



# Viera News

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## Important Dates to Remember

- Sept 6th** - 3-6 FAST Testing Reading
- Sept 7th** - 3-6 FAST Testing Math  
3-6:00 Spirit Night -  
Tommy's Bright Nights
- Sept 8th** - 1:15 Early Release Friday
- Sept 11th** - 1st Interim Ends  
3:00 SAC meeting
- Sept 12th** - K-2 FAST Testing Reading
- Sept 13th** - K-2 Fast Testing Math
- Sept 15th**- 1:15 Early Release Friday  
DOT DAY
- Sept 18th** - Interims Published on Focus
- Sept 19th** - 4-8:00 Spirit Night-  
Texas Roadhouse (Viera Blvd)
- Sept 22nd** - 1:15 Early Release Friday
- Sept 25th** - 3:00 PTO Meeting
- Sept 28th** - Fall Pictures
- Sept 29th** - Rock your School Day

## Newsletter-online

Our Viera News newsletter is updated the first Friday of each month throughout the regular school year. In an effort to save our trees, newsletters will be made available on our website—<https://www.brevardschools.org/VieraES> A few printed newsletters will be available in the front office for those who do not have access to a computer.

## In the Media Center

In Media news, students are now checking out books on a weekly basis during their Media activity time. Please make sure students bring their books back to school each week so they can trade them out for new books!

Be on the lookout for information on our optional reading program for students in 3rd-6th grade! Students will be challenged to read 15 Sunshine State Young Reader Award (SSYRA) books in grades 3-5 and 14 books in 6th grade! These books were nominated for the SSYRA by the Florida Association of Media in Education. More information, including a list and summaries of the books will be coming home with you students soon! Students that read at least 10 of these books will be invited to attend SLAM, a fun filled day where we play trivia and participate in Makerspace activities based on the SSYRA books.

Students in kindergarten, first, and second grades will read the Sunshine State Jr. books during their Media class. A list of these books along with a summary will be coming home soon!

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## Media Center continued...

Students in our 6th grade classes will be working on a course as part of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. The course is called ICT Fundamentals and the curriculum has four parts:

Demonstrate foundation skills using word processing and spreadsheet applications

Fundamental knowledge of computer skills

Communication fundamentals

Demonstrate foundational skills of cybersecurity (internet safety, security, and cyberbullying)

This course will be completed during Media activity time each week and we are beginning with learning about word processing (Microsoft Word and Google Docs). Students in younger grades will also be learning all about word processing to help prepare them for the course in 6th grade.

## Assessments

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring tool that will be administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year. Your student's results from PM 1 are for informational purposes only, and your student's school will provide you with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

Students in Kindergarten through first grade will take Renaissance Star Early Literacy and Star Math assessments on September 12th and 13th. Students in grade 2 will take Renaissance Star Reading, and Star Math assessments.

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending

on how the student responds, and each student will see different questions. If you or your student would like to review Star Early Literacy or Star Math sample items at home, sample test items are available at <https://flfast.org/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star>.

Students in grades 3-6 will take the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Reading assessments on September 6th and the Mathematics assessment on September 7th.

For more information on the test design, please visit <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Jessica Mostowski at [mostowski.jessica@brevard-schools.org](mailto:mostowski.jessica@brevard-schools.org).

For more information about the FAST program, please visit the portal at [FLFAST.org](http://FLFAST.org). For more information on the test design, please visit <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

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## About Our Teachers

As required by the Florida Department of Education, we are notifying you that we currently have no teachers who are teaching outside their field of certification for ELL students.

If you have questions regarding this notification, please contact the school for additional information.

## Extra Clothes

Please place extra clothes in back packs for all Grades.

We are also in need of size 5-6 boys underwear.



Thank you,  
Nurse Wendi



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## LEGO Robotics & STEM Club

LEGO Robotics starts  
Tuesday Sept 12th  
6th Grade only this year

Intermediate STEM Club  
starts  
Wednesday Sept 13th

### We are in need of:

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towel Rolls
- Bottle Caps
- 2L Bottles
- Straws
- Masking Tape
- Pipe Cleaners

A Big  
**THANK  
YOU!**

**Tommy's Express Car Wash** for our Tommy's Bright Night events – They kicked off our monthly spirit night with a car wash and Cool Yeti.

