

**Wicklow Elementary Magnet School
for Global Pathways**



The Explorer



Upcoming Events:

- **Wednesday, October 21st**
Unity Day
Wear the color orange to show unity at Wicklow
- **Tuesday, Oct. 27th**
Storybook Character Day
Dress up as your favorite storybook character
- **Tuesday, Oct. 27th**
Trunk or Treat Family Night
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- **Friday, Oct. 30th**
Service Friday
Dress up as your favorite Superhero



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Hola! Bonjour! I cannot believe how quickly the beginning of the school year has flown by! Our scholars continue to settle into their school routines and strive for academic excellence daily. Some of our Seminole Connect scholars have elected to return to school so we look forward to seeing them on Monday, October 12th. The hard work and dedication by our staff continues to impress me! We continue to expand our differentiated instructional practices in order to meet each students' needs. This includes on-level, below level and above level (acceleration) opportunities. It is our belief that when our instruction matches the students' needs, we will increase engagement and achievement.

We are currently offering after school tutorial for your child. It is being offered for all grade levels after school at school or virtually. It is on a first-come first serve basis. Please contact Mr. Claude Archie for more information:

Claude_Archie@scps.k12.fl.us
407-320-1201

I am proud our scholars are coming to school and showing up virtually in their uniforms ready to learn. It is expected that whether you are learning from home or at school, you must be in uniform. Thank you, parents, for ensuring that they wear their uniforms daily. I want to remind you that Fridays are Spirit Days. Fridays are not for students to wear their attire of choice. If you need assistance getting uniforms for your child, please inform Mr. Gordon at 407-320-1188.

Finally, please take the time to ask your children about their learning and their future. They should be knowledgeable enough to tell you what they are learning in each subject. I strongly encourage you to continue to have quality conversations with your child and ask them what they learned each day in school. Thank you so much for your support and for sharing your children with us! "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." -Helen Keller

Educationally yours,
Mrs. Martina Herndon
Principal

Kindergarten

Happy October Families! We have continued to be busy in Kindergarten learning how to write our names, all about our five senses, how we can be a bucket filler (showing kindness to others), and about our different kinds of emotions.

We are still working on learning how to read and write, count and writing numbers 1-5, and we already know all about our 5 senses. We have continued to dive deeper into exploring our unit theme of "Who We Are". Please be sure to talk with your scholars each night to see what new and exciting things they have learned in all our subjects!

Remember to review and practice Sight Words with your child daily. We suggest they spend 15-20 minutes a night working on these words. The faster they learn their Sight Words, the faster they will be reading independently! Please also read with your child for about 15-20 minutes a night.

Lastly, please work on counting with them every day. Our end of the year goal is to have them be able to count to 100 by tens and ones.

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

1st Grade

The First-Grade teachers are so proud of our scholars. They have adjusted well with the routines- the routines that are customary for First Grade, as well as wearing masks, social distancing and using hand sanitizer several times a day. Our scholars have stepped up to the challenge of working hard and being good citizens.

In Reading, our scholars are learning how to retell stories in sequence and identifying the beginning, middle and end. They are identifying the characters and settings of story we read. These are skills that you can use when reading with your child at home.

In Math, our scholars have been working on math facts 0 to 10. They have been learning different strategies to find the sum or differences in math facts. Some of the strategies include- using a number line, using counters, and drawing a picture to solve math problems.

The First Grade Team would like to thank you for your support in filling out the many forms we send you, making sure your child has a mask on when arriving at school and being involved in your child's education. We are always available by phone or email if you have any concerns. Happy Fall!



2nd Grade

Second grade scholars have started working on our second unit, How We Express Ourselves. In this unit we will discover how location, pattern and structure may shape how people express themselves. Some of the concepts included in this unit are geography, surface of the earth, weather patterns, culture and literature including fairytales and folktales. Scholars are encouraged to be communicators and share their family traditions and be open minded as we learn about new cultures and values.

In math, we are wrapping up place value of 2 and 3 digits. Scholars are practicing adding and subtracting 0-20 fluently as well as comparing 3-digit numbers. Place value and math fact fluency are crucial in understanding and solving word problems. You can help at home by practicing addition and subtraction flashcards or games.

Homework for second grade scholars includes reading and/or practicing sight words nightly. In addition, math review pages are sent home for scholars to practice. These pages do not need to be turned in.

Scholars should continue to wear their uniform and mask daily. Thank you for helping to keep us safe and healthy.

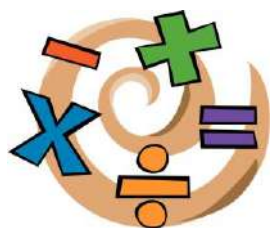
3rd Grade

As we roll into fall, we are starting a new unit of inquiry - How to Express Ourselves. Throughout this unit, scholars will be studying character traits in literature.

Scholars will inquire about how characters change throughout a story. They will also be looking at primary and secondary sources to learn the differences between them and to study important events that have happened in our country's history.

In math, scholars will be discussing place value and rounding. We will teach rounding using a vertical number line. This method has been very successful. Make sure you ask your scholar to teach you this easy way of rounding. We will also visit elapsed time and basic units of measurement.

