



# THE EXPLORER



## Event Dates:

- 10/7- No School
- 10/10- Picture Day bring your smiles!
- 10/19- Unity Day Wear Orange!
- 10/24- Don't let Drugs stop your journey! (Wear red)
- 10/25- Team up against drugs! (Wear your favorite team jersey)
- 10/26- Sock it to drugs! (Wear crazy socks)
- 10/27- Hugs not drugs! (Bring your favorite stuffed animal)
- 10/27- Read and Treat 5:30-7:30
- 10/28- Be a hero not a Zero! (Wear your favorite superhero shirt)
- 10/28- Kindergarten pumpkin patch



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## Principal's Message

As the calendar hits fall, we turn our attention to some of the great learning and family events at Wicklows. I am looking forward to Read and Treat on October 27<sup>th</sup>. This most recent hurricane has interrupted our race, but things are still happening at a "High Velocity" and should be back to normal soon. Report cards for the first quarter of the school year will be coming out very soon and will be the baseline for your scholar's school year. Use these grades as a way to push your scholar moving forward and as a way to reward responsible academics. In addition, you will be receiving information about the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST). All our scholars took this assessment. Information from the results of the test will help guide instruction for the remainder of the school year. We are required to give this assessment again in January 2023 and then one more time at the end of the school year. We are looking forward to some great growth from all of our scholars. With your partnership at home, we can prove that our scholars have what it takes to learn at high velocity. We've got a need for SPEED!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Windish



# Kindergarten News

Hello Kindergarten Families!

We are off to a great start this year as we finish our first IB unit of “Who We Are”. We learned about citizenship, responsibilities, and the necessity of rules to keep us happy and safe at school. We also learned the basic concepts of print (left to right, top to bottom, return sweep, spacing, etc), how to write our own names, the parts of a book (front cover, back cover, spine, title page), the roles of an author and illustrator and had a test on the first 10 letter sounds that we have learned (m, s, a, d, t, i, n, p, g, o) . In math, we worked on counting with one-to-one correspondence, reading and writing numbers 0-5 and identifying more and less. Our next IB unit is called “Where We Are in Place and Time” where we will begin to explore the world around us and our place in it. Thank you for all of your support and please make sure you check your child’s blue folder nightly and return homework assignments when due.

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

Greetings from First Grade and Happy Fall!

We are now beginning our Unit 2: How We Express Ourselves and we can’t wait to see how much each student learns and grows as we approach our 2nd Quarter.

Students will learn about how we can express our ideas, feelings, and emotions. In reading, students are also learning how to find main topic and supporting details, along with writing about it too. Please support your child’s writing by encouraging to use a capital letter at the beginning of each sentence and a period at the end. Our new Wonders Stories include new characters, fiction, and Non-fiction stories to help our First Graders retell and enhance their comprehension along the way with expressing their own opinions.

In math, students are learning different ways to add and subtract. Some strategies include counting on, using a number line, and drawing counters. Our students are thinking about word problems and how to turn them into a number sentence.

In Science we will start learning about observable properties, such as size, shape, color, temperature (hot or cold), weight (heavy or light), texture, and whether objects sink or float.

Please remember to check your child’s backpack and planner each night. Each teacher will collect homework on Fridays, so students will have all week to work on it. Don’t forget to read with your child for 20 minutes each night!

Thanks for all your support parents!

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

Second grade has been cruising along! Since the beginning of this school year, we have been making great progress in our IB PYP Unit 1- Who We Are. We just finished this unit and learned so much about Communities, and how we can help families and friends in our community. We also learned how we are connected to so many symbols used through the worlds, and symbols that represent the United States. In Science, it has been great fun learning about the states and properties of matter. In ELA, we have been learning about plot structure and story elements, central idea and relevant details, author's opinion, and more. In Math, recall facts to 20, word problems, determine the unknown number, odd/even.. As 2nd grade moves along into IB PYP Unit #2 How We Organize Ourselves. We will continue in ELA to work on previous skills, but be introduced to rhyme schemes in poetry, figurative language, compare and contrast 2 stories on the same topic or theme, and more. In Math, we'll be adding sums to 100. In Science, we'll raise questions about the natural world. In Social studies, we'll explore people form governments, Citizenship by birth or naturalization, Goods and Service, and more. Please make sure your child is complete weekly homework assignments and read 20- minutes nightly.

