

Wicklow Elementary Magnet School for Global Pathways



THE EXPLORER



Event Dates:

9/5- No School (Labor Day)

9/7- Curriculum/APPT Night for grades K and 4th 6pm

9/8- Curriculum Night for grades 1,2,3 and 5th at 6pm and P.T.A. 1st General meeting

9/27-ESOL APTT Night @ 6pm (title 1)

9/30- Service Friday-Crazy Hair Day and Thank You Cards

10/5- Tasty Treat and N.U.T. Day

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BACK TO SCHOOL

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

Principal's Message

We are off and racing this school year at Wicklow Elementary! Our school is set for some High Velocity Learning because "We've got a Need for SPEED!" This year, we will continue our efforts on engaging our families in the learning. It may seem like common sense, but those families who are involved in school happenings are more likely to have scholars who achieve and thrive in their education. One simple way to get involved is stay on top of the communication coming from the school. We will have these monthly newsletters, but we also have weekly Updates and text messages sent out via an app called School Messenger. Our social media accounts will also have information for those who prefer staying up to date in those ways.

Another way to get involved is to volunteer. Please be sure to sign up as a DIVIDEND, our school volunteering program, if you would like to chaperone a field trip or get involved in helping around campus. If you don't have the time to volunteer, no problem. Just showing up at school events or reading each night with your child can count as being involved.

We are also excited to introduce a new program set to engage our Kindergarten, 4th Grade, and ESOL families this year called Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT). As the name implies, we are looking to partner with these families to help reinforce a lot of what we are teaching here at Wicklow. What we do with these families will help us next year when we use this program for the entire school. Thanks for being our partner and choosing us to be part of your child's education. We appreciate the trust you have placed in us!

Sincerely,
Dr. Windish



Kindergarten News

Welcome to the start of our 2022-2023 school year! Kindergarten scholars are busy as we learn about our school and classroom family. The first six weeks of school we focus on learning All About Me. During this time, we learn about ourselves, our emotions and relationships. We will investigate the five senses and learn how we can observe and learn about our world.

The Primary Program of International Baccalaureate identified learner attributes that develop global citizens who work together to make our planet a peaceful and better place to live. During our unit of inquiry, we will focus on three learner profiles, and we ask you to encourage our scholars to show these traits daily.

1. Caring: We can show empathy and compassion for others and our planet. At home activities: Model caring behavior such as helping others, smiling and using kind words. How can you care for our community?
2. Communicator: We can express ourselves and our ideas creatively and with confidence. At home activities: Encourage your child to be a good listener and to share about their day. Ask open ended questions such as, "What was your favorite part of the day? Did anything funny happen at school? What surprised you today? What did you play with your friends? What was the story that you listened to today? Who or what was the book about? Have your child call, write a letter or email a family member to share about school or simply say hello!
3. Principled: We understand the importance of rules, honesty and fairness and will stand up for what is right. At home activities: Play games that have rules, point out rules that adults follow such as stopping at a red light and talk about rules that you have at home.

Please remember to have your child wear their nametag daily and learn their lunch number. Check the take home folder for important information. If you have not returned the beginning of the year paperwork, please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education! We are looking forward to an amazing year!

1st Grade News

Hello from First Grade!

We are so excited for this year, and we are all so happy to be your child's teachers! The first couple weeks we focus on getting to know one another and building a strong classroom community. Our other main goal is to strengthen our reading and writing skills and excel in our addition and subtraction facts.

Please stay tuned with lots of information of what is to come!

In Reading, our students will be learning how to retell stories in sequence and identifying the beginning, middle and end. They will also identify the characters and settings of stories we read. These are skills that you can use when reading with your child at home! We love our meaningful stories about treating others how you want to be treated, sharing, and being part of a community.

In Science, our kiddos are beginning to learn certain tools and skills it takes to be a real-life scientist. Stay tuned for experiments to come to life as well.

In Math, our scholars have been reviewing 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 and bringing in supplies. We are always available by phone or email if you have any concerns.

2nd Grade News

Greetings 2022 – 2023 Second Graders!

We hope you all had a fun, exciting, and well rested summer vacation. It is time for students to rev their engines and get ready for an adventurous experience as a Second Grader!

In ELA (reading, writing, and language arts), Unit 1 we will be exploring “Family and Friends.” The Big Idea question being, “How do families and friends learn, grow, and help one another?” Students will learn to identify main story elements, such as, character, setting, and events. In Math, students will be able to use strategies to achieve automaticity with addition and subtraction within 20. In Science, students will learn about the scientific process for conducting investigations, the difference between inferences and observations, using observations to create explanations and the importance of repeating investigations. In Social Studies, students will investigate, discuss, explain the consequence of an absence of rules and services. “What Happens When There Are No Rules?”

