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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy Spring! As we find ourselves in the final stretch of this school year, I am amazed by the dedication and effort exhibited by both our staff and students. Together, we've been diligently preparing for our upcoming end-of-year assessments. This is the time for our students to showcase their hard work and learning.

Please make sure your child gets a good night's rest before their testing dates. Additionally, I want to remind you that we provide free breakfast to all students this year. So, students who are testing should be sure to eat on those days (see Testing Dates at the bottom of this newsletter).

Attendance is crucial every day, but particularly on testing days. It is imperative that students arrive at school promptly so they can begin their assessments with their classmates.

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Merchant, Principal



Free Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Summer Program

Citrus County School District plans to hold the Summer VPK Program June 3rd through July 24th at Pleasant Grove Elementary School. School will be held 4 days a week, 7:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Daily attendance during scheduled instruction is of utmost importance for your child to remain in the program.

Applications may be acquired at any elementary school.

- You must get a **Certificate of Eligibility (COE)** for VPK from the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) of the Nature Coast, 352-563-9939 x 0. Remember, your child must be "4" as of September 1, 2023.
- To attend Summer VPK **you must register** your child for Kindergarten at their zoned school!

Transportation is NOT provided for Summer Voluntary Prekindergarten program.

Kindergarten Roundup

Thursday, April 25th is early registration day for kindergarten students entering school for the 2024-2025 school year. Registration will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.. Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2024 for kindergarten.

Parents are reminded to bring the following:

- child's birth certificate (Must be a vital statistic certificate)
- social security card
- certificate of immunization (Florida Blue Card)
- proof of current physical examination by a medical doctor or from the health department (Must be within the year before school starts)
- Two proofs of Florida residency (i.e. bill with your name & address, house rental or lease contract, etc.)

Unsure of the zoned school? Call (352) 746-3960.

2024-2025 Fall Pre-Kindergarten Program

Pre-kindergarten classes are available in Citrus County Schools and at Private Child Care Providers through out the County. To participate in any of the classes, including the IPS Pre-K program, a Certificate of Eligibility is required by the State of Florida. **Children must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2024 for the prekindergarten 2024-2025 program.**

For Citrus County Schools information, applications may be acquired at any elementary school or contact the District Office at (352) 726-1931.

For information on Private Voluntary Pre-kindergarten Providers and to obtain a **Certificate of Eligibility (COE)** which is required to enroll a child into the program, you must contact Early Learning Coalition (ELC) of the Nature Coast, (352) 563-9939 x 0.

APRIL EVENTS

3rd - BEST Writing Testing - Grades 4 & 5
5th - Honor Roll Ceremony, 2:15 pm - Cafeteria
9th - IPS PTO Meeting, Media Center 4:30 pm
15th - STAR Math Testing - Grades 1 & 2
16th - STAR Reading Testing - Grades 1 & 2
18th - IPS PTO "Spring Fling" Dance for 4th & 5th Grade Students ONLY - Cafeteria
19th - NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAY
22nd - NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAY
23rd & 24th - STAR Math Testing - Kindergarten
25th & 26th - STAR EL Testing - Kindergarten

F.A.S.T. TESTING IS COMING!

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (F.A.S.T.) is the progress monitoring assessment tool that is aligned to the Benchmarks for Excellence Student Thinking (B.E.S.T) Standards. We do not want the F.A.S.T. to be a stressful situation for our students. This is just an opportunity for students to show what they have been taught and have learned this school year.

Parent letters will come home with your child closer to the assessment window, which provides more information about the third and final F.A.S.T. assessment for the 2023-2024 school year. Listed below are the dates of the 3rd testing window for the F.A.S.T. assessments for each grade level. These dates are just the testing window; the specific dates for each grade level will be included in the F.A.S.T. parent letter that will go home closer to the testing window.

Here's how you can help your student to do his/her best:

- **Make sure your child is at school every day and is here on time..**
- **Check your student's work and review nightly assignments.**
- **Stay connected with your child's teacher, especially if your child is having difficulties.**
- **Read to your child or make sure your child reads independently each night.**
- **Ensure students are practicing fact fluency nightly/ weekly.**



Working together as a team, our students have the best chance for success!



