



# HAWKS HIGHLIGHTS

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"ONE TEAM...ONE GOAL"

## Administration

Greetings HHE Families,

We have so much to look forward to this quarter at HHE! We thank you for your support as we rolled out our new Curb Smart dismissal system. Please remember to always have your HHE car tag when you drive through the car line. The car line is moving quickly so please arrive on time to pick your child.

This month marks the beginning of the giving season. Our Harvest Drive is well under way and we are continuing to accept donations in the front of the school until Thursday, November 7th. Following the Harvest Drive will be our Snowflakes for Larkdale kick off. Look for a flyer around Thanksgiving!

Just as exciting is the upcoming Fun Run! Please make sure that your child is registered. We are hoping for 100% participation in this year's FUN RUN!!

Stay in the know with the latest school news by adding "Heron Heights Elem Parkland" as a "friend" on Facebook. You can also follow Mrs. Weiss-Schnur on Twitter @PrinicpalHHE.

Finally parents, we again want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and for being a part of our HHE TEAM!

Educationally Yours,  
Mrs. Weiss-Schnur

## School Hours



8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Supervision begins 30 minutes prior to 8:00 a.m.

Attendance Hotline:

754-322-9152



## Upcoming Events

- November 4 Fun Run Kickoff
- November 6 Picture Retakes
- November 11 Veteran's Day, No School
- November 13 Report Cards Issued
- November 15 Fun Run
- November 18 SAC/SAF @2:30pm
- November 19 Math Night @ Publix
- November 25 Snowflakes for Larkdale
- November 27-29 Thanksgiving Break
- December 13 PTO Holiday Shop
- December 13 Field Day Grade 3
- December 16 Field Day Grade 4
- December 17 Field Day- Grade 5
- December 18 PTO mtg. @9:00am
- December 18 Class Parties (K, 2, 4, Multiage)
- December 18 Chorus Winter Show @7:00pm
- December 19 Class Parties (1,3,5)
- December 20 Early Release @12:00pm
- December 23-January 3 Winter Break
- January 6- Employee Planning Day

# Classroom News

## Kindergarten

This fall season brings lots of excitement to our little learners from pumpkins, to bats to International Apple Day filled with fun, hands-on, engaging activities. We are building relationships with our students and enjoying that "Aha" moment as they begin to read.

We are very excited for our upcoming Thanksgiving performance. We will also have another High Touch High Tech science experience as well as the Fun Run this quarter. We're looking forward to meeting with you to share your child's progress thus far. Please continue to provide opportunities for your child to read with you, review sight words, and work with numbers each day.

## 1<sup>st</sup> GRADE

Happy Fall! We are "falling" into a smooth season of learning here in first grade. In reading, we are learning to ask and answer questions about key details in a text. We are also working on phonics, vocabulary and comprehension skills. First grade is a big year for our early readers and we want to build a strong foundation. It is important that you find time to read daily with your child. In math, we are learning addition and subtraction strategies/relationships. It will be beneficial for your child to practice addition and subtraction facts daily to build fluency. In social studies, we will focus on economics.

Our young scientists will explore the properties of matter as well as living and non-living things. We look forward to many more smiles and engaging activities as part of our learning adventure.

## 2nd Grade

"Boo to You" from the Second Grade Crew. We are so excited to be in the second quarter of the year. As we walk through the halls, excitement is "brewing" as evidence of upcoming events hang everywhere. We had a great time at the HHE "Spooktacular" and at our Fall Festival parties. We went on our first field trip to the Coral Springs City Center on October 29th to see "Dog Man: The Musical". It was so fun for the children to see one of their books come to life. With Small Moments happening all over the place, our Personal Narratives are going to be fantastic - not to mention the practice we will get on telling a story.

November brings much to be "thankful" for. The teachers have been busy organizing, scheduling, and meeting you for Fall conferences. We are thankful to you for your patience as we continue to meet. We are looking forward to sharing your child's progress with you at this time.



