



# THE EXPLORER



Wicklow Elementary Magnet Schools for Global Pathways

## Upcoming Dates:

3/1- N.U.T. Day  
 3/1- PDQ Spirit Night (5-8)  
 3/3- Spring Picture Day  
 3/8- APPT Night 4<sup>th</sup> grade @ 6pm  
 3/13-3/17- Spring break and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade spring break camp  
 3/23- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Book Club @ 6pm  
 3/24- Service Friday- Dress up like a Twin Day  
 3/30- Spring Fling Dance @6pm

## PTA News:

Join other kids and dads for a fun time of relationship building at All Pro Dad on Wednesday, March 29 from 7:45am-8:25am in the Media Center. Please RSVP to let us know how much breakfast is needed: <https://allprodadchapters.com/chapters/856>  
 Have fun at the Spring Fling Dance on Thursday evening, March 30. Also, please consider being on the PTA Board next year or serving on a committee. There are many opportunities to help make a difference at Wicklow and we'd love to have you join us! [familias@wicklowpta.com](mailto:familias@wicklowpta.com)

## Message from the Principal:

As I write this, we are beginning to prepare for the final administration of the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) in May. While we strongly believe that our school should be held accountable and our teachers have done an excellent job preparing students to do their best, we hope that you have found that we have not over-emphasized the test with students. It is our opinion that the best way to raise test scores is to work on the important aspects of the student's education. A couple of weeks ago, we sent home a dashboard report for each student that emphasized the areas that we know are important for that success. Those areas are attendance, behavior, classroom participation and effort, targeted instruction based on areas of need, and family engagement through parent/teacher conferences. If you have not had a chance to participate in a parent/teacher conference this year, I urge you to reach out to your child's teacher and hold one soon. With your help, your child will be set up for success on tests and in life.

## ESOL News:

Welcome to the month of March. Congratulations to all our ESOL students that participated in the ACCESS FOR ELL's 2.0 assessment. Our goal remains to help our ESOL students improve their skills in English. Remember to read every night and learn those sight words!

## Cartoonist of the Month:

Kindergarten-William Jax Douglas	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade- Miles Hoeksema
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade- Carolina Blanco-Anare	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade- Marcelo Ruiz and Rosie Plante
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade- D'Marianna McIntrye	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade- Amanda Vazquez	

**Specials News:** **ART-** We have completed clay season and your little one should have brought home their ceramic pieces and if not please encourage them to stop by the art room to pick them up. *Finally, THANK YOU to everyone who stopped by to support the Jewelry club during our sale!! We hope you enjoyed one more piece to bring out our beauty.* **Media- Great News- AR books are back!!** Once students read and pass 5 AR tests, please go to the media center to have your picture taken for the Sunshine State Library Bulletin Board! Once students read and pass 10 AR tests, they will receive a \$50 Geo Buck from the media center!! **Let's get reading!!** We also are still looking for 4<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in being on the morning news next year. Please see Ms. Chiodo in the media center for a permission slip. **P.E-** Please remember to wear closed toes shoes when out at P.E- Crocs do NOT count and we have had many students slip and fall with them on. **Music-** We are excited to announce that the Disney Musical Chorus (grades 3,4,5 only) permission slips have been sent out and our first practice will be on Thursday February 23rd, from 3:00pm-4:00pm. All scholars interested must have their forms turned in by February 22nd. Got Questions? Please see Ms. Chiodo or Ms. Russell.



## Did you Know?

The Importance of Self-Awareness: As humans we are all complex and diverse beings. By being more self-aware, we sharpen skills that help us better understand ourselves. In education, when students are more self-aware, they become more self-confident, better decision makers, have improved communication skills, and gain the ability to understand perspectives of others. For more information on ways to develop a more self-aware student, please email the School Social Worker Ms. Arrington at [arringtzt@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:arringtzt@scps.k12.fl.us).

