



ALACHUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Alligator Times – October 2019

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Important Dates

- F. Oct 4 UF Homecoming – NO SCHOOL
- M. Oct 7 3rd grade – Santa Fe College Zoo
- T. Oct 8 3rd grade – Santa Fe College Zoo
- M. Oct 14 End of First Nine Weeks
- Th. Oct 17 Flu Mist Day
- F. Oct 18 Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
- Th. Oct 24 4th grade - Natural History Museum
- Th. Oct 24 Report Cards go home
- F. Oct 25 Fall Picture Day/Alligator Showcase
- W. Oct 30 Fall Book Fair Begins

Citizen of the Month

The **September** Citizen of the Month for Alachua Elementary is **Terri Short** in Mrs. Norris' class.

From Nurse Weeks

The Alachua County Health Department will be administering the flu mist this year. We will have our annual Flu Mist Day at AES on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019. Consent forms have been sent home. All consent forms **MUST** be completed and returned to school whether your child will receive the flu mist or not (check YES or NO on the form.) The flu mist will be administered by Health Department medical personnel.

Please feel free to contact Nurse Revo Weeks with any questions or concerns by calling the school at (386) 462-1841.

“Thank you” to all of our dads and father figures who were able to join us on September 25th for “Dads Take Your Child to School Day!” We appreciate your support!

Box Tops for Education

EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL! NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE. HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store. Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase. You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school. The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online. **Traditional Box Tops are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store and at home. You can still clip and send them to school. Check your cabinets and send any remaining paper Box Tops to school!**

Anti-Bullying Month

October is Anti-Bullying month. Help show your spirit for Anti-Bullying, Unity Day, and Red Ribbon Week:

October 23rd – Unity Day – Everyone wear “Orange”
October 23rd – October 31st – Red Ribbon Week
October 30th – Everyone wear “Red”

Alligator Showcase

Our first Alligator Showcase is scheduled for Friday, October 25 at 1:45 pm. Please join us under the covered PE court to recognize the honorees.

SSYRA Program

The Sunshine State Young Reader Award (SSYRA) book program is underway! Students may choose books from the SSYRA list

(https://www.floridamediaed.org/uploads/6/1/4/2/61420659/3-5_2019-20_ssyra_annotated_list.pdf) to participate in the fun! Students who read at least three SSYRA books and complete a WBA activity for each (see the media website at <https://www.sbac.edu/domain/577> for more info) will be invited to the SSYRA voting party in the Spring. Students will be able to have a doughnut, talk about the SSYRA books, and even vote for their favorite! The SSYRA overall winner, which is chosen by students throughout Florida, is announced in May. Encourage your child(ren) to get in on the fun!

EDEP

EDEP after school has a few spots left for the school year. Hours are Mon-Fri from school dismissal to 5:30pm (when school is in session). Scholarship rates are available to those that qualify. EDEP offers activities like: girls club, sports, crafts, cooking club, gardening, homework help, monthly parties and more! Please call Brooke Gainey at 352-262-7933 for more information.



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Volunteer Registration

All parent volunteers must complete the volunteer application every year. Please go online to <https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MTU30mVuLVVT> and complete the volunteer application to help out in the classroom, attend class parties and chaperone field trips.

Third Grade News

Third Grade will be going on their first field trip to the Santa Fe Zoo and Planetarium. Pirie, Ruopoli, and Rudzitis's classes will attend on Monday, Oct. 7th. Sanders, Ward, and Heissenberg's classes will attend on Tuesday, Oct. 8th. Please make sure students are wearing comfortable walking shoes those days! Every night, students are expected to be practicing math flash cards (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) and reading any book they want for at least 20 minutes!

Fourth Grade News

Fourth grade is currently working on multiplying larger numbers in math. Students should be practicing multiplication facts at home. Knowing their multiplication facts is a big help when multiplying larger numbers! In writing, we have begun our personal narrative unit. The students are writing about memories and experiences from their own lives. Did you know that our 4th graders should be reading a chapter book per week? Ask your child what they are reading! Also, look for information coming home soon about our first field trip to the Florida Museum of Natural History! We will be experiencing "CROCS: Ancient Predators in a Modern World" on Thursday, Oct. 24th.

Fifth Grade News

What a great Florida Gator game the students got to experience this past weekend. The Fifth Grade Team would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Fall! Just a reminder that Camp Crystal permission slips and medical forms will be coming home in the next week or two. We will be going to Camp Crystal Dec. 18th – 20th. We will need 10 female and 10 male chaperones for our three day/two night trip. Also, please keep checking your student agenda for daily work. Remember, reading is an important part of the learning process and achievement in Fifth Grade.

Media and PE News

Media News:

It is October, the perfect time of year to read a spooky book! Please remember to read to and with your child(ren), and encourage them to be reading on their own; there is direct correlation between reading and student achievement! Please remind your child(ren) to be working on Media activities, like the WBA activity (ask your student what it is) and our monthly literacy activities. Not only do these assignments benefit student literacy, but they also allow students to earn points and prizes in the media center! There is more information about both activities on the media center website. During October, the media center will be celebrating Children's Magazine Month, National Arts and Humanities Month, National Dictionary Day, and the Fall Book Fair, which runs from Wed, Oct. 30 to Wed, Nov. 6! Remember, you can always find circulation updates, student literacy activities, and much more at the AES Media Center website (<https://www.sbac.edu/domain/577>).

PE News:

The **Alligator All-Stars** program is to recognize AES students who have excelled in the area of Physical Education and have displayed the **traits of great effort, listening, team work and sportsmanship** during PE class each month.

For the month of **August** the winners are:

5th Grade: Maren Hornsby (Boukari) & Neiman Sanchez-Barrios (Proud)

4th Grade: Haiden Navarro-Escobar (Rudtke) & Kaiden Curtis (Dallaportas)

3rd Grade: Riley Hall (Ruopoli) & Noah Wims (Ward)

Great Job! Keep up the positive attitudes and excellent effort!

Morning Mile is off and running! Bring your sneakers and join friends and Coach Pigott as we get our day started on "**the right foot!**" The Morning Mile is held daily from 7:00-7:30 a.m. each morning on the soccer field. A parent permission form is required to participate. Have your student ask Coach Pigott for a permission form if they would like to participate.

Our current student Morning Mile leaders are:

Kaiden Curtis (Dallaportas): Overall & 4th grade leader with 11-1/2 miles

Caleb Freeman (Norris) & Charlie Halbrook (Cole): 5th grade leaders with 10 miles

Kamarion Young (Ward): 3rd grade leader with 5-1/4 miles

Members of the **5 Mile Club** are:

River Jacobi (Campbell)

Demetrius Johnson (Hamm)

Jayden Kraucak (Young)

Zoe LaBree (Pirie)

Carlos Martinez (Proud)

Brandon Mulberry (Cole)