

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:

Parent Workshop @ 6:00-7:30	3/5, 3/12
Kg Field Trip	3/6
Vision Field Trip @ 11:00-1:00	3/11
Early Dismissal @ 12:30	3/13
SAC Meeting @ 4:00	3/16
Gr 1 Field Trip	3/18
All County Chorus	3/19
VFW Awards @ 2:45	3/18
Spring Break	3/20 — 3/27
Students Return	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 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



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.

Field Trips

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

3/6	9:30—2:00	Kindergarten	Homosassa Springs
3/11	11:00—1:00	Vision	Publix
3/18	9:30—6:00	Grade 1	Lowry Park Zoo
3/19	9:30—	Chorus	Lecanto

Child Safety Announcement

Your child's safety is a priority that Hernando Elementary School takes very seriously. The Florida Department of Education passed State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.094123 in the Fall of 2019, which requires instruction of awareness and prevention related to a child's personal safety. The curriculum is required in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Since the 1980s, the Citrus County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officers (SRO) have provided child safety lessons. In grades First, Third, and Fourth, this requirement will be met through the lessons provided by the school's SRO.

- Grade One - Jr. Focus (Jr. Filtering Out Crime United with Students)
- Grade Three - Child Lures
- Grade Five - Focus (Filtering Out Crime United with Students)

Grades Kindergarten, Second, and Fourth grade lessons have been developed by Citrus County Schools and will be taught by the classroom teacher.

The instruction in Kindergarten through Fifth grade must address the following information, at a minimum:

- Recognition and signs of child lures
- Awareness of resources related to child safety
- Prevention of the abuse and addiction to alcohol, nicotine, and drugs

Information on the prevalence, nature, and strategies to reduce the risk of child lures, setting healthy boundaries, safely seeking assistance, and how social media and mobile device applications are used to lure children

Today our children need to be equipped with as much knowledge as possible to remain safe.

District Title I Information

PURPOSE OF TITLE I

Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended (ESEA) provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. All Citrus County elementary, middle schools and Renaissance are Title I schools.

If you would like any further information concerning Title I please contact: Rene' Johnson (Title I Coordinator)

Title I Parent Workshop

Thursday March 5h 6:00—7:30

Thursday, March 13th 6:00—7:30

The 2019-2020 Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Parent Survey will be open from February 1 to May 31, 2020. In an effort to increase parent participation, we are providing paper surveys for parents of all children receiving special education services. The online version of the survey is also available at www.esesurvey.com. Please take a moment to provide feedback by completing this survey. The valuable information you give us will help us make decisions on the effectiveness of our services in meeting the needs of our students. Thank you for your time!

Many thanks to all for your efforts in getting our ESE parent surveys returned.

I appreciate all you do to support all students, including those with disabilities!

Daylight Savings Time

Please remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on March 8th



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!

Early Dismissal

Friday, March 13th

12:30

SPRING BREAK

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH—MARCH 27TH

Students return March 30th