Parents, please make sure you are checking your student’s planner on a daily basis. Your student’s planner is a great way for parents and teachers to communicate. Friday, August 19, 2022, the 1st homework assignments will go home as a packet. Homework packets will be turned in on Fridays and new ones will be given for the next week. Friday to Friday. Any questions or concerns, please contact your student’s teacher.

Second Grade Teachers

3rd Grade News

Welcome back to our new third graders and their families! We are so excited for this year! This month, we have been busy getting back into the routine of school and learning about our classroom family.

We have started diving deep into our third grade IB curriculum. The first 6 weeks of school we are focusing on our first unit - Who We Are. In reading and social studies, we are learning about different cultures and their contributions to our culture. We will be reading informational texts and focusing on the central idea and key details. One highlight of the unit will be our Culture Showcase. The scholars will get to bring in something that is important to their culture/family and share it with the class. They will also get to view items that other scholars bring in. More information about this will be coming home soon.

In math, we have kicked off our lessons with multiplication! Scholars are learning different strategies to solve multiplication problems such as repeated addition and equal grouping. Third grade is the year we recommend all scholars memorize their multiplication facts. Flashcards are a great way to get started with that.

The Primary Years Program of International Baccalaureate has identified learner attributes that develop global citizens who work together to make our planet a peaceful and better place to live. During our first unit of inquiry, we will focus on four learner attributes, and we ask you to encourage our scholars to show these traits daily.

Communicator: We can express ourselves and our ideas creatively and with confidence

At home activities: *Encourage your child to be a good listener and to share about their day. Ask open ended questions such as, “What was your favorite part of the day?”

Knowledgeable: We learn more about ourselves, others, and the world.

At home activities: *Encourage your child to read books at home that correspond with the topics being covered in school. *Ask your child about what they are learning in school and engage them in conversations about it: “Why do you think that is an important thing to know about?”

Open-minded: We listen to other thoughts and ideas and accept that there is more than one way of looking at things.

At home activities: *Encourage your child to try new things – new foods, new games, and new activities. *Expose your child to different festivals, celebrations, and traditions.

Risk-taker: We are willing to make mistakes and learn from them, prepared to try something new and willing to try things in different ways.

At home activities: *If your child is feeling uneasy about trying something, encourage them to attempt it and then reflect on both whether they liked the activity and how it felt to try something new.

If you have any questions or concerns, now or throughout the year, please contact your child's teacher through email, your child’s planner or by phone. We are looking forward to a great year of learning with each of our scholars!

4th Grade News

Welcome back!!

We are so excited to have all of our 4th graders here ready to learn while having fun. We are beginning the year in the IB PYP unit of How We Organize Ourselves. Scholars will be learning about the systems and structures of different governments, scientific processes, mathematics, and essay writing. In ELA we are learning about expository texts and rereading for better understanding. In math, scholars are working on place value and RAMP scholars are working on factors, multiples, and divisibility rules. We are looking forward to a great year together!

5th Grade News

Welcome 5th Grade Families! Our IB Primary Years Program continues to grow and expand our scholar's world view. Our fifth-grade scholars are off to a great start!

Our scholars are currently working in the IB Unit How we Organize ourselves. They are currently exploring how structures can influence order within systems along with processes/procedures in our world. The classroom systems, scientific methods in experiments. Our Wicklow students "ROCK" and are off to a great start becoming accustomed to our new school rules. With our new system, we are focusing on Respecting our peers, owning our actions, Caring for our community, and Keeping it calm. Please continue to encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes EVERY night. Look in your child's binder and planner for important announcements and useful information. Please encourage your students to keep their resources in a binder or folder to help with organization and success during the school year. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns about their academics. We are here to support our scholars and you!

SPECIALS NEWS

The Specials Team is thrilled to begin another year with your little loved ones!! We have many fun and educational activities planned this year. Please keep your eyes open for our upcoming announcements of Awesomeness!

Language- Hola & Bonjour!! Are you ready for your student to speak a new language? We are, and you can get involved too by encouraging your scholar to speak the language & learn the words they know 😊

P.E.- We have had a great start to this year out at PE!! Please remind your scholars that the red, yellow and blues lines out at PE are **an extension of the hallway**. Our expectation is that they remain respectful and to keep their hands to themselves while walking or standing on those lines. **Closed toes shoes** are a must to fully enjoy the outdoor activities, as always safety first!

