

TIGER TIMES



ALACHUA
eSchool
NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER GREETINGS!

Hello Tigers! It's hard to believe we're nearing the end of 2022! In this edition of *Tiger Times*, we invite you to read about many helpful resources and exciting upcoming events. Stay warm, Tigers! ☀️



WORKING OVER SCHOOL BREAKS

Alachua eSchool will be closed December 19th - January 2nd. We hope you will enjoy this time with your family! If you would like to work over the break to catch up on assignments or get ahead, you are welcome to do so. Please keep in mind that our teachers will also be on break and may not be available to respond to emails or grade assignments until school resumes.



What is it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum?

A meltdown!

What do you call a snowman party?

A snowball!

How does a snowman travel?

He rides an icicle!

What do you call a snowman in July?

A puddle!



Dear Tigers,

I am so grateful to staff, students, and families for being so welcoming to me as the new principal of Alachua eSchool. We are such a beautiful school community and the possibilities for our students are truly endless. It is a fantastic feeling to partner with you to provide your student the best educational experience.

Below is a poem about gratitude. I hope you enjoyed Thanksgiving Break with your children, and that you will have a peaceful and safe winter break, as well. Go Tigers!

Most Sincerely,
Jesely Alvarez, Principal

Gratitude

by Edgar Albert Guest

Be grateful for the kindly friends that walk along your way,
Be grateful for the skies of blue that smile from day to day,
Be grateful for the health you own, the work you find to do,
For round about you there are men less fortunate than you.

Be grateful for the growing trees, the roses soon to bloom,
The tenderness of kindly hearts that shared your days of gloom,
Be grateful for the morning dew, the grass beneath your feet,
The soft caresses of your babes and all their laughter sweet.

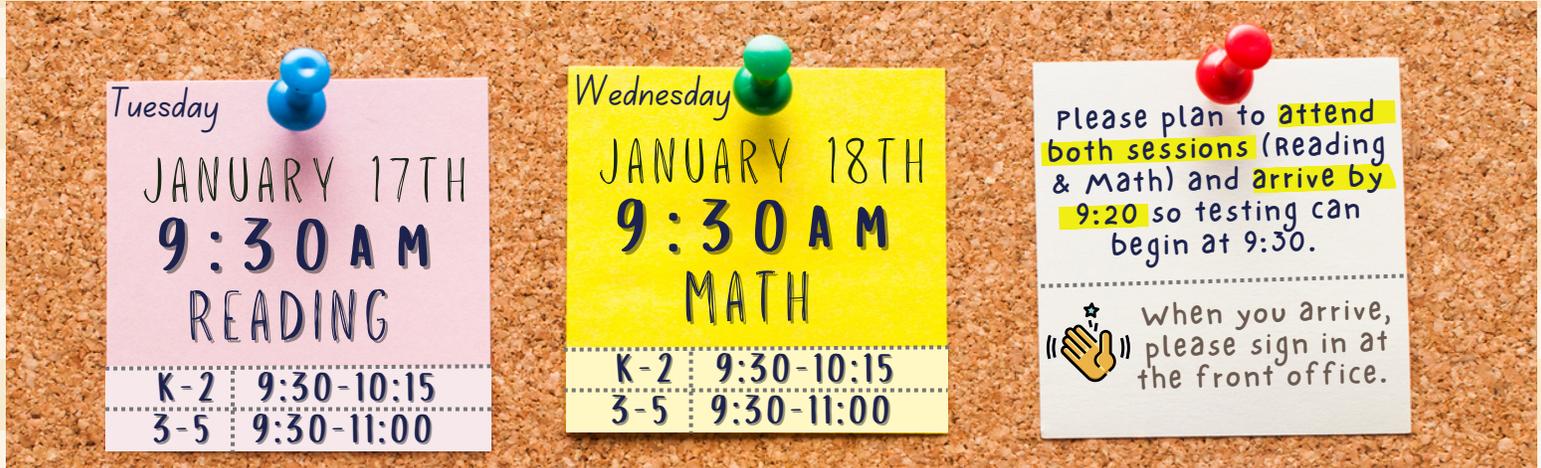
Acquire the grateful habit, learn to see how blessed you are,
How much there is to gladden life, how little life to mar!
And what if rain shall fall to-day and you with grief are sad,
Be grateful that you can recall the joys that you have had.



Hey tigers!

We can't wait to see you on the eSchool campus for PM2!

 2802 NE 8TH AVE, GAINESVILLE, FL 32641



Tuesday		Wednesday		Please plan to attend both sessions (Reading & Math) and arrive by 9:20 so testing can begin at 9:30.
JANUARY 17TH		JANUARY 18TH		
9:30 AM		9:30 AM		When you arrive,  please sign in at the front office.
READING		MATH		
K-2	9:30-10:15	K-2	9:30-10:15	
3-5	9:30-11:00	3-5	9:30-11:00	

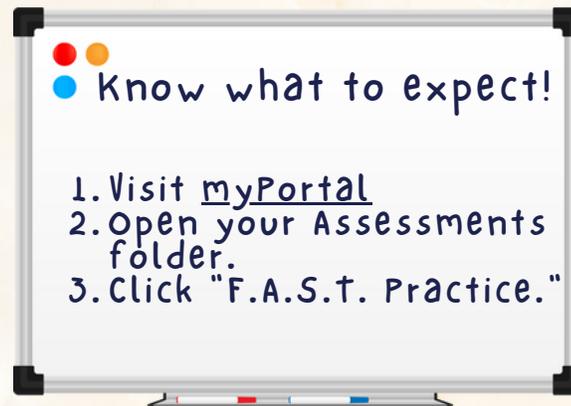
*All students are asked to test in-person for PM2 in preparation for PM3, which does not have a remote option.

