



HIGH SPRINGS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Hawk Happenings – May/June 2017

Principal: Lynn McNeill ♦ Assistant Principals: Emery Bishop & Heather Harbour



Important Dates

- F. May 5 Progress reports go home
- F. May 5 1st Grade End of Year Program 8:15 am
- S. May 6 Ag Fundraiser: Car Wash @ Jim Douglas
- May 8-9 Grades 4 & 8 Math FSA
- M. May 8 McDonald's Night 5:30-7:30 pm
- May 10-11 Grade 8 Algebra I EOC
- W. May 10 Kindergarten Round Up 2 pm
- W. May 10 National School Nurse's Day
- W. May 10 Robotics Club meeting 12:30 pm
- W. May 10 FCA Meeting 1 pm
- Th. May 11 Grade 5 Catapult Finale
- F. May 12 Grade 5 Fun Day at Citizen's Field
- F. May 12 Last day for elem. library check out
- F. May 12 Special Olympics @ HSCS
- May 12-13 Ag Chapter Retreat @ Camp Kulaqua
- M. May 15 Spring Concert-HSCS Band & EDEP 7pm
- T. May 16 Grade 4 to Priest Theater
- T. May 16 Grade 7 Civics EOC
- T. May 16 FFA Banquet 6:30 pm
- W. May 17 Robotics Club meeting 12:30 pm
- W. May 17 Jr. Beta Club meeting 12:45 pm
- Th. May 18 Grade 3 to LegoLand
- Th. May 18 Head Start End of Year Program
- F. May 19 All elem. library books due
- F. May 19 Grade 5 Egg Drop Contest
- S. May 21 HSCS Band @ Music in the Park
- S. May 21 HSCS Ag Program Publix Fundraiser
- M. May 22 Kickoff to K-4 Summer Reading
- T. May 23 PTSA Smoke Fried Fundraiser
- W. May 24 2017 Chess Tournament
- W. May 24 Green Club meeting 12:45 pm
- Th. May 25 Grade 5 to Camp Kulaqua
- Th. May 25 Grade K End of Year Program 8:15 am
- Th. May 25 Sports Banquet 6:00 pm
- F. May 26 K-5 Water Day
- M. May 29 No School – Memorial Day
- T. May 30 Jr. Beta Club to Universal Studios
- W. May 31 Grade 3 to Skateland
- Th. June 1 Grade 8 to Wild Adventures
- Th. June 1 Grade 5 Bridging Ceremony
- F. June 2 Last Day for Students
- F. June 2 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony
- S. June 2 Safety Patrols leave for Washington D.C.

Kindergarten Round Up

Is there a younger child in your family who turns 5 on or before September 1? Do you know of another family in the High Springs area with a five-year old? If so, please mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 10th at 2:00 pm! We will have our annual Kindergarten Round Up in the school cafeteria to register incoming children to begin this fall.

Elementary Media News

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2017 April is School Library Month poster contest. This year the theme is "Because School Libraries Empower Students." The following students had their poster selected and displayed in the elementary media center for the month:

| <u>K</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> |
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| Jeremiah J. | William S. | Gabby B. | Jacob F. | Skyla S. |
| Melody S. | Madison W. | Granger G. | Holly T. | Lauren B. |
| Jadyn P. | Tristan T. | Jaelyn J. | Michael B. | Nevaeh J. |
| Hailee L. | Carissa D. | Sheila Mc. | Rachel B. | Elena G. |
| Opal G. | Henry N. | Damian R. | Serenity D. | Jenna K. |
| Kaen T. | Camille C. | Ashton R. | Kylie Mc. | Carter H. |
| Braelyn H. | Aubree Mc. | Courtney Mc. | Matthew J. | Rory S. |
| Tinsley P. | Jazlyn M. | | Jenelie A. | Nadia S. |
| Connor F. | Zoey J. | | Ilene P. | Sara Mc. |
| Elliot N. | Amelia G. | | Chloe D. | |
| | Colton H. | | | |
| | Rebekah S. | | | |

Seven third and fourth grade students qualified to vote for their favorite SSYRA book. They received certificates and attended the pizza party celebration! In Mrs. Bassett's class, Wayne Boone (7 books), Michael Busto (5 books), and Jack Wheeler (6 books). In Mrs. Mudry's class, Giacomo Burgetto (3 books), Ryan Goss (6 books), Caleb Kietzman (4 books) and Skyla Salom (3 books). Congratulations! The 2017-18 SSYRA book lists will be announced on April 18th.