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

As we roll into fall, we are starting a new unit of inquiry - How to Organize Ourselves. In reading and social studies, we will be focusing on different types of structure - the structure of writing (including poetry) and the structure of our government (the different levels of government). One highlight of the unit will be a guest speaker - the mayor of Sanford, Mayor Woodruff. He will discuss the need for government and how local government works.

In math, scholars will be using multiplication to divide. They will also be introduced to different quadrilaterals and then finding their area and perimeter. Please make sure your scholar is practicing their multiplication facts. This is a very important skill in 3rd grade. Finally, in science, scholars will be investigating the changes that can happen to water and learning about basic forms of energy. We have several hands-on activities planned for these fun topics.

During this unit of inquiry, we will focus on four learner profiles, and we ask you to encourage our scholars to show these traits daily.

1. Thinker - We use critical and creative thinking skills.

At home activities: \*Encourage your child to try to think of solutions to problems independently. \*Pose different real-life problems and questions to your child.

2. Principled - We act with integrity and honesty.

At home activities: \*Involve your child in deciding on the rules for a game or activity and then ensure that they stick to the ones that have been decided upon. \*Encourage your child to play games that involve teams. Discuss with your child the qualities of a team player.

3. Balanced - We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives.

At home activities: \*Encourage your child to participate in a wide variety of structured activities. \*Discuss the food groups with your child. Spend a few minutes during a mealtime deciding if what your family is eating is balanced. \*Role model this attribute. Spend time as a parent or family doing many different things.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child, please contact your child's teacher.

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

Happy October!

Time just seems to be flying by as we continue to work hard in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. We just started a new Unit of Inquiry, Where We Are In Place and Time where our focus will be on contributions to change. During this unit we will be studying about Native Americans in Florida and explorers that came to Florida long ago. We are going on a field trip to St. Augustine in November to learn more about, and see in person, the oldest settlement in the United States. To continue with our focus on change, students will be studying light, heat, and sound energy in science. In ELA we continue to dive deep into all different types of texts learning about text features, text structure, central idea, and author's perspective. We are also working on writing multiple paragraph essays using text evidence. In math, students will be working on division of 4-digit dividends by 1-digit divisors. RAMP students are finishing up with adding and subtraction of fractions and beginning to work on decimals. It's time for parent/teacher conferences. Be on the lookout for communication from your child's teacher to sign up. Our next APTT (Academic Parent Teacher Team) meeting is January, 11 2023. Mark your calendars now! We appreciate all you do!

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

As we wrap up our first unit on How We Organize Ourselves, we reflect on our learning about structures in place to influence order within systems. We have identified and discovered various systems in our world, and we are able to explain the importance of structure. We celebrate our learning and our progress as we wrap up this unit. Moving forward, we are beginning our next unit on How the World Works. In this unit, we will focus on how humans understand scientific principles as well as the impact of technological advances on our society. Our learning surrounds the idea that knowledge leads to change.

Our focuses in literature continue to include the development of plot by the contribution of setting, characters, conflict, events, and themes. In this unit, we will also introduce poetry and figurative language. Our informational text will be analyzed through the use of primary and secondary sources with the contributions of text features and structures.

We continue to develop our expository paragraph writing skills through the use of planning, writing, and improving. Through the use of rubrics and exemplar paragraphs, students will continue to develop informational writing techniques across various prompts.

