

**Wicklow Elementary Magnet School  
for Global Pathways**



# The Explorer



## Upcoming Events:

- **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>:**  
Pajama Day for Scholars & Staff
- **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>:**  
Holiday Shop & Sweet Treat  
Drive Thru  
6:00-7:30 pm on the car ramp
- **Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>:**  
Service Friday
- **December 21<sup>st</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup>:**  
No School – Enjoy Winter Break
- **Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>:**  
Tasty Treat and N.U.T. Day



## Principal's Message

Tis the season to be jolly! Winter Break is almost upon us. The school will be closed from December 21st through January 3rd. Classes resume on Monday, January 4th, 2021.

Students are encouraged to read and complete their holiday homework over the break. During this special season, it is so rewarding to reflect on all that is good and positive in our lives. I wish you a blessed and peaceful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Wicklow Elementary Magnet School staff, may your home be filled with much happiness, good health, and joy this holiday season!

*Mrs. Martina Herndon*  
Principal

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**Wicklow Website:**  
[www.wicklow.scps.k12.fl.us](http://www.wicklow.scps.k12.fl.us)

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@WicklowExplore1



## Kindergarten

Hello Kindergarten Families,

We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Break! Our scholars are still working hard learning letter sounds and sight words (some have even started reading!!) as well as working on shapes and learning how to count to 100.

We have enjoyed learning about different cultures and traditions from around the world! Your scholar has also been identifying and learning about the importance of different symbols in our everyday life; as well as the symbols for the US and what they mean.

As we prepare for our winter break, we just wanted to give you some ideas on things to work on with your scholars, so they are ready for school when they return in January!

Please remember to continue to learn sight words and read every night with them. Please also practice writing and identifying numbers 1-10 as well as counting to 100.

Thank you again for all your support during your child's Kindergarten year!



## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Hello First Grade Families,

It's hard to believe that December has already begun. December is a busy month in First Grade! As our students continue to work on making progress toward their individual academic goals, your help is really needed at home to practice and reinforce skills that are taught during the day. Thank you for working to ensure that your child is completing homework neatly and carefully.

In Math, your child is learning place value. The scholars will be participating in activities that will help them to master this skill. In Science, we are learning about the properties of the matter and the attributes that we can use to sort different objects.

For ELA and Social Studies, our scholars are comparing the past and the present. Also, with our IB Unit "Where We Are in Place and Time", our scholars are learning about maps and the story of relevant peoples.

We have a lot of fun activities planned for December as we enter wintertime and the Holiday Season. We are looking forward to a great month!



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Hello Second Grade Families,

Welcome to Winter! We are in our 3<sup>rd</sup> IB PYP Unit, called *Sharing the Planet*. As global citizens we need to know about the impact our actions can have on the world around us.

In ELA we are learning how to decode grade level words using phonics and sight word knowledge to increase our fluency and comprehension skills, how to compare and contrast 2 versions of the same story, parts of speech (noun, verb, adjectives, etc.), plurals and how to add to our writing by adding vivid details. In math, we are working on addition facts fluency to earn a license and 2-digit addition and subtraction using different strategies (number lines, pictures, etc.).

In Science, we are learning about life cycles and weather cycles. In Social Studies, we are learning about the Pilgrims, Native Americans, and holidays.

Please continue to work with the sight word flashcards that were sent home, read for 20 minutes each day, and complete the math homework practice pages.

Don't forget the AR party is coming up in December so keep on earning points for the AR Party and the AR store. Thanks for your support getting through these difficult times with us!



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Hello 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Families,

As 2020 comes to a close, third grade scholars are reflecting on the many cultures represented throughout North America, including those that make up the melting pot which is the United States. Scholars are learning about the different cultures, such as foods they eat, clothing, and holidays they celebrate. They are also learning about the contributions different cultures have made to the United States. We will be having a Cultural Showcase on December 11<sup>th</sup> for students to bring in an artifact from home to share with their peers. This is a great opportunity for students to see what other cultures are similar or different from their own.

In reading, we will be focused on identifying the author's and character's point of view. They will also compare their point of view with those of the author and characters and see if they agree or disagree.

In math, we will be focused on finding the area of rectangular shapes with a focus on automaticity of multiplication facts. It is important that students are learning their multiplication facts and earning their license to multiply. Please make sure to check your child's planner each night for their homework and be sure they are reading every night for 30 minutes. This will help in learning new vocabulary and building their stamina as readers.