Finally, in science, scholars will be describing the different properties of matter, such as texture, smell, and hardness. We have several hands-on activities planned for this fun unit. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child, please contact your child's teacher.



4th Grade

Happy October! The Fourth Grade team is so proud of all our scholars. We know that there have been a lot of changes, but the scholars have persevered and we are all getting into our daily routine.

Please remind your connect scholars to log into their google meets on time and be prepared. This will provide us more time for instruction.

We are beginning our second Unit of Inquiry. This unit is titled Where we are in Place and Time. In this unit scholars will learn about exploration and movement. We will learn about the oldest city in America, St. Augustine. We will also explore the Indigenous tribes of Florida. Scholars will also learn about the different types of energy and the movement of sound waves. Normally, during this unit, we take our annual 4th grade trip to St. Augustine, but due to restrictions we will not be able to visit at this time. We will however be providing virtual field trips for the scholars, so they can make connections with history. As always, please encourage your scholars to read every night and practice their multiplication facts. These are the building blocks of education. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to your scholar's teacher. Happy Fall!



5th Grade

Fifth grade is finishing up "How We Organize Ourselves" unit, exploring the systems we have, how they are connected to functions in our society and everyone's responsibilities within these systems. The scholars have a greater understanding of rules and governing and how they are part of those systems. We will be moving on to the structure of living things, how changing environments create consequences for living things and perspectives on those changes in our next unit "Sharing the Planet".

Reading intervention/enrichment for our scholars began on September 21. It is important that all our scholars are supported and advanced as necessary to be proficient readers. Please continue to encourage the scholars to read for 30 minutes EVERY night.

By now, you should have received your child's progress report! It was sent home September 16th. It is hard to believe the first grading period ends on October 9th. Any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher.



Specials



Art

Contest galore!!! There are many opportunities for your young artist to get recognized and challenged every year through local and national art contest (poster contest). Currently there are 2 main contests (1. PTA reflections- I matter because/ 2. World Plumbing day) you can get more information by googling the title of the contest or joining the art google classroom for YOUR grade level, please ask your classroom teacher for the code. In the art room we are learning about cultural art. **Getting involved is simple, can you ask your scholar which culture (country) they are learning about??**

Music

Covid can't stop the music!! We are learning songs, getting our OWN personal recorders, and expressing ourselves through beats, tempos & rhythm. **Getting involved is easy, can you ask your scholar which song/musician they learned about recently??**

P.E.

Hello Explorers and thank you for being so flexible when it comes to the inside PE 1 this year. We are very excited to have this space so we can implement PE to its fullest by including our social, emotional, and physical health.

Starting October 6, 2020 Coach McKinney will be introducing Magic Fit. This will be a 4-rotation challenge for us to participate in. It will include warm-ups, coach's corner, and the game plan from past Orlando Magic players. It will help us learn and focus on nutrition, mental health, mindset of an athlete, and physical fitness. She is very excited to take on this challenge and her hope is that you and your child will be excited too.

Some of the activities will include things for you to complete at home such as: eating and drinking well, sleeping 7-8 hours, and spreading kindness. We look forward to a healthy year!

PTA

Thank you to everyone that filled out the form and attended our Virtual Town Hall meetings last month. We received great information from the school Administrators and have uploaded the recorded meeting to our PTA website.

Trunk or Treat

PTA is hosting a Trunk or Treat Family Night on Tuesday, October 27th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Please contact Wicklow PTA:

- If you have a group or business that would like to sponsor a "trunk" for this event
 - If you would like to make a candy donation
 - If you would like to volunteer during event
- info@wicklowpta.com**

Fall Fundraiser Pick-up

Another Thanks to everyone that purchased items from our Fall Fundraiser. Pick up for orders will be during Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 27th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Reflections

All scholars are eligible to apply for National PTA Reflections program with the theme for this year being:

"I Matter Because"

All submissions are due to Wicklow PTA on November 5th, 2020. For more information please visit our PTA website or email: **reflections@wicklowpta.com**

Tasty Treat Day and Pass (Previously Popcorn Day)

It's not too late to purchase a Tasty Treat pass for the school year. ON the first Wednesday of every month, PTA will be selling Tasty Treats for \$1.00 each!

You can purchase a pass on our PTA website for:

\$8.00 (PTA members)

\$10 (PTA non-members)

<https://sites.google.com/wicklowpta.com/home>



ESOL News

Our ESOL students have been doing a great job of practicing their English skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Doing homework to reinforce the skills they have learned is essential for learning. It is also very important that students read for 30 minutes every day at home. Please ask them question about their readings and try to engage them in conversations about the book. The students need to know that learning is important and that we all care about their education.

Cross-Country Info

GROW has developed a virtual race series for students and their families. Parents are encouraged to participate with their children.

