340	7,568	7,559	912,681
Career Education Programs	0	4,089	4,201	0
Adult Programs [2]	*	*	*	*
Materials, Supplies, Operating Capital Outlay:				
Textbooks	4	79	Not Available from State Data Base	2,580
Computer Hardware & Software	2	10	Not Available from State Data Base	730
Other Instructional Materials	68	73	Not Available from State Data Base	47,787
Other Materials and Supplies	0	9	Not Available from State Data Base	0
Library Media Materials	9	5	Not Available from State Data Base	5,954

[1] Cost of substitute teachers included in "Other School Level Support Services" amounted to \$42,431.

[2] not FEFP funded