*Students who have individual testing as an accommodation will schedule their tests separately with Ms. Walton.



K-2 Families - Please plan to stay in the parking lot as your child tests.

3-5 Families - Your test is longer, so you can stay in the parking lot or leave and come back.

- Know what to expect!

1. Visit myPortal
2. Open your Assessments folder.
3. Click "F.A.S.T. Practice."

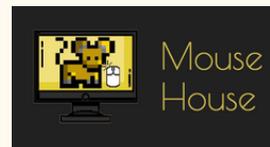
IMPORTANT REMINDER

Students will be using **desktop computers** to complete their tests.

If your child has not had a lot of experience with a **desktop computer** and a **mouse**, we highly recommend checking out some of these resources.



Click the images to go to the websites!



NOTE: If you don't have a desktop computer at home, you can visit the **computer labs at eSchool** or the **library**. (Please call ahead if you are looking for a time to practice at eSchool.)

festive fun



Please join us for our

WINTER PARK DAY!

FRIDAY | DEC. 9 | 10:00-12:00



We are collecting donation items for St. Francis House. If you'd like to help, please click [HERE](#) for the list of items. Thank you!



If you plan to attend, please fill out this [field trip form](#) and return it to your teacher.



Holidays Around the World



Please join us for a **fun** and **educational** celebration!

AT HOME

Prepare a **presentation** or a **traditional family dish** from the country of one of your ancestors. You will be sharing your traditions with your eSchool friends!



Thursday
December 15th



10:00-11:30
Music, World Languages, & Crafts



11:30-12:00
Feast

eSchool Campus
2802 NE 8th Ave.
Gainesville, FL 32641



We will explore the holidays in different countries through **music, world languages, and art**. We will sing, dance, and do fun crafts!



The culmination of our celebration will be a **feast** where we will share our delectable dishes!



Click [here](#) if you plan to attend!



Please bring **2 canned food items** per person in your group for our service project. Thank you!

for your information



Friday, January 27th

Click [HERE](#) to register your family.
The deadline to register is **January 13th**.



*When asked for your
School/Organization:

Alachua eSchool - Parent Name
(Ex: Alachua eSchool - Rebecca Herrera)



After you register, you will see payment
options. You will be paying for and picking
up your tickets on your own this year.

Students: \$3 Parents: \$6



Explore the Faire on **January 27th**
from **9am-4pm** with your family!

Hoggetowne Medieval Faire

9409 SW ARCHER RD

*This is not an official eSchool field trip, but we hope to see you there!

GNV Bridge offers
FREE virtual literacy
tutoring for students
who need extra
support in reading.

One-on-one tutoring
is provided by
volunteers five days
per week, 15 minutes
per day.

Click [HERE](#) to apply!





SNAP & READ

Snap&Read is a fabulous toolkit of purposeful reading tools and accessibility features. Some of its many helpful features include reading text aloud, leveling vocabulary, translating text, removing distractions, and enabling PDF annotation.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about it!

NEW WORLDS READING

Florida public school students who are reading below grade-level are eligible for the New Worlds Reading program. This initiative allows students to build a personalized library at home. Eligible students receive one book per month, and the program also provides practical, supportive materials for parents.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and fill out an application!

ALACHUA COUNTY LIBRARY - KIDS

Have you checked out your local library recently? The Alachua County Library District's KIDS webpage offers a plethora of resources and information for elementary readers!

- Register for a **library card**.
- View **book recommendations** for elementary readers.
- Learn about current and upcoming **events/programs**.
- View links that provide access to **educational sites** for kids.
- Check out at **STEM kit** for a hands-on, exciting science exploration experience!

Click [HERE](#) to see more information on the website!



DECEMBER

December 9th
Winter Park Day
Jonesville Park
10:00-12:00

December 15th
Holidays Around
the World
eSchool Campus
10:00-12:00

**December 19th-
January 2nd**
No School
(Winter Break)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 No School Today	20 No School Today	21 No School Today	22 No School Today	23 No School Today	24
25	26 No School Today	27 No School Today	28 No School Today	29 No School Today	30 No School Today	31

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 No School Today	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 No School Today	14
15	16 No School Today	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

January 2nd

No School

January 3rd

School Resumes

January 11th

End of 1st Semester

*All assignments due by 3pm

January 13th & 16th

No School

(Student Holiday & MLK Day)

January 24th

Report Cards

January 27th

Medieval Faire

**FAST
Testing
PM2**

Tuesday, January 17th
Reading | 9:30 | eSchool

Wednesday, January 18th
Math | 9:30 | eSchool



student spotlight



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