In math, we will finish up multiplying multi-digit whole numbers before moving into multiplying decimals. We will make connections to the standard algorithm and solve word problems in context. Then, we will dive into division of multi-digit whole numbers and the interpretations of remainders in context. Please continue to practice multiplication and division fact fluency to assist with the ease of complex multi-step problems.

In science, we continue the study of forms of energy and more specifically move into the topic of electricity. Through hands-on labs and class discussions, students will be able to describe types of energy and their transformations as well as how electrical circuits work to conduct electricity.

Our study on exploration continues with the Native Americans relationship to European explorers. We will complete a Document Based Question assignment on Cabeza de Vaca as he survived many dangerous elements of exploration. We will analyze multiple perspectives of these events to discover and sympathize with our history.

Please check on your student to be sure homework is being completed every night. Scholars can develop their love for reading every night for at least 20 minutes and practicing their math fluency on a daily basis. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns!

## SPECIALS NEWS

**Art-** Drawing, painting and clay are some of the fun things we are doing in art this year. We will be working on a fundraising art project for the fall and I'm excited for you to be able to show off your young artists' talent! Please remind your scholar to work with purpose as it may be something they can give as a gift to their loved ones that they will cherish.

**P.E-** We would like to welcome Coach Middleton to our team!! We are excited to have someone who has been teaching P.E for over 5 years join us at Wicklow. He has been a great addition to P.E and would like to remind all scholars to please wear closed toes shoes to stay safe.

**Music-** My name is Miss Chiodo and I am currently in as the long-term substitute music teacher for Mr. Gurganus until his return. Teaching your students has truly been a joy and amazing experience. A few students had inquired about private music lesson opportunities, so I reached out to my fellow local music educators to ask for their recommendations. Below you will find that compiled list in no particular order:

**Studios** (multiple instrument/voice opportunities)

- Bach to Rock 321-224-7625 <https://www.bachtorock.com/lakemary/>
- Lochwood Academy 321-355-3757 <https://www.lochwoodacademy.com/>
- Mindful Music Center 689-688-5786 <https://mindfulmusicsanford.com/>
- Music and Arts Center 407-321-4750 <https://stores.musicarts.com/fl/sanford/music-store-5507.html>
- Studio 88 407-687-0735 <https://fun4seminolekids.com/Programs-Classes/Music/Studio-88-Music-Academy/View-details>
- The Suzuki Music Institute 407-628-5214 <https://suzukimusicinstitute.org/>

**Piano**

- Julie Mascia 407-302-3190
- Monica Wilkinson 386-837-8022
- Lindsey Cash 407-687-5774
- Robin Mackler 407-328-7718
- Craig Wilson 407-486-1168
- Lorrifay Woodall 407-324-4081

**Flute**

- Grace Petree 407-323-3639

**Strings/Violin/Guitar**

- Lou's Guitar Studio (banjo, bass and piano) 407-334-2926
- Lake Mary Montessori 407-330-3781
- Janice Phillips 407-333-4913
- Amanda McFadzen 407-683-2876
- Lisa Moore 407-788-3791
- Andrea Williams 407-331-7506

**Voice**

- Bill Doherty Studios 407-523-4707
- Julie Mascia 407-302-3190
- Melanie Galiardo 407-951-4100
- Jenny Cate Hodil 407-496-2265

**Theaters** with Student Acting Opportunities:

- Drama Kids International [https://dramakids.com/lake-mary-sanford-longwood-winter-park-springs-fl/?avia\\_forced\\_reroute=1](https://dramakids.com/lake-mary-sanford-longwood-winter-park-springs-fl/?avia_forced_reroute=1)
- Next Generation Kids <http://www.nextgenkids.com/index.php>
- Theater West

## ESOL NEWS

Unbelievable but it is October! The students are enjoying their classes and learning by leaps and bounds. We are all excited about learning to speak, read and write in English. We are focused on the increasing the student's ability to understand, speak, read and write in English. Please encourage your child to tell you about the many ways they are learning this year. Students have homework everyday so they can practice at home what they learned here in school. Please help to remind them to read for 30 minutes and then tell you all about what they read. When the whole family works together, learning can be so much fun. During our ESOL night in September we handed out math flash cards for the students to use at home. Remember to dedicate 10-15 minutes every night practicing the math facts. Have fun reading and learning together! We are looking forward to seeing you at our ESOL Night November 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00.