(continued) The Kidsafe program has begun and the children are learning how to be safe in a variety of different real-world scenarios. Please Save the Date as the Kidsafe graduation will take place on December 12th. You will be invited to come in and see all of the wonderful things that your child is learning.

We have really enjoyed becoming scientists this year and will be experimenting with and learning more about force and motion. In math, we continue building our fact fluency while adding and subtracting with two and three digit numbers.

First quarter report cards go home in November. Please remember when looking over your child's first report card in second grade that a 1 is not an A! A '1' means that your child can complete the task independently with no assistance. A '2' is not a B! A '2' means that your child is learning this skill and still might need some help. A '3' is not an F! A '3' means it is an area of concern we are working on. The skill is something your child is having difficulty with. Celebrate your child's successes and reinforce their skills at home.



Our third graders have been hard at work and having fun learning as we begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of school. We have established our reading and writing communities working in small peer groups and making connections between the reading and writing workshop. Students have been setting goals as readers to deepen their understanding and strengthening their endurance independently.

In writing, we have been working on small moments and developing our personal narratives into thoughtful pieces as we celebrate our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade authors. The third graders have also been learning many different math strategies with addition, subtraction, and multiplication. We have also connected these strategies to better understand multiple step story problems and breaking them into parts. Our awesome students have also been studying Forms of Energy in Science and Cultures in Social Studies and reading great interactive read aloud books about each topic.

We had a great first field trip to the Parkland City Hall to learn about government and how officials are elected. The students also had the the opportunity to tour all the services provided that keep our city safe and protected. In November, the students will be heading to Ft. Lauderdale and Hugh Taylor Birch State Park. They will paddle through mangrove trails and also learn about natural resources as we get to walk the sandy shores of the beach.

The third grade teachers are very proud of the progress their students have made this first quarter of the school year and thankful for all the support of the parents in their partnership to make this a great year together.



Fourth grade is excited to attend the St. Augustine field trip in March. We are currently learning about Florida's rich history so we have some background knowledge before attending.

We have been hard at work learning how to multiply one, two and four digit numbers! We have used various strategies to multiply and are becoming experts at it! We are reading more and more nonfiction and learning that readers read to learn. We have found main ideas and details while learning to read technical and historical texts!



The 5<sup>th</sup> grade is looking forward to beginning the second quarter of the school year. We are also looking forward to the completion of the court shade. The students are excited for the Fun Run, and the opportunity to have fun and raise money.

We are moving forward in our curriculum, making strides in math, working on decimals and fractions.

In science we will begin studying space in conjunction with our informative writing unit, which in turn will cumulate with our trip to Kennedy Space center in 2020.



Our multiage team strives to create classroom communities where children think of each other as not just classmates, but as cherished friends and learning partners. In order to make this happen, we provide opportunities for our multiage students and families to engage with one other outside of school. Family events are part of the "more" that is multiage.

We celebrated our first week and welcomed our new multiage family members by meeting at Ben & Jerry's for ice cream. We followed this event a few weeks later with a Saturday afternoon of ice skating and making memories with friends old and new. It was wonderful to see our Olders step into their leadership roles outside of our classrooms, while watching our families exchange numbers and build connections off the ice. With over 100 people in attendance, we can't think of a better way to foster friendships and start the year. Thank you to all the families that came out to our wonderful Multiage family event at Trunk-or-Treat!



## **P.E. with Coach O'Rorke**

Ready, Set, Go! We are off to a great start this year in P.E.! Classes are well underway to earning a "Touchdown with Coach O'Rorke" where they get to become the COACH!! During P.E. we work to make connections to the classroom setting. We relate our stations in P.E. to the centers that students use during their day. K-2 students have worked on skills relating to hopping, jumping, hula hooping, balancing and underhand/overhand throwing. Students have learned the difference between dominant and non-dominant hands while playing various activities to practice their throwing and catching skills.