Music- We are excited to have Ms. Chiodo helping out until Mr. G returns later this year. Please remind your scholars to be respectful & have fun.

Art- I am stoked for another year of ART FUN at Wicklow!! I will be hosting Jewelry Club for 4th & 5th grade only. If your young artist is interested all they need to do is **sign up in the Art Room**. I will send home a permission slip for the club they choose once there in an opening. Every month the club membership is renewed or altered to offer the chance for other to join. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me @ Rachael _ Russell@ scps.k12.fl.us or (407) 320-1292.

In addition to clubs are a variety of art **poster contest**. Some of these contests have CASH prizes and statewide recognition!! I have all the information posted outside the Art Room and will provide any paper needed, I also loan out any material you scholar may need. **Currently, I host a cartoon contest every month for the whole school (K-5th) and the winners get school wide recognition with some fun prizes!!** Please encourage your young artist to get creative and get involved, it could be their start to FAME. 😊

Media & Reading- Having life skills is important to us here & this year will be introducing typing for all 3rd-5th graders. They will gain more knowledge on how to use both hands for typing & other helpful tips. Grade K-2nd will be focusing on reading comprehension & vocabulary all while having fun. We are excited about this new specials addition!

Did you know?

Dear Wicklow Families,

Did you know that absenteeism during the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year? Poor attendance can influence whether a child can read proficiently by the end of 3rd grade or be held back. By 6th grade chronic absenteeism is the leading indicator of whether a student will drop out from high school. Below is a list of what constitutes an excused absence. Please be sure to communicate with your students' teachers regarding any and all absences.

What counts as an excused absence:

- Personal illness of the student with a doctor's note (Any absence in which the student is out 5 or more consecutive days requires medical documentation to be excused.)
- Court appearance of the student
- Medical appointment of the student with a doctor's note
- Approved school activity
- Extreme weather
- Other absences with prior approval of the principal or designee
- Attendance at a center under Children and Families Services supervision
- Significant community events with prior permission of the principal
- Religious instruction or religious holiday
- Death in the immediate family
- Appointments for a therapy service provided by a licensed health care practitioner

ESOL NEWS

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. We hope your summer was restful and you had time to read some good books. The ESOL department would like to welcome back to our students from last year. You did an amazing job on all the exams, and we are very proud of the progress you made in reading and math. Congratulations!!! To the students and families that are joining us for the first time here at Wicklow, Welcome. You are going to love your new school. This year our ESOL students will be participating in many exciting learning activities. Your student should always bring a bookbag. In the bookbag they should have one or two reading books, a pencil case with pencils, crayon and scissors and any other notebooks that the teacher requires. Each teacher will give you a list of supplies that will be used throughout the school year. Parents please do not forget to fill out the emergency contact cards and return them to your child's teacher. This is a uniform school so make sure to wear the Wicklow uniform every day. We are so excited to have everyone back to school. Let us all work together to make this the best year ever. Go Wicklow!

PTA NEWS

Speaking of having a need for speed, The PTA has a lot planned for this school year! With much of the initial shock of Covid behind us, we're looking to involve more families this year. PTA believes that together, we can make every child's potential a reality—but we need more people that believe that, like YOU. We need YOU! Will you join us? Memberships are \$10 per parent, grandparent, aunt, etc... You can also show your support by buying a Wicklow T-shirt, volunteering your time, and/or coming to our first general meeting on September 8 at 6:30pm.

Our first Tasty Treat & N.U.T. (No Uniform Today) will happen on Wednesday, September 7. Send in \$1 with your child to buy a treat or purchase a pass by sending in the form sent home at the beginning of the year or online: <https://wicklow-elementary.memberhub.com/store>. There will be ten Tasty Treats this year. The pass is \$10 or \$8 if you are a PTA member. You can also buy your PTA membership & Wicklow shirts online or with the form. We should be getting more youth small and medium in stock soon and will deliver them to your child's teacher when they come in. Please connect with us through email: familias@wicklowpta.com,

on Instagram: [wicklow_elementary_pta](https://www.instagram.com/wicklow_elementary_pta)

Facebook: **Wicklow Elementary PTA**. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year with you!

Sincerely,

Your 2022-2023 PTA Board: Randy Chaney, Heiling Hernandez, Mrs. Dalymirka Gonzalez, Mrs. Norma Luz & Christy Smith de Sanchez