Librarians from the High Springs Library will come to our school on Monday, May 22nd for our annual kick off to summer reading program. The theme this year is Passport 2017. Students can go to any Alachua County public library to sign up and participate in the program during the summer.

Please continue to send in your Boxtops for Education. We use the money we earn from these to purchase books and other media materials. Thank you!

Green Club

Ms. Taylor would like to thank all of the Green Club members for all of your hard work this year helping to keep our campus clean and green. The students worked hard recycling materials and earning money recycling ink cartridges, which helps keep them out of the landfills! They also helped recycle can tables which amounted to over 190 lbs. to help benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Gainesville. They were so appreciative of the donation that will go to help families with sick children at Shands! You all have been much appreciated this year and I wish you all the luck in the future as you move on to high school. I hope you continue to help keep our world a cleaner place! Our last meeting will be on Wednesday, May 24th.



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Second Grade News

Second grade students will be working on some third grade skills in math in the next few weeks. We will be getting familiar with multiplication facts up to five. Therefore, all second graders should be fluent with their addition and subtraction facts through 20. If your child is still having to count on fingers, please work with them at home to practice these basic facts.

In reading, we are finishing up Unit 6. We will be doing review units and taking the College and Career Readiness reading tests for third grade preparation. Please continue reading with your child each night and asking them questions about what they read.

Flat Stanleys are starting to arrive in the mail and we are all very excited! We are hopeful that all families have mailed their packets so we can look forward to many different “Stanleys” coming to us from all over the US and the world. Thank you for your support and thank you to all of our chaperones who have helped on field trips this year!

Third Grade News

Third grade will go on a field trip on Thursday, May 18th. Students will travel to LegoLand in Winter Haven, FL. All students must arrive to school no later than 6:15 am. We will return at 6:30 pm.

Retired Educators Essay Contest

Many of our fifth grade students were asked to write an essay on a special memory they had with a grandparent. The essays were incredible! Some of them even placed in the contest. We'd like to give special recognition to the students below:

- Ben Beck – FIRST Place
- Cody Watson – THIRD Place

These students will go to the Alachua County Retired Educators meeting at Westside Park and Recreation Center on May 15th where they will read their essays to the audience. They will be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Books A Million gift card. We are so proud of these students!

Positive Behavior Support Updates

Our 4th Reward Day for kindergarten through fifth grade students will be held on Friday, May 26th. The theme will be “Water Day”. Students must have received zero referrals for this nine weeks in order to participate. Permission slips are required and will be sent home soon along with more information. If you would like to volunteer to help with Water Day, please contact Paige Coyle at the school.

PTSA News

The HSCS PTSA would like to send out a HUGE thank you to all of our parents and families for making Teacher Appreciation Week such a huge success! Without all of your contributions and donations, we would not have been able to pull it off. We were able to provide teachers with many special treats throughout the week. Our PTSA truly would not be able to do as much as we do for our teachers, students, and families without all of YOU!

A special thank you to Mr. Matt Thomas for his very generous donation.

Our McDonald's Fundraiser Night and PTSA General “Drop In” Meeting will be held on May 8th from 5:30-7:30 pm at the McDonald's in Alachua. 15% of all sales will be donated to the HSCS PTSA! Stop by and cast your votes for next year's board members and meet your current PTSA as they help behind the counter and at the drive-thru window!

We will also have a Smoke Fried fundraiser all day on May 23rd. 10% of all of the day's sales will be donated to the HSCS PTSA.

We are in need of volunteers to help with these upcoming fundraising events. If you are able to assist, even if for just 30 minutes, please contact Tosha Sweat, PTSA President, at (757) 651-6282 or toshbosh21@gmail.com.

Junior Beta Club News

Junior Beta Club members are invited to go to Universal Studios on Tuesday, May 30th. Permission slips were sent home along with a letter to parents about the field trip. Money and permission slips must be returned by Friday, May 19.

8th Grade News

Eighth grade students have already received permission slips for the end of the year field trip to Wild Adventures. This trip is schedule for Thursday, June 1st. All permission slips and money are due on or before Friday, May 19.

Also, the 8th grade promotion ceremony is scheduled for Friday, June 2nd. Letters and permission slips have gone home and are due back to school by Friday, May 26th.