There is a fee of \$15 to sign up, this is covering the cost of the runsignup.com website and the end of season medal. Students will also receive an official bib they can wear when they do their virtual races. There will be an official packet pick up event at Academy Sports, and if students can't pick up their packet it will be mailed.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Maitland/RuntoGROW>

Run to GROW will align with the traditional Seminole County Public School elementary cross-country running season. Training will begin in October and end in February. On a monthly basis, participants will be asked to enter their "race day" results. Race weekends are as follows:

- 10/31 - **Spooky Run Walk**
- 11/28 - **Family Turkey Trot**
- 12/19 - **Jingle Bell Jog**
- 1/24 - **New Year Fun Run**
- 2/27 - **Run to GROW**
- 3/27 - **Smile Mile (optional, face to face event)**

If you have additional questions, please contact Kelly Vann-Thorpe at: kelly_vann@scps.k12.fl.us



Scholars of the Month



August: Caring

September: Communicator

Kindergarten

Mrs. Hardy – Jeremiah Alexander (Aug.) Giavonnice Dyson (Sept.)
Ms. Holmes – Andrea Tobar (Aug.) Bryan Dominguez (Sept.)
Mrs. Koenig – Cha' Meelah Fey (Aug.) Clifford Lowery (Sept.)
Ms. Moya – Mateo Garcia (Aug.) Haven Del La Rosa (Sept.)
Mrs. Thompson – Zamiya Martin (Aug.) Jackson Alban (Sept.)

1st Grade

Ms. Sorrentino – Jiovanni Melendez (Aug.), Arden Benfield (Sept.)
Mr. Arroyo – Colton Carter (Aug.), Luis Velez (Sept.)
Ms. Dieslet – Marco Arenas Barrueta (Aug.), Mya Edward (Sept.)
Ms. Gandy – Corey Bryant (Aug.), Ja'Kayden Walker (Sept.)
Mrs. Gurganus – Nani Rosas (Aug.), Gabby Thomas (Sept.)
Mrs. Luxon – Paloma Rivera (Aug.), Anthonie George (Sept.)

2nd Grade

Mrs. Sapp – Walker Nusbaum (Aug.) Lonna Chaney (Sept.)
Mrs. Ulliana – Serfio Mendez-Lopez (Aug.) Kendall Camrillo (Sept.)
Mrs. Irlandi – Yorleni Bravo Perez (Aug.) Jaylen Melendez (Sept.)
Mrs. Lopez – Miles Hoeksema (Aug.) London Baker (Sept.)
Ms. Simons – Cayden-Pyro Winfrey (Aug.) Adrian Urena (Sept.)
Ms. Laborde – Ian Nieves (Aug.) Zoe Boyce (Sept.)

3rd Grade

Mrs. Cohen – Victoria Santiago Rivera (Aug.) Josiah Nava (Sept.)
Mrs. Taylor – Marley Reynolds (Aug.) Leah Baptiste (Sept.)
Mrs. Nusbaum – Emy Sapp (Aug.) Kaleb Parshall (Sept.)
Ms. Cieslak – Jonathan Gabriel Perez (Aug.) Maliyah Slater (Sept.)
Mrs. Ingram – Christian Ramos Juarez (Aug.) Alanys Gonzalez (Sept.)
Ms. Luz – Adelina Vasquez (Aug.) Jasiah Irving (Sept.)

4th Grade

Mrs. Black – Ainesley Nusbaum (Aug.) Dillon Welsh (Sept.)
Ms. Rawls – Jack Wilkinson (Aug.) Dixie Barrow (Sept.)
Mrs. Yankelevitz – Deborah C. Gonzalez (Aug.) Arianny A. De La Cruz (Sept.)
Mrs. Dumont – Becky Nutaitis (Aug.) Yeudiel Ortiz (Sept.)
Mrs. Gonzalez – Tavion Knight (Aug.) Brandon Stokes (Sept.)

5th Grade

Ms. Dehner – Anteriah Gaines (Aug.) Jorrell Brown (Sept.)
Ms. Klucar – Ashlyn Collins (Aug.) Ahmonti Williams (Sept.)
Ms. Halpin – Na'Riyah Atkins (Aug.) James Grant Jr. (Sept.)
Mrs. Guzman – Marquise Grooms (Aug.) Mireidy Ramirez (Sept.)
Mrs. Wildes – Sara Rahman (Aug.) Iyana Stanley (Sept.)
Mrs. Milliron – Abigail Thigpen (Aug.), Amelia Sample (Sept.)

Wicklows Title 1 Information

SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Fall Family Read, Create & Share

In collaboration with Winter Springs Elementary PTA and Seminole County Public Library Northwest Branch

**Mon, Oct. 26th– Resource Pick Up 9am– 1pm
by appointment ONLY**

Stop by the Family Resource Center, 1101 S. Bay Ave, Sanford, between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM to receive reading resources to be used at home.

Wed, Oct. 28th– Virtual Read Aloud @ 4:30

Join us for a live read aloud with Ms. Erin from the Seminole County Public Library! You can also stop by the Branch to pick up some awesome goody bags!

Step 1: Choose awesome book to read from either home, your local library, or the digital library, and practice the reading strategies provided in the take home reading kit on 10/26.

Step 2: Get Creative! Have fun and decorate a pumpkin, either real or you can draw one, as your favorite character from your book. Be sure to post your books and pumpkins on social media and tag us

RSVP to scpsfamily@scps.k12.fl.us for more information!