

# Hickory Tree Elementary Hawk Talk

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I want to begin with a “HAWK-TASTIC SHOUT-OUT” to the staff of HTE! The first week of May is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week and we have **the best in the county** working here at Hickory Tree Elementary! I greatly appreciate their time, dedication, and hard work to make teaching and learning the priority each day! It is an honor to serve as the principal and work alongside staff members that I hold in such high regard. There are special things planned for the staff each day as a token of appreciation. I also encourage you to express your gratitude and appreciation. We collaborate, hold high expectations, and work long hours to achieve high levels of learning for all! To me, there is no greater place to be than HTE!!! I hope you feel the same.

We can almost celebrate the end of testing season!! All students are currently taking their Reading and Math Diagnostic #3 test on i-Ready. Fifth grade will take their paper/pencil FCAT 2.0 Science test Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Then, in the middle of the month, some 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will take a computer based reading SAT-10 since it is a mandatory retention year for students. According to section 1008.25(5), Florida Statutes (F.S.), to be promoted to fourth grade, a third-grade student must score a Level 2 or above on the statewide Florida Standards Assessment – English Language Arts (FSA--ELA). The intent of the statute is to ensure that all students have the necessary reading skills to be successful in grade 4 and beyond, where the rigors of reading in the content areas increase. After the SAT, statewide testing is complete...hooray!!

May is a busy month as the end of school draws near. Please check the dates on the calendars and student agendas for communication from teachers. We have a lot to celebrate! Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30. If you have a child you that turns 5 by September 1<sup>st</sup>, please come to HTE that night to enroll him/her. Spirit Week will occur the week of Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Students are invited and encouraged to participate in our HAWK days. They are:

- Monday: Hat Day
- Tuesday: Athletic Day
- Wednesday: Wacky Sock Day
- Thursday: Kooky Hair Day (no dyes)
- Friday: Spirit Class Shirt Day (Field Day)

In order to participate in field day on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> all student accounts must be cleared. This applies to the cafeteria and the media center. As a school, we'll also celebrate our year with our last spirit night at Gator's Dockside on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00. Please join us! We'll honor and celebrate our departing 5<sup>th</sup> grade students with a breakfast on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> for them. Parents are invited to their Sweet Farewell in the cafeteria on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:15. Please look for information sent home from your child's teacher. I look forward to seeing you participating in May's activities!

Effective Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> the car rider arrival and dismissal traffic pattern will change. All cars will enter and exit at Hickory Tree Community Park, using a single lane of traffic. Once at the gates near the covered area, students must exit and enter their vehicles from the passenger side for safety. Thank you for your flexibility!! Our kitchen is being renovated and our current traffic pattern interferes with construction.

Report cards will be available for pick up in the front office at Hickory Tree on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your report card mailed home please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope in with your child prior to the last day of school. FSA score reports will be mailed with 3-5 students as well so it is recommended that a manila envelope with two stamps be turned in. K-2 students will be fine with a white envelope and one stamp. K-4 grade level supply lists will be available in the front office after the last day of school and throughout the summer. They'll also be posted on the school's website ([htes.osceolaschools.net](http://htes.osceolaschools.net)). At Meet Your Teacher, your child's teacher may request additional items, but the bulk of them will be on the grade level list.

The students of HTE have read over 15,000 MyOn books so the Wheel of Doom was spun. On Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> students joined me in the courtyard to watch Ms. Laughrey and I Whip and Nae. First, selected students gave us a tutorial. Then all students danced. It was fun!! I've challenged the students to read 18,000 MyOn books to spin the wheel one more time. I really want it to land on getting cake smashed in my face. After eating crickets this year, I think I deserve some cake!!

I want to thank you for a “HAWK-RIFFIC” school year! I appreciate the partnership that we have built as we work together to have your child love learning!! It's “HAWK-CREBILE” to work with a community that is engaged and supportive of their child's education.

You will be missed this summer! There will be June and July messages from me on our website so please check it throughout the summer for updates. You are wished a relaxing and fun summer, which includes reading and learning!!

HAWKS SOAR...high levels of learning!

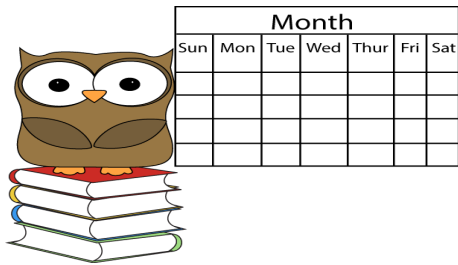
Karen Vislocky, Ed.D  
Principal

# HICKORY TREE ELEMENTARY

## Mark Your Calendar!

- May 4 Kindergarten Round-Up  
Register incoming  
Kindgarteners  
5:30 - 7:30 pm
- May 5 College Day
- May 14 Mother's Day
- May 16 Spirit night @  
Gator's Dockside 5-8 pm
- May 16 SAC/PAC meeting 4-6 pm
- May 19 Field Day
- May 29 Memorial Day
- May 30 Last day of school

Enjoy your summer!



## MAR K YOUR CALENDAR

NO EARLY RELEASE  
WEDNESDAY

May 3

If you have any questions,  
please feel free to give us a call.

## SPIRIT WEEK May 15th - 19th

Monday: Hat Day

Tuesday: Athletic Day

Wednesday: Wacky Socks Day

Thursday: Kooky Hair Day (NO HAIR DYES)

Friday: Spirit Class Shirt Day (Field Day)



SPIRIT NIGHT  
Tuesday, May 16  
5-8 pm

Raise money for Hickory Tree Elementary  
School by inviting your friends, family &  
co-workers to Gator's Dockside to enjoy  
a great dinner!

## Out of Field

The following teachers are out of field and currently  
working on certification in the following areas:

Ms. Hupe	ESOL	Ms. Bourque	ESOL
Ms. Greer	ESOL	Ms. Estep	ESOL

## **Note from our Guidance Counselor:**

April's character trait is **HONESTY!** Books that can be used to promote our monthly character trait are:

### **K-2**

- \* Franklin Finders Keepers, by Paulette Bourgeois
- \* Arthur's Computer Disaster, by Marc Brown
- \* To Tell Truth, by Patti Farmer
- \* The Honest to Goodness Truth, by Patricia C. McKissack
- \* Liar, Liar Pants on Fire, by Diane DeGroat

### **3-5**

- \* Honest Abe, by Edith Kunhardt
- \* Summer Wheels, by Eve Bunting
- \* Ricky Sticky Fingers, by Julia Cook
- \* But it's True, by Heather Gemmen
- \* Sam Tells Stories, by Thierry Robberecht

Our last COLLEGE DAY of the year is on Friday, May 5th. Remember to wear your favorite College or University T-Shirt in celebration!

April 18th will be our last THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY of the year. We will be promoting the Growth Mindset and encouraging students to learn from their mistakes and to never give up by showing an encouraging video on the morning announcements. Students will also have the opportunity to record something that they have accomplished this year as well as set a goal to work toward next year as they continue to learn and grow!

4TH GRADE GUIDANCE LESSONS will be presented in May. These lessons will promote kindness and acceptance.

As the year comes to an end, I want to wish you all a safe and relaxing summer!

Jessica Stake

Guidance Counselor

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Ravin Hair  
Winn Dixie  
Education Station  
Wild Florida  
VALIC Financial  
Dragon Fly Financial  
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