We want to wish all our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade families a very happy holiday season! We look forward to great things in the new year!

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Hello 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

Our scholars have moved into our third Unit of Inquiry (How the World Works). In this unit scholars will be learning about motion. The end or summative assessment is building a marble run. It is so much fun for them.

In science, scholars will be leaning about motion and energy. They will be doing investigations on how objects change direction. There are lots of hands on activities going on in this unit.

In math, scholars will be continuing to work on their division skills. They will be transitioning into fractions after that. Then they will begin their unit on Geometry.

In Social Studies, scholars will be learning about the changes to Florida's economy from the railroad and the land boom.

ELA will be focusing on text structures (compare contrast, description, cause and effect, sequence, and problem solution). Student will continue to learn about the elements of a story as well. Our scholars will be having a strong focus on text-based writing. We need to build their writing stamina for the FSA writing in the Spring. Please be aware that in January, there will be additional writing homework for all fourth-grade students.

As always, please encourage your child to read 30 minutes each night and practice their multiplication facts. If you need anything, don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Hello 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

We continue our unit on *Where We Are in Place & Time* studying the causes, impacts & responsibilities of migration & exploration. We travel through time with early European explorers all the way to outer space!

Next up – Forces, Motion & Energy – studying the different forms of motion & energy, how the use of energy, electricity, forces, and motion impacts our lives & how energy creates motion and change. We will be doing our third round of diagnostics on i-Ready for both Reading & Math after we return from winter break. These diagnostic tests are a critical assessment to show where the students are with their learning & how we can better help them progress. We are confident we will see evidence of the great work they are doing in class each day.

Homework is a great tool for reinforcing what your child is learning in school. Please check on your student to be sure homework is being completed. In addition, scholars should be reading every night for at least 30 minutes.

Please be aware Report Cards will be published on January 6, 2021. This would be a great time to check in with your child's teacher to discuss any concerns. We are asking that you continue to check your child's planner & Tuesday folders as they are all effective ways to keep the lines of communication open with the school.

As we look forward to winter break, please take time to safely enjoy your family. School resumes on January 4, 2021. Please remind your students to read over the break and that their continued hard work and effort are greatly appreciated!

## Specials



**Music-** Recorders are being mastered! Look forward to your scholar playing tunes they learned on the recorder and even though it may be tough, please encourage them to learn new ones! Mr. Gurganus has taken care to ensure that EVERY 4th & 5th grade student has recorder to keep!

**Art-** We have some talented scholars at Wicklow! We have been creating art that can express ideas, feelings, seasons, and holidays. How does your family celebrate special events? This year you can begin your own family tradition- stay up late, countdown to Christmas, make cookies and craft!! Get creative or use some ideas that you have found, remember imitation is a form of flattery in the creative culture.

**P.E-** The Orlando Magic Fit Challenge is complete, but that does not mean you are done. Now that you know what to do to stay healthy, I encourage you to continue, by doing the following: eat the rainbow, meditation 3-5 minutes daily, keep your body moving, and be kind to everyone. The follow classes had the most participation and the scholar named had the most participation within that class.

### Weeks 1 and 2

**Kindergarten-** Koenig -Ava

**First-** Gurganus - Anyiah

**Third** - Cieslak - Mayliyah

**Fourth** - Rawls -Gemili

**Fifth** - Wildes - Yahdia

### Weeks 3 and 4

**Kindergarten** - Hardy-Kendall and Koenig - Lexie

**First** - Desiliet/Arroyo - Colton

**Second-** Irlandi/Lopez - Marianna

**Third** - Nusbaum - Connor

**Fourth** - Gonzalaz - Dixie

**Fifth** - Guzman - Olivia

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## ESE News

Congratulations to Mrs. Serpa's class for winning second place in Student Council's door decoration contest. Also, thank you to all our parents and teachers for your support with our IEP's. Please, try to maintain the great support that you already supply over the holidays by setting clear expectations and being consistent with your child. Continue to read with your scholars and have a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season.

## PTA



### Season's Greetings Wicklow Families

We are excited to bring our annual Holiday Shoppe back for our scholars to shop for their loved ones. The shop will be open during school hours and you can shop on-line at: [www.wonderlandgiftshoppes.store](http://www.wonderlandgiftshoppes.store).

