

**Wicklows Elementary Magnet School
for Global Pathways**



The Explorer



Upcoming Events:

- **Math Support** with Mr. Wadley!
Every morning from 8:00-8:35
a.m. in room 148.
- **Thursday, Sept 10th PTA**
Virtual Town Hall Meeting
6:00 p.m. (English)
- **Thursday, Sept 17th PTA**
Virtual Town Hall Meeting
6:00 p.m. (Spanish)
- **Friday, Sept 30th – Service Friday**
Crazy Hair Day & Card Making
- **Wednesday, Oct. 7th – N.U.T. Day**
(No Uniform Today)



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Principal's Message

The month of August has flown by! I am very proud of our caring teachers and staff as we have had a very safe start! I could not be more proud! The hard work and dedication from our amazing Wicklows Explorers continue to impress me.

Our principled scholars are settling into their school routines and continue to strive for academic excellence daily. We continue to expand our differentiated instructional practices in order to meet each students' needs on our campus and at home for virtual learners. 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.

I am proud our scholars are coming to school in their uniforms ready to learn. Parents remember, if your child is a Seminole Connect student, he or she must wear his or her uniform as well. We want all of our students to take their education very seriously whether they are at school or learning from home. 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 each day. They should be able to articulate to you what they are working on 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. As you know, demonstrating an interest in a child's learning is one of the top predictors of student learning.

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

Kindergarten

We have been very busy in Kindergarten these past few weeks at school. We have spent a great deal of time learning with new friends our Kindergarten procedures, how to be safe while at school, and where to find things in our virtual classrooms. Your scholar has learned classroom rules, school rules, how to be a good friend, and how to be a hard worker. Please continue to discuss these rules with your child so they can make the most of their wonderful year ahead! We have already jumped into learning how to read and write, counting numbers 1-5, and all about our 5 senses.

We have just started exploring our unit theme of "Who We Are". Be sure to talk with your scholars each night to see what new and exciting things they have learned in all our subjects!

Please review and practice Sight Words with your students 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 scholar for about 15-20 minutes a night.

Lastly, please remember to check for any notes or paperwork in their blue folder every day. Thank you again for all your support during your child's Kindergarten year! We have already started this year off running and we are so excited to see your child grow in their learning!

1st Grade

We have been so proud of our first graders. They have been working so hard at learning how to participate in class online, and in school with these new procedures. This is not an easy task for young children.

As we continue to adjust, there are things you can do at home to reinforce reading and math skills at home. Read a book with your child for 20 minutes a day, have your child practice reading and writing sight words, and create math flash cards at home to practice addition facts.

If your child is learning through Seminole Connect, they might continue to need more help these first few weeks of school. The more they complete the assignments the easier it will get. After school it might help to play around with Google Classroom with your child. Practice opening assignments with your child. Show your child how to navigate to different tabs at the top of the page. Make sure your child knows how to find: Google Classroom, i-Ready, AR, and EPIC.

Please reach out to your child's teacher for any questions. We know this is not an easy and we are here to help in any way we can.



2nd Grade

We are excited to discover what the 2020-2021 school year has instore for us.

Our first unit will be "**Who We Are**," systems and symbols help us connect to and to understand our world. We will be looking closer at the role of systems to maintain personal, physical, mental, social health, how systems and structure help us define and interact with our world, and how symbols help us understand our world.

In Science, we be exploring the different systems in the human body (ex. Circulatory system). In Social Studies, symbols are all around us, symbols represent many different businesses, countries, and people. What are some the symbols that represent the United States of America? In Math, we will examine what it takes to be an odd or even digit/number, 1-2 digit addition/subtraction, and place value of numbers/digits. Reading strategies that will be focused on are: ask and answer such questions, demonstrate understanding of key details in a text, identify the main topic of a multi-paragraph texts, determine the meaning of words, and write narratives in which they recount a well-elaborated event.

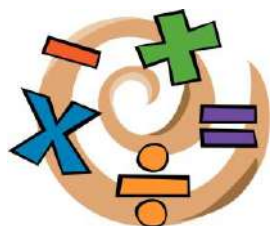
Please remember any homework sent home is not being returned to school at this time, however, please make sure it is being practice.

3rd Grade

Welcome back to our new third graders and their families. We started by diving deep into our third grade IB curriculum. Our first unit is How We Organize Ourselves. In reading and social studies, we are focusing on different types of structure including parts of poetry and the different levels of government. We will be reading informational texts and focusing on the main idea and key details.

In math, we have kicked off our lessons with reviewing regrouping in addition and subtraction and of course, 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 will need to memorize their multiplication facts. Flashcards are a great way to get started with that.

Homework in third grade will include reading every night for 20 minutes, a math worksheet reviewing the skills being taught in class and reviewing spelling and vocabulary words. If you have any questions or concerns, 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

Welcome back fabulous fourth grade parents! We are so happy to all of your children either face to face or online. We know that this year looks different, but please know that providing your children with an amazing education is our number one priority.

We are working on our first Unit of Inquiry, How We Organize Ourselves. Scholars will be focusing on systems, structure, and order. They will be learning about the organization of government in Social Studies. We will also be learning about the importance of structure and order in the world of Science. ELA will be focusing on determining the main idea and supporting ideas of informational text. As well as interpreting text features and explaining events in scientific or historical texts. Scholars will also be focusing on the beginning steps for text-based writing. Science and Social Studies are integrated into our Reading and Math blocks.

