

Hidden Oak News

Principal's Corner

November Greetings, Hidden Oak Family!

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall and looking forward to December. Things are going well at school, despite the circumstances, but I long for the day when we will be back together in person. But we've learned ... whether in person or virtually, the Hidden Oak community is strong.

Just a reminder that Digital Academy will continue through the second nine weeks. We don't know, yet, what will happen after that, but as soon as I know, you will know.

Keep in mind that there will be no school on Veterans Day, Wed., November 11. Also, we will be out of school for the entirety of Thanksgiving week.

Lastly, thank you so much for your diligence and support of our school and district COVID procedures. Everyone is doing such a good job and I couldn't be more proud.

Best,
Mr. Kuhn

New: Partners in Education

We are teaming up with Bambino for the 2020-2021 school year! Every time our families use Bambino, Hidden Oak earns a portion of the fee—\$2 for every booking! Download the app today and enter code: HiddenOaks21

Already use Bambino? E-mail:

partners@bambinositters.com to register.



Thank You!

A huge thank you to Michele Massias at **Alliance Pediatrics** for being our PTA "New Chairs for Teachers" sponsor! We were able to provide 37 new chairs due to this generous donation! Our wonderful teachers thank you so much!

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Upcoming Events

- Drive-in Movie Night.....11/5, 6:30pm
- Teacher Workday, NO SCHOOL.....11/6
- Veterans Day, NO SCHOOL.....11/11
- Skate Station.....11/13, 5:30-7:30pm
- Virtual Bingo Night11/16 , 6-8pm
- SPIRIT DAY.....Every Friday!!
- Gratitude Challenge (see p.2)...All month

School Info

2100 Fort Clarke Boulevard
Gainesville, FL 32606
Phone: 352-333-2801
School Hours: 7:45am – 1:52pm
Early release on Wed. at 12:37pm
PTA Board Contact:
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Feeling Isolated?

Connect Here!

We've heard some feedback from families that with everything going on, many are feeling disconnected from school and friends.

PTA wants to help, so we are creating a Hidden Oak Owls Contact Book. Families can connect with each other by homeroom, grade, name, child interest, or school type (brick and mortar, Digital Academy, eSchool, FLVS, etc.).

This is a completely optional opportunity. Register by Nov. 6 to be included in the contact book. We will compile the information and send it to families in a spreadsheet and/or PDF soon.

Details: <https://forms.gle/Hd1vHr38DVP6XJVZA>

B-Day in Lights!

Want your kid's birthday on the marquee? Head over to Memberhub to submit and pay for it there! Make sure to submit it NO LATER than the Thursday the week *before* their birthday!

<https://hiddenoak.new.memberhub.store/store>

Virtual Bingo: Register Now!

Join us online Nov. 16 from 6pm–8pm.

Register here by Nov. 13: <https://forms.gle/KautnAXwPgSYvmiy8>

Scan the QR code to join PTA.



Wellness Challenge #1: Gratitude

Each day this month, sit with each other and write down three things that went well and why. This is known as the “What-Went-Well” or “Three Good Things” exercise.

Make it a game! Talk to your classmates. See if your class or your grade can get more participation than the others.



This is the first of four well-being challenges each month through February. We will share the results at the end of each month and then the overall participation across all four challenges.

Record your participation here:

<https://forms.gle/HG975sMcEro9p4t56>

According to Robert Emmons, “People are 25 percent happier if they keep gratitude journals, sleep one-half hour more per evening, and exercise 33 percent more each week compared to persons who are not keeping these journals.”

Take small steps with your family for happiness and wellness each day!

Watch the worlds leading well-being researcher explain the challenge here: <https://www.coursera.org/lecture/positive-psychology-visionary-science/try-this-at-home-building-the-skill-of-gratitude-suggested-exercise-what-went-GU2fd>

Pavlik Halloween Candy Buyback



Have extra Halloween candy? Hidden Oak and our troops overseas at the same time!

Drop off your extra candy in the marked box at the front of the school between Monday, Nov. 2, 7am and Wed., Nov. 4, 2pm. H.O. PTA earns \$1 per pound, and all candy goes to the troops to give them a taste of home. Thank you to Pavlik Orthodontics for sponsoring this event!

Thanksgiving Donations Needed

With the holidays quickly approaching, please help provide food for our community.

These donations will bring a Thanksgiving meal to families that have been impacted during this pandemic. Whatever you're able to give, big or small, will make a huge difference. Visit <https://hiddenoak.new.memberhub.store/store> for a one-click, quick and easy donation option.

We are so thankful for your continuing contributions and efforts to support one and another.

Join Us for Owls' Nights Out

- ◆ Friday, November 13, **Skate Station**, 5:30pm–7:30pm

Hidden Oak ONLY Private Event from 5:30-7:30 and free skating lessons from 5:30-6.! Tell them you're with Hidden Oak, and you get skating for \$7 and \$11 for all attractions. We receive back \$2 for every skater and \$4 for every full ticket! Thanks, Skate Station!

- ◆ November 29, David's Real Pit BBQ, 4pm–8pm

Hidden Oak gets 20% back—just let them know you're with our school! Curbside ordering/pick-up is available for social distancing.



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