## PTA NEWS

We're excited to announce that we will have a pop-up school store on the morning of Wednesday, October 5 from 8:00am until 8:25am. This will be the first time the school store has opened since the Pandemic began! With prices for things beginning at 25¢ and going up, your student can buy a school shirt (\$5 for shirts left over from previous years; \$10 for this year's black Need for Speed t-shirt), a PTA membership for you or a loved one, a fancy pencil, candy, etc.... Have your student stop by before the bell rings at 8:30 to check it out! Tasty Treat & N.U.T. (No Uniform Today) will happen on the same day. You can send in \$1 with your child to buy a treat.

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 participating in our fundraisers. We are only as strong as your involvement allows us to be! We look forward to connecting with you through email: [familias@wicklowpta.com](mailto:familias@wicklowpta.com), on Instagram: [wicklow\\_elementary\\_pta](https://www.instagram.com/wicklow_elementary_pta) or on Facebook: Wicklow Elementary PTA.

## Did you know?

School success starts with attendance.

Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Did you know that half the students who miss 2-4 days in the beginning of school go on to miss nearly a month of school? If assistance is needed with school attendance, please contact Wicklow and ask for the Certified School Counselor Ms. Jones or School Social Worker Ms. Arrington. #everydaycounts

# Student of the Unit

## Kindergarten

Ms. Irlandi- **Caring:** Nancy Lopez Ramirez **Principled:** Amari Amos **Communicator:** Sofia Weaver  
Mr. Freeman- **Caring:** Josiah Pearson **Principled:** Caleb Langford **Communicator:** Xavier Aries  
Ms. Camacho- **Caring:** Rylee Chapple **Principled:** Eliana Sanchez Smith **Communicator:** Melanie Galindo Bautista  
Mrs. Thompson- **Caring:** Kenzington Camarillo McConnal **Principled:** Evelyn Perez Garcia **Communicator:** Victoria Trench  
Mrs. Farmer- **Caring:** Logan Matusek **Principled:** Sebastian Martinez **Communicator:** Nadiya McClean  
Ms. Morris- **Caring:** Elizabeth Herberger **Principled:** Yamil Rivera **Communicator:** Desmen Bouie

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

Mrs. Pruneddu- **Principled:** Cataleya Ramos **Caring:** Menaal Yousafzai **Reflective:** Paula Negron **Risk Taker:** Ervin Galindo Bautista  
Ms. Rodriguez- **Principled:** Mateo Lambis **Caring:** Carter Gibson **Reflective:** Amaris Betancourt **Risk Taker:** Carolina Blanco-Anare  
Ms. Shaw- **Principled:** Brittany Vasquez **Caring:** Vanessa Preciado **Reflective:** Thiago Penaranda **Risk Taker:** Saydie Petitto  
Ms. Hughes- **Principled:** Darian Goins **Caring:** Lanell Brown **Reflective:** Damoni Campbell **Risk Taker:** Yadiel Cartagena  
Mrs. Gurganus- **Principled:** Jouri Hennawy **Caring:** Jennifer Neu **Reflective:** Jesus Perez **Risk Taker:** Ja'Dayah Graham  
Mrs. Sheffield- **Principled:** Cora Rodriguez **Caring:** Ja'Liyah Conyers **Reflective:** Emma Reynolds **Risk Taker:** Jaiceon Bradley  
Ms. Gandy- **Principled:** McKenzie Nutaitis **Caring:** Brandon Gaines **Reflective:** Rylee Gordon **Risk Taker:** Rory Gaines