TERRIFIC KIDS

In March the following students were celebrated for "Honesty".

Pre-K: William Fox, Jeremiah Grimsley, Allison Northcutt-Dinger, Oakley Ross

Kindergarten: Bryce Edwards-Isbell, Taylan Kavani, Nyla Madison, Preston McConnell, Jonathan Mendez, Blaine Shaw

First Grade: Sophia Carovinci, Colten Conkel, Noah Hancock, Kyler Michaud, Jase Seilhamer, Braylee Thompson

Second Grade: Emerson Blackwell, Paislee Brooks, Tatiana Menes-Santiago, Ayden Moser, Yoel Reyes-Jaime

Third Grade: Addison Bundy, Harmon Drummond, Jasmine Earnshaw, Kamaree Ellis, Cooper June

Fourth Grade: Kinleigh Baldwin, Brantley Fergerson, Berkleigh Hamm, Kallen Johnson, Caleb Rondo

Fifth Grade: Justin Brandley, Noah Griffis, Cy'Niiah Hills, Emmy McCollough



Notes From School Nurse

Parents and Guardians,

We want to remind you that there are certain vaccinations that students must receive for school attendance. Please be advised that all students before returning to school for 2024-2025 school year, will need to be up to date with their immunizations. As an added note, you should not wait until the late summer months to schedule an appointment with your physician due to a large demand for appointments at this time. You can also call the Department of Health to schedule an appointment at their vaccination clinic to ensure that your student is up to date for the new school year. Once again, please do not forget to give your school nurse a copy of the vaccinations so that we can keep our records updated.



HONOR ROLL 3RD GRADING PERIOD



4th grade "A" - Colton Cannon, Easton Feeser, Steven Giordano, Zoe Hansen, Kayla Hart, Sofia Le, Elizabeth Lewis, Delilah Rebaudo, LilyAnn Schulte, Corbin Walburn

4th grade "A/B" - Kinleigh Baldwin, Treasure Baylous, Sabrina Campbell, Giovanni Carovinci, Bradley Cooper, Laura Craesmeyer, Karly Davis, Levi Dean, Dante DiBella, Evangeline Ertel, Jacob Eymer, Peter Gagiano, Faith Gary, Angela Galeano, Hannah Greenwood, Kailey Harrison, Ryleigh Hernon, Thomas "Gabe" Heron, Sawyer Istre, Kallen Johnson, Dawson Kemp, Aryana Lowder, Jordyn Manfredi, Carson Orender, Kamrin Owenby, Autumn Owens, Cariellis Resto, Atticus Richardson, Rayanna Roth, Kinley Smith, Piper Stathopoylos, Christian Sturbaum, Tucker Waller, Annabella White, Westen Worley, Analayah Young

5th grade "A" - Aiden Ayuso, Alli Buchanon, Ella Cooley, Jacob Guinn, Noah Griffis, Aubree Hancock, Rylie Harrington, Ava Lowder, Natalie Marker, Kole Mitchell, Piper Myers, Paityn Pollard, Lilly Pullias, Christopher Raby, Shanna Smith, Dominic Sousa, Joseph Stanton, Cassidy Swartzfager, Taven Trinler, Nathan Vanderburg, Cooper Wesolowski, Emalyn Willes

5th grade "A/B" - Chas Bacome, Iryll Barbero, Reef Bartlett, Brodie Beach, Justin Brandley, Nolan Callahan, Danigel Dalton, RaeLee Dawson, Jailyne Gilmore, Alexis Goodwin, Richard Grant, Madilynn Haller, Abigail Hallford, Connor Harrington, Lilly Hill, Waylon Hutchinson, Donte Johnson, Ella Knighten, Abigail Krasnodebski, Khloe Landon, Aleni Luafulu, Arianna Mancini, Emmy McCollough, Jacob McIntyre, Harley McKinney, Savanna McKinney, Kennedy Mitchell, Mason Molloy, Leland Owenby, Artem Pylypai, Maylanni Richardson, Levi Roberts, Noah Rosier, Aureore Ross, Ikaika Rossi, Hailey Schaffer, Jett Strahan, Breanna Thompson, Landon Von Staden, Nathan Ward, Madalyn White, Cassidy Wiker-Cook