**Walk-Ons –**  
Spirit Night Kick-Off event

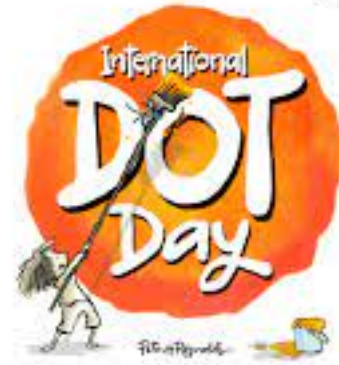
***August's Stock the Lounge Sponsors***

-**Sassy Cats** (Falcon Families)

-**Stephanie Moore** with  
**All Over Clean**

**Domino's Pizza** (Suntree) for providing a delicious staff lunch after Meet the Teacher

We're Celebrating



September 15<sup>th</sup>-ish

The Dot is the story of a caring teacher who dares a doubting student to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to “make her mark”. What begins with a small dot on a piece of paper becomes a breakthrough in confidence and courage, igniting a journey of self-discovery and sharing, which has gone on to inspire countless children and adults around the globe.

International Dot Day is celebrated by adults and children for boosting courage so that their creative potential is released. It is a great day to connect and collaborate, and also to celebrate self-expression.

On September 15th , show your school spirit by wearing polka dots to school! Throughout the day, teachers at Viera Elementary will read books and offer activities that inspire creativity and confidence in our students.



## Parent/Community Involvement Opportunities K-12 Social Studies Instructional Materials Adoption

Brevard Public Schools (BPS) is inviting parents/community members to provide input for the selection of State Standards aligned instructional materials. There are four opportunities for parent/community input.

Brevard Public Schools (BPS) is committed to fostering the kinds of high-quality learning experiences we know students need to ensure they have a solid K-12 Social Studies education. The upcoming instructional materials adoption cycle for social studies is an opportunity to select high-quality instructional materials that support these kinds of learning experiences beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. Participating in the instructional materials review process is a powerful opportunity for teachers, administrators, parents, and community members.

Date of Event	Description of Event	Due Date
September 5-15 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	<b>Brevard Instructional Materials Review Team</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants will work collaboratively with teachers and school administrators to come to consensus and recommend Florida State Standards aligned instructional materials to the School Board of Brevard County</li> <li>• Access the application online <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul> <b>Note: The District Review Team will attend training on 9/20/23 from 5:00-6:30 pm in the Brevard School Board Room, 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera 32940. Members selected must attend ALL District Review Team meetings.</b>	September 15, 2023
September 18-October 6, 2023  Online Access Opens for Parent Input Survey	<b>Parent/Community Input Survey</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants will have online access to instructional materials prior to selection</li> <li>• Explore materials at your own pace and provide input to the selection committee</li> <li>• Directions will be posted by 5pm September 18, 2023 on the BPS Instructional Materials Social Studies Adoption <a href="#">website</a></li> </ul>	October 6, 2023 by 5pm
October 3, 2023 5:00-7:00 pm  Cuyler Park 2329 Harry T. Moore Ave, Mims, FL 32754	<b>Parent/Community Information Night</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants will examine instructional materials and have the opportunity to provide input prior to selection</li> <li>• District Content Experts and Resource Teachers will be on hand to answer questions</li> </ul>	October 3, 2023
October 4, 2023 5:00-7:00 pm  Central Middle School 2600 Wingate Blvd. W. Melbourne, FL 32904	<b>Parent/Community Information Night</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants will examine instructional materials and have the opportunity to provide input prior to selection</li> <li>• District Content Experts and Resource Teachers will be on hand to answer questions</li> </ul>	October 4, 2023
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October 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , and 10 <sup>th</sup> <small>*October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> if needed</small>  K-6 Quest Elementary 7-12 Eau Gallie High School  5:00-7:00 pm <small>*times extended if needed</small>	<b>Parent/Community Observer of District Review Teams</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity to visit during any of the District Review Team meetings</li> </ul>	October 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , and 10 <sup>th</sup> <small>*October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> if needed</small>

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