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

Mrs. Ulliana-**Balanced:** Axel Soto **Caring:** Ariana Rivera **Principled:** Mariel Makupson  
Ms. Yankelevitz- **Balanced:** Neithan Silverio **Caring:** Makaylei Rosas **Principled:** Olister Tomas Ambrocio  
Ms. Lopez-**Balanced:** Noah Valle **Caring:** Jaida Amos **Principled:** Giselle Arria  
Mrs. Benjamin-**Balanced:** Jalen Kelley **Caring:** Delylah Chavez **Principled:** Noah Cruz  
Ms. Simons-**Balanced:** Bailey Wheeler **Caring:** Adrian Caraballo **Principled:** Elena Lopez  
Mrs. Rawls-**Balanced:** Audreyonna Simmons **Caring:** Andrea Tobar **Principled:** Sacario Perez

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

Mr. Bush-**Knowledgeable:** London Jordan **Open Minded:** Valentina Gonzalez Ayala **Risk-Taker:** Juan Catellano Murillo **Communicator:** Taleen Hennawy  
Mrs. Cieslak – **Knowledgeable:** Colton Carter Walker **Open Minded:** Kira Proctor **Risk-Taker:** Myla Edwards **Communicator:** Daniel Rivera Hernandez  
Mrs. Cohen – **Knowledgeable:** Patria Garcia Torres **Open Minded:** Aiden Mallari **Risk-Taker:** Netta Garbarczyk **Communicator:** Victoria Pintero  
Mrs. Hardy- **Knowledgeable:** Junielys Torres **Open Minded:** Khloe Allred **Risk-Taker:** Erianna Willmore Alvarez **Communicator:** Amelia Boyce  
Ms. Keikes – **Knowledgeable:** Jayleen Amaro **Open Minded:** Arezu Rahimi **Risk-Taker:** Julius Butler **Communicator:** Abigail Anaya  
Mrs. McKinney- **Knowledgeable:** Liam Knudsen **Open Minded:** Hulver Perez Lopez **Risk-Taker:** Guilfido Ventura Garcia **Communicator:** Amarah Campbell  
Ms. Ulmer- **Knowledgeable:** Amanda Vazquez Perdomo **Open Minded:** Justyce Smith **Risk-Taker:** Jayceon Chance **Communicator:** Johannys Diaz Sanchez

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

Mrs. Sharbaugh-**Balanced:** Walker Nusbaum **Principled:** Mariana Garcia **Knowledgeable:** Miles Hoeksema  
Mrs. Gonzalez- **Balanced:** Joziah Brooks **Principled:** Kyle Morales **Knowledgeable:** Uriel Olea  
Ms. Chaplin- **Balanced:** Lerry Lopez **Principled:** Jaslene Vasquez **Knowledgeable:** Evelyn Rodriguez  
Mrs. Wildes- **Balanced:** Grace Dennis **Principled:** London Baker **Knowledgeable:** Kendall McConnel  
Mrs. Glass- **Balanced:** Hudson Koplos-Herdeman **Principled:** Yeimi Vazquez Gonzalez **Knowledgeable:** Kaminari Williams

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

Mrs. Clark- **Balanced:** Taylor Marsh **Principled:** Maddox Culbreth **Reflective:** Isaiah Abrams  
Ms. Halpin- **Balanced:** Violet Hernandez **Principled:** Quinton Avery **Reflective:** Jiya HARRIPERSAD  
Ms. Klucar- **Balanced:** Javin Brooks **Principled:** Lucas Hall **Reflective:** Demetrius Christian  
Ms. Cardona- **Balanced:** Sophia Rodriguez **Principled:** Aaliyah Johnson **Reflective:** Lilly Garcia  
Ms. Guzman- **Balanced:** Adelina Vasquez **Principled:** Roiner Vasquez **Reflective:** Noam Colon