



Viera News

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Important Dates to Remember

Nov 12th - 8:15 am Coffee & Conversations

Nov 8th - 3:00 SAC Meeting

**Nov 9th -CogAT Screener for 8 year olds
Picture Retake Day
4-8pm Spirit Night Walk-on's**

Nov 10th -CogAT Screener for 8 year olds

Nov 11th - NO SCHOOL - (Veterans Day)

**Nov 12th - Interim Ends
5:30 Movie Night (PTO)**

Nov 16th - 3:30 pm PTO Meeting

Nov 18th - 6:00 pm Winter Concert

**Nov 19th - KONA Ice
Interims Posted**

Nov 5th - 8:15 am Coffee & Conversations

**Nov 24th-26th - NO SCHOOL
(Thanksgiving Break)**

**Nov 29th & 30th - Vision/Hearing Screening
(K, 1st, 3rd, 6th)**

Dec 3rd - 8:15 am Coffee & Conversations



Media News

In Media News, October was a very fun month! Our 'Viera Elementary Pumpkin Patch' was a huge success! We wrapped up our pumpkin patch with nearly 200 pumpkins!

Check out the video of our pumpkin patch here: <https://youtu.be/aQnFPEM94Ik>

Thank you for sending in pumpkins and making our Media Center such a FUN place!

This month in Media, students in Kindergarten- Second grade will read a humorous book titled *Unicorns are the Worst* by Alex Willan. Students will focus on describing the main character, setting, and important events in the story. The second half of November, we will read *Nerdy Birdy Tweets* by Aaron Reynolds. In this book, Nerdy Birdy and his best friend, Vulture, are very different. Luckily, you don't have to agree on everything to still be friends. One day, Nerdy Birdy joins Tweetster, and the friend requests start flying in. Vulture watches as Nerdy Birdy gets swept up in his new friendships. When she finally gets angry, Nerdy Birdy knows just what to do to make things right. If your student enjoys this book, check out the other books in the series!

Students in fourth- sixth grade will also read *Nerdy Birdy Tweets* with a focus on internet safety. For the second half of November, students in fourth grade will work on a St. Augustine choice board. Fifth and Sixth grade will learn about finding credible sources for their research.



Counselor's Corner



I recently attended the Florida School Counselor Association's annual conference in Tampa. I would like to thank our generous PTO for covering the registration fee. The theme of the conference was Resiliency. Dr. Michele Borba was the keynote speaker. She is an Educational Psychologist, child expert and researcher.

Dr. Borba wrote, *Unselfie*. This book discusses how to teach children empathy. Empathy activates conscience, curbs bullying, reduces prejudice and promotes moral courage, the foundation to trust, the benchmark of humanity and core to everything that makes a society civilized. But empathy is also diminishing in our students: a 40 percent drop in the last 30 years, partially to the increased use of personal devices and the lack of meaningful social interaction. According to Dr. Borba, for students to be truly "successful," they also need to be able to put themselves in someone else's shoes and think "WE" not "ME."

It seems that in this time of COVID, we could all stand to increase our levels of resiliency, especially in our children. Many of our students are dealing with excessive worry. Dr. Borba also wrote *Thrivers: What Really Helps Kids Find Happiness Today and Success Tomorrow*. According to the research of Dr. Borba, there are ways to help students become more resilient. Encourage your child to put down their device or at minimum, limit exposure to media. Teach your children to establish connections with others by encouraging them to get involved in team sports, hobbies, performance art or other outlets with other children. Teach them by modeling. Get involved in hobbies that interests you. Children are like sponges. They see and hear just about everything you do. Most importantly, they follow your lead. To learn more, visit MicheleBorba.org or find her books on Amazon.

HELP WANTED

We are in need of

**Aftercare Group Leaders
and
Custodians**

If you know of anyone,
please send them our
way!!!



CogAT Mass Screener

will be given next
Tuesday 11/9 and
Wednesday 11/10
for all 8 year olds.

Tuesday will be for
2nd grade 8 year olds.



Artwork on Display

Student artwork from Viera Elementary is now on display at the School District Offices (located in the front lobby). Artwork will be on display from Nov 1 through November 30.

Congratulations to the following students:

Elizabeth McDaniel
 Brody Ripple
 Isabelle Gaudry
 Yuna Ahn
 Ana Johnson
 Kellan Cook
 Gabrielle Dorn

Ms. Breeden's 3rd grade class:

Blake Arold
 Jacob Buchman
 Logan Callahan
 Emilie Debaude
 Louise Garcia
 Londyn Greenidge
 Darrien Horry
 Colt Krieger
 Taha Kundawala
 Landon Lepore
 Lucas Orilio
 Cara Phan
 Layla Spicochi
 Parker Vance
 Daphne Dubray

VES FOOD drive

NOVEMBER 8TH-19TH

Viera Elementary's Kindness Club is hosting a food drive for the week of **NOVEMBER 8TH-19TH**. If you can, please donate the items listed below for your corresponding grade level. All food items will be donated to Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida. Thank you for helping us spread kindness throughout our community!



CANNED GOODS: (Canned vegetables, fruit, soup, etc.)

- **KINDERGARTEN-1ST GRADE**

BOXED GOODS: (Pasta, boxed dinners, mac-n-cheese, etc.)

- **2ND-4TH GRADE**

BAGS OF RICE: (Any size please)

- **5TH-6TH GRADE**





**Run, run as fast as you can!
You can't catch me,
I'm the gingerbread man!**

During the month of December, the kindergarten classes will be doing a Gingerbread Man unit. As we compare various Gingerbread Men stories, our class will be searching for our very own Gingerbread Man who has disappeared!

Do you have a family member or a friend who lives in another state or country? Do you know someone who is traveling to another state or country? If so, we need your help!!!! It is as simple as this . . .

Please contact that person and have them send a postcard to:

Viera Elementary School
c/o _____ Kindergarten Class
8300 Stadium Drive
Melbourne, Fl 32940

The postcard should mention that they have seen our Gingerbread Man. Please start sending them now! We will be starting our Gingerbread unit the first week of December.

Here is a sample letter:

Dear Mrs. _____'s Class,
I have spotted your Gingerbread Man in Washington D.C. My family saw him standing outside of the White House. We tried talking to him, but he ran away before we could get an answer. Good luck finding and catching your gingerbread man. He is pretty fast.

Good Luck,
Mrs. Doe (Jane Doe's aunt)
Thank you!!

P.S. Keep this a secret!!!!



Notes from the Music Room



This season Chorus and Orchestra are flying around like a blizzard of snowflakes getting ready our performance of Flakes!

November 18, 6:00pm in the Cafeteria.

Music Concert Opportunities
at our feeder schools –

Orchestra -

Viera High School
December 13, 7:00
in the Auditorium

Kennedy Middle School
December 7, 7:00

Chorus -

Viera High School
December 9, 7:00
in the Auditorium