For 3- 5 students we have worked on a series of activities related to rolling, throwing and catching a ball. Students started with "Roller Derby" and then practiced throwing the ball in "Tower Take Down" and ended with a game of "Newcomb"!

TAG, YOU'RE IT! K-5 students have been using their locomotor skills while chasing and fleeing. The students have played "Descendants", "Bump Tag" and "Stuck in the Mud" to help them practice!

Rain, Rain, Go Away!!! Too often we are inside due to South Florida weather, but we make the best of it! We have started working on SEL (Social Emotional Learning) activities. Students have worked on "Community Builders" to build their relationships with each other while staying active. We have also played "Rock, Paper, Scissor Baseball" and have a leaderboard on Coach O'Rorke's office window! Thanks to the PTO and generous donations from our HHE families we are now under construction for our new shade!!! The students are very excited to get back out to the courts and have shade!!!

In the weeks to come students will be learning about and practice using technology in P.E. K-2 students will be introduced to various forms of technology used in P.E. and how to use it. Students in grades 3-5 will be using pedometers and will start making goals to work on increasing their step count for when they come to P.E. and to help get them ready for their field day events in December! I look forward to an awesome year teaching your children! Please check the HHE website for Field Day dates soon! Thank you! Coach O'Rorke (The Remix) 😊





## **Music with Mr. Richardson**

In music this marking period we have been learning about beat, rhythm and pitch. We have been playing cool games to reinforce these musical elements like pass the shaker, rhythm chairs, and the line space game.

In chorus we are working hard every day to produce our Holiday Production called A Christmas Snow White! The kids are working hard and having fun at the same time. Stay tuned! 😊



## **Technology with Mrs. Srebnik**

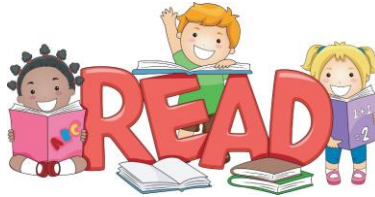
Greetings from the land of technology! We have started our year learning about internet safety. The students learned things such as not sharing personal information, not going to websites without permission, and making sure that websites you go to are appropriate. From there we moved on to digital citizenship. Some things we covered in those lessons were about being kind online, not saying things to someone you wouldn't say to someone in person and being an upstander.



## **Art with Mrs. Victoria**

In art we have created behavior plan posters to put up around the school that will remind the students of their expectations in the hallway, cafeteria, and playground. We also created some waving hands for Start with Hello week! These will also be put up to remind the students to include everyone.

Students finished the semester learning about lines in art. Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade drew using different lines and painted with watercolor. 3<sup>rd</sup> studied Piet Mondrain's work and created their own artwork to imitate the artist. 4<sup>th</sup> grade worked on a patterned landscape learning about foreground, middle ground, and back ground. 5<sup>th</sup> grade created a zentangle. If your child still does not have a sketch book please try and get one in so that if they are finished with their work they have plenty of paper to keep them drawing and practicing.



## Media with Ms. Kowalski

Media classes have been going at full speed! Second through fifth graders have been logging their reading in Beanstack. Beanstack is taking the place of the Reading Across Broward sheets. Beanstack is located in Clever and there is an app for phones that makes it super simple. First grade is just starting on the computers doing it and kindergarten is on the horizon.

Students have also been reviewing and learning Follett Destiny. This is our library database that is tied in with the public library. Students can find books in the library, read books online, and listen to audio books. Once they download a book they can log in to Clever and read their books. It's great for traveling because there are no lost or overdue books.

All students are encouraged to read the Sunshine State Young Reader Award books. In kindergarten through second grade I read the books to them. Third through fifth graders read them independently. Once 3rd-5th graders record their badges and share it with me, they earn a brag tag for that book. Third grade needs to read 3, fourth grade needs to read 4, and fifth grade needs to read 5 to be eligible to join the party at the end of the school year.

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