In math, our mathematicians will be learning about place value. They will be adding and subtracting numbers into the hundred thousands place and begin to learn strategies for multiplication.

Please make sure that your scholar is reading every night and working on becoming fluent with their multiplication facts!



5th Grade

Our IB Primary Years Program continues to grow and expand our scholar's world view. The Learner Profile for August is Caring and for September Communicator. These two profiles are certainly well placed for this brave new school year we have begun! Although it looks and perhaps feels different than prior years our fifth-grade scholars are off to a great start!

We will begin reading/math interventions/enrichment for our scholars in mid-September. It is important that all our scholars are supported and advanced as necessary to be proficient scholars. Please continue to encourage your scholars to read for at least 30 minutes EVERY night.

Look in your child's binder, planner or Google classroom for important announcements and useful information. These are all wonderful tools to help keep you informed of what they are doing daily in school.

Please encourage your child to keep their resources in a binder or folder to help with organization and success during the school year. Also, encourage them bring it home and to school each day or share the online classroom announcements with you daily.

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



Art

Rules, procedures & fun drawing tips are the focus for this month. As the year progresses, we will get to paint, work with clay & more. **Ask your scholar to show you how to draw an easy-peasy- lemon-squeeze crayon or castle.**

Music

Even though things are different this year, the show must go on! We will be learning about musical instruments, famous musicians and singing our hearts out. **Ask your scholar about the songs they are enjoying in music.**

P.E.

Welcome back to school scholars. I pray you are all well. This year in PE we will be focusing on safety! Please understand and do the following! **On PE days wear close toed shoes, we will be outside most days and running and playing sports or team building activities.** Come with a great attitude and ready to learn some new activities.

Science

Cool experiments, fun facts & data notebooks are part of this year's success on science. Preparing 3rd, 4th, & 5th for FSA science is also a part of the curriculum. **Ask your scholars about some fun science facts they have learned.**

Cultural Exploration

Working with grades KG, 1st, & 2nd

We will be going on a different adventure every month to a new country. Ask you scholar where they have been this month!

STEM

Working with grade 3rd, 4th & 5th

Science experiments, hands-on activities and more are all happening in STEM. Gearing our scholars up for FSA and cool activities they can try at home. Ask your scholars what experiment they may be able to show you using household items.

PTA

Welcome Back Wicklow Families!!!

Even with everything going on we are thrilled your back to join us on campus or online. PTA is working tirelessly to accommodate our new normal. Please support us this year by becoming a PTA member, purchasing school spirit wear, & joining us during events!

Check out our new & improved website for up to date information, school store shopping, and other useful tips: <https://sites.google.com/wicklowpta.com/home>

Wicklow Town Hall

Do you have questions for Mrs. Herndon and Administrators on the new school year, procedures, how to further get involved to help out at Wicklow? Then please join us for a Wicklow Town Hall scheduled for

- Thursday, September 10th at 6:30pm in **English**
- Thursday, September 17th at 6:30pm in **Spanish**

If you have a question you would like to submit please email it to info@wicklowpta.com by Tuesday, September 8th or fill out the form on our website: <https://sites.google.com/wicklowpta.com/home>

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 during NUT Day (No Uniform Today), PTA will be selling: Takis, White Cheddar Popcorn, or Fruity by the Foot.

You can purchase your pass **to \$8 for PTA Members and \$10 for non-PTA Members.** Please visit our website to purchase your pass or email us and we can send the form home with your child.

A treat can be purchased on the day of for \$1 but the options will be limited to White Cheddar Popcorn or until we run out of the Takis or Fruit by the Foot.

Volunteers

To help support the school and scholars, we can use your help by being a volunteer. We have many opportunities to assist from a few hours as fits your schedule to weekly items. Email info@wicklowpta.com for a Board Member to discuss with you.

Upcoming Events

September

2nd – PTA Tasty Treat Day and NUT Day

10th @6:30pm – Town Hall in English

17th @ 6:30pm – Town Hall in Spanish

October

7th - PTA Tasty Treat Day and NUT Day

TBA – Drive, Read & Treat (more information to come)

ESOL NEWS

Welcome to all of our ESOL scholars! This year we will embark on an adventure like no other. The plan is to have fun as we learn and share with each other while social distancing. Remember to wear your uniform whether at home learning or here at Wicklow. We would like for each of our students to challenge themselves to meet their goals and go beyond in their learning.

COVID – 19 Info

- Please remember that any food items to celebrate birthdays or other special moments must be pre-rapped (no baked goods or open container items) and no balloons.
- Remember to wear your mask everyday to help stop the spread of COVID-19.
- Remember to wash or hands and use hand sanitizer as much as possible throughout the school day.

For more information or questions regarding COVID-19 procedures at Wicklow, please contact Mr. Archie @ 407 – 320 - 1201



ESE News

The ESE team would like to welcome Debra Finigan to our team. We are looking forward to an exciting new school year!

Below is our contact information. Please feel free to contact us with any issues or concerns.

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Title 1 Update

**Empowered Parents:
Back to School Survival Guide**

VIRTUAL

Open to Title I Families

When: September 9 @ 6:00 pm
Please RSVP to pendervz@scps.us

*RSVP to receive the virtual link to this exciting event!