## Kindergarten

Kindergarten will be working on IB Unit: Sharing the Planet where we learn about how the living things around us are impacted by our actions.

Look for final field trip information to come for our visit to the Sanford Zoo. The date is April 17, 2023 and the cost will be \$15.00.

Please read the Kinder Roots shared stories at home each night and return the yellow homework form each week to your child's teacher.

## 1st Grade

Throughout Unit 4 we learned to build student knowledge around the Big Idea, what animals are like. The students will read several selections over the course of six weeks about animals. We used text features including titles, headings, captions, graphs, maps, glossaries, and/or illustrations to demonstrate understanding of texts.

In math we're just finishing learning to plot, order and compare two-digit numbers. One more, ten more, one less and ten less with two-digit numbers. We're also learning greater than, less than, and equal when comparing numbers. We soon will be soon begin learning to add and subtract with numbers to 100.

In science we are currently studying the necessities of life and that living things need food, water, air, and space to live. Included in this unit is the benefits and harmful properties of sunlight and water safety as well.

## 2nd Grade

Second grade is excited to get started on our Sharing the Planet Unit of Inquiry. Our central idea is disruptions may cause change in the cycles of living things, and we will be focusing on these learner profile attributes risk-takers, caring, and open minded.

As we finish our unit on time and money, we are looking forward to revisiting our place value, addition and subtraction strategies and working with numbers with up to 4-digits.

## 3rd Grade

\*We are currently working in our Sharing the Planet unit. Scholars are learning all about plants and animals.

\*In reading, scholars are continuing to work on identifying the theme of texts and summarizing texts. In math, scholars will be working with fractions and interpreting data this month.

\*The 3rd session of our Family Book Club will be March 23rd at 6:00 pm. We would love for you to join us as we read "Charlotte's Web". You do not have to attend all sessions. Just come out when you can for some reading fun! Happy Spring Break! As always, if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact your child's teacher.

## 4th Grade

\*4th grade is beginning our Sharing the Planet Unit of Inquiry.

\*In science we will be learning about renewable and non-renewable resources.

\*In Social Studies we will be learning about the Civil Rights Movement.



## 5th Grade

5<sup>th</sup> grade went to Central Florida Zoo and learned how changes in the environment have affected animals worldwide and how humans are helping endangered species. This accompanied our current Science Unit 12: Plants, Animals, and the Environment.

In ELA, our focus remains on literature and nonfiction texts. Literature texts will include theme, literary elements, and figurative language. While nonfiction texts will include the author's purpose and perspective, and text features and structures.

In Math, we finished our unit on multiplying fractions and will be moving into understanding division involving unit fractions.

We are currently working in the IB PYP Unit: Sharing the Planet. Focusing on how relationships respond to patterns and conflict.

# Student of the Unit

## Kindergarten:

Camacho: **Knowledgeable**- William "Jax" Douglas **Inquirer**- Luke Jones **Balanced**- Lesly Martinez  
Thompson: **Knowledgeable**- Evangeline Santana **Inquirer**- King La'Trell Matthews **Balanced**-Jorge Munoz  
Morris: **Knowledgeable**- Aaron Willmore **Inquirer**- Chavayah Tresalus **Balanced**- Yamil Rivera  
Farmer: **Knowledgeable**- Derick Ramirez Gomez **Inquirer**-Reign Ramsey **Balanced**- Sebastian Martinez  
Irandi: **Knowledgeable**- Elizabeth Herberger **Inquirer**- Hunter Cribb **Balanced**- Yaritza Ochoa Reyes  
Freeman: **Knowledgeable**- Yanellys Montalvo **Inquirer**- Gedelin Ramos **Balanced**- Danna Reyes