**All Holiday Shoppe on-line purchases will be available for pick-up, and if you would like, you can park and shop at our annual Holiday Shoppe.** We will allow only 10 shoppers at a time- social

distance style (it will be outside). We have great items for ANYONE in your family with low prices from \$.50- \$20.00. If this time does NOT work for you, please contact us by phone or email to set up other arrangements.

Contact us: [info@wicklowpta.com](mailto:info@wicklowpta.com) / 407-320-1250

**Don't have a tasty treat pass? You're in luck!!** We are extending our pass purchase through the end of January at half the cost. We also are giving away FREE kid admission Zoo passes for the next 35 NEW PTA members who sign up. You can purchase your pass on-line for only \$5.00 or membership for only \$10.00 through our school store at: [www.wicklow-elementary.new.memberhub.store](http://www.wicklow-elementary.new.memberhub.store).

## Next Family Event:

Please Join us on:

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**from 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm**

for our Holiday Shoppe & Treat  
Drive Thru

Drive by in your PJ's, grab a FREE sweet treat, receive a FREE book, and a fun craft from us to you! Plus, we will have a special guest wishing everyone a Happy Holiday!



## ESOL News

We are so proud of our ESOL scholars who have been working so hard since the beginning of school. Some of our ESOL students have been invited to come I Station Club in the ESOL room 8:00-8:30 to work on our computer program I Station. We will also be sending home math flashcards so encourage your child to practice math facts. Kindergarten and First grade are learning letter names, sounds and how to combine them to read words. Second grade is reading different texts and then re telling what they read. Third, Fourth and Fifth grades continue to practice their reading comprehension and writing skills. All in all, everyone is having a great time learning.

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## Title 1 Information

Here at Wicklow Elementary, we strive to engage with our families each and every day!

- Family engagement leads to increased student achievement.
- Family engagement can reduce absenteeism in school.
- Family engagement encourages students to have better attitudes towards learning.
- Family engagement leads to better social skills and less conduct problems.

**Please join us for our next Family Engagement Events:**

***Holiday Drive Thru***  
on:  
**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**  
**on the Wicklow Car rider line**

***Coffee & Questions with Katie***  
***All Things Reading***  
on:  
**Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Virtual Meeting with Mrs. Katie Fuchs**

**Zoom link:**

<https://collaborativeclassroom.zoom.us/j/3250924298>

**Meeting ID:** 325 092 4298



## Scholars of the Month



### ***November: Principled***

#### **Kindergarten**

Mrs. Hardy – Ja'Liyah Conyers  
Ms. Holmes – Elena Lopez  
Mrs. Koenig – Neithan Silverio  
Ms. Moya – Adelina Antonetti  
Mrs. Thompson – Cecilia Villalobos  
Ms. Wolfson – Scarleth Aguilar Munoz

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

Ms. Sorrentino – Ashley Guillen  
Mr. Arroyo – Ariyanna Brown  
Ms. Dieslet – Alexa Nieves  
Ms. Gandy – Aden Reagan,  
Mrs. Gurganus – Arieliz Correa  
Ms. Liptai – Brianna Bamanca

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Mrs. Sapp – Antwain Stewart  
Mrs. Ulliana – Yeseli Lopez Jimenez  
Mrs. Irlandi – Jayda Lawrence  
Mrs. Lopez – Avril Alvarado Guaracuco  
Ms. Simons – Chaverika Plaza Robles  
Ms. Laborde – Adrian Correa

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Mrs. Cohen – Aaliyah Johnson  
Mrs. Taylor – Javin Brooks  
Mrs. Nusbaum – Roiner Vasquez Perez  
Ms. Cieslak – Alexander De La Rosa  
Mrs. Ingram – Ismar Perez  
Ms. Luz – Sharon Benavides

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Mrs. Black – Taylor Adamson  
Ms. Rawls – Norasmy Gabriel  
Mrs. Yankelevitz – Jalaysia James  
Mrs. Dumont – Elias Chevere  
Mrs. Gonzalez – Arrian Norris  
Ms. Little Owl – Christey Hernandez

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Ms. Dehner – Jose Manzano  
Ms. Klucar – Eddy Berduo-Juarez  
Ms. Halpin – Celine Trinh  
Mrs. Guzman – George Evans  
Mrs. Wildes – Zedrick Martin  
Mrs. Milliron – Sharod Giles