## 1st Grade:

Rodriguez: **Caring**- Miyah Ballinger **Knowledgeable**- Frankly Ramos **Principled**- Briana Borges  
Pruneddu: **Caring**- Lea Abner **Knowledgeable**- Darion Goins **Principled**- Briana Borges  
Glass: **Caring**- Rylee Gordon **Knowledgeable**- Aysel Mejia Lopez **Principled**-Aria Cosme  
Sheffield: **Caring**- Liam Cox **Knowledgeable**- Rodrigo Jovel Perez **Principled**- Lindora Perez Lopez  
Shaw: **Caring**-Leilani Montalvo **Knowledgeable**- Mason Bounpheng **Principled**- Karleen Quintana  
Gurganus: **Caring**- Marisol Ochoa **Knowledgeable**- Adam Hendess **Principled**- Jaliza Rivas  
Hughes: **Caring**- Yanelly Garcia **Knowledgeable**- Alexis Vazquez **Principled**- Orion Flores

## 2nd Grade:

Lopez: **Communicator**- Thais Sanchez **Caring**- Isabella Alvarez **Reflective**- Alexis Garcia  
Benjamin: **Communicator**- Arianna Rivera **Caring**- Cecilia Villalobos **Reflective**- Madison Simmons  
Ulliana: **Communicator**- Carter Marsh **Caring**- Kayla Maxwell **Reflective**- Kelsi Timms  
Yankelevitz: **Communicator**-London Gibson **Caring**- Jackson Lynch-Albright **Reflective**- Aniyah Rodriguez  
Rawls: **Communicator**- Avery Rivera **Caring**- Yeferson Ramirez **Reflective**- Bryan Dominguez  
Simons: **Communicator**- Taylor MacMillan **Caring**-Olivia Schmidt **Reflective**-Bristol Cribb

## 3rd Grade:

Cieslak: **Caring**- Ariyanna Brown **Reflective**- Briana Bamaca **Open-Minded**- Colton Carter  
Cohen: **Caring**- Tania Cisneros Calderon **Reflective** Neymar Fernandez **Open Minded**- Zuleidy Lopez Ramos  
Hardy: **Caring** Rylee Adamson **Reflective**- Jamyah Tresalus **Open-Minded**- Zuleidy Lopez Ramos  
Keikes: **Caring**- Jeyzon Perez Perez **Reflective**- Emmanuel Simmons **Open-Minded**- Edvin Aguilar Perez  
Ulmer: **Caring**- Adrian Correa Mancian **Reflective**- Sergio Mendez Lopez **Open-Minded**- Kelvin Ramos Garcia  
Bush: **Caring**- Sarailee Abner **Reflective**- Mariah Glenn **Open-Minded**- Jordan Burgess  
McKinney: **Caring**- Mila Coyle **Reflective**- Anthonie George **Open-Minded**- Joshua Fuqua

## 4th Grade:

Gonzalez: **Communicator**: Sylvia Luc **Open-Minded**- Nathanny Benavides **Caring**: Alisson Gomez  
Sharbaugh: **Communicator**- Yulissa Brown **Open-Minded**- Lonna Chaney **Caring**- Jordan Conyers  
Wildes: **Communicator**- Diana Jovel Perez **Open-Minded**- Aukarii Grayson **Caring**- Christina O'brien  
Chaplin: **Communicator**- Mateo Seirra **Open-Minded**- Ruben Penaloza **Caring**- Alyssa Ruffin

## 5th Grade:

Guzman: **Balanced**- Luciana Ortiz **Principled**-Leah Baptiste **Caring**- Dylan Perez  
Cardona: **Balanced**-Ivan Chum Mejia **Principled**- Antonio Arias **Caring**-Maribella Perez  
Clark: **Balanced**- Marbella Penaloza **Principled**- Ivan Stanley **Caring**- Jameshia Pritchard  
Halpin: **Balanced**- Alasia Hickmon **Principled**- Ivana Stanley **Caring**- Gabriel Moraga  
Klucar: **Balanced**- Aarianna Richardson **Principled**- Jayden Evans **Caring**- Alayssia Conyers

