



ALACHUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Alligator Times – November 2019

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Important Dates

- F. Nov 8 Veteran’s Day Program
- M. Nov 11 Holiday – Veterans Day
- Th. Nov 14 3rd grade – Cade Museum
- F. Nov 15 3rd grade – Cade Museum
- Th. Nov 21 Progress Reports go home
- Th. Nov 21 Literacy Night
- M. Nov 25-29 Thanksgiving Break – No School

Veterans Day Ceremony

Please join us for our annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 8th from 8:30 to 9:30 am in the Alligator Den, followed by a reception in the media center. In order to honor each veteran, we are requesting the name, title, and military branch of each veteran who will be attending, as well as his/her relationship to the student. We are also requesting photographs of your veterans (deceased or living) for a special presentation during the ceremony. Photographs can be e-mailed to Mr. Bramlett at bramleqd@gm.sbac.edu. Please include your child’s name, teacher’s name, as well as the veteran’s name, title, military branch, and his/her relationship to your child. If you submitted a photograph last year and would like for us to include it in this year’s slide show, you need not resubmit your photos. Simply email Mr. Bramlett to let him know you would like to us to reuse your photo(s). These items must be submitted to your child’s teacher or Mr. Bramlett by Wednesday, November 6th.

Title I Literacy Night

This year’s AES Literacy Night will be Thursday, November 21 from 5:30-7:00. Please join us for dinner and a night of fun Literacy Activities for you and your students to participate in!

Citizen of the Month

The **October** Citizen of the Month for Alachua Elementary is **Everett Banner** in Mr. Thomas’ class.

Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to our 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year **Mrs. Kasey Norris!**

Media News

It is November, and the Fall Book Fair is still going! Stop by to purchase a great new book to read with your child(ren) and help the AES Media Center at the same time; ALL book fair profits go toward the purchase of new books for students to enjoy! Letting students choose their own books is a great way to encourage them to read on their own; remember, there is a 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 November, the media center will be celebrating Native American Heritage Month, National Picture Book Month, National Family Literacy Day, National STEM Day, as well as Veteran’s Day and Thanksgiving! Remember, you can always find circulation updates, student literacy activities, and even a slide show at the AES Media Center website (<https://www.sbac.edu/domain/577>).

Student Check-out Policy

Due to students missing important instructional time and students trying to pack up for the end of the day, effective immediately students will not be able to check out after **2:20pm** on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and after **1:15pm** on Wednesday.

Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation.



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Third Grade News

We had an excellent trip to the SFCC Zoo and Planetarium. Our students were well behaved and curious about everything presented. We look forward to another great trip soon:

Cade Museum, Learning Lab, Playground

Nov. 14th: Heissenberg, Ward, Sanders

Nov. 15th: Pirie, Rudzitis, Ruopoli, Evans, Avila

We are well into learning about and exploring multiplication. Please continue to support our students with learning the basic multiplication and division facts in Math. We have been reading many new books. We will continue ELA in literature and nonfiction. We hope your holiday is safe and rewarding this month.

Fourth Grade News

Fourth grade had a great time at the Florida Museum of Natural History on October 24th. We learned about artifacts and how different resources were used by Native Americans in Florida. We also got to see the Croc exhibit with some real, live gators. Thank you to all of the wonderful chaperones who volunteered to help us out on our first field trip. We couldn't have done it without you! In Writing, we are working on informational essays and in ELA we are finishing up comparing and contrasting different points of view in texts. We are now learning and practicing division strategies in Math. Please keep working on helping your child learn their multiplication facts – knowing the facts makes learning the different strategies for multiplying and dividing larger numbers a lot easier.

Fifth Grade News

It is hard to believe we are already through twelve weeks of school! The students have done well settling into the more difficult expectations of fifth grade. Please encourage your child to be on time each day and ready to work hard in order to be successful in fifth grade and well-prepared for middle school.

We go to Camp Crystal Dec. 18-20. The forms have gone home and are to be **returned by Friday, Nov. 15.** We need adult chaperones, both male and female. If you, or someone you know, can attend camp with us, please contact your student's teacher. Happy Thanksgiving from the Fifth Grade!

Music and PE News

Music News:

Third grade students have been learning and reviewing important musical elements, such as dynamics, rhythm, and form. They are beginning to prepare for their Winter Show (Friday, December 13th at 6:30 pm), so look out for more information about their participation soon!

Fourth graders have been delving into mariachi music, as well as performance techniques, rhythm, dynamics, and form. They will be learning a ton about composers and styles soon!

Fifth graders have been learning how to read music notes to prepare them for playing the recorder. We will be ordering more so that students can buy one to practice at home, but if there is already one in the family, they can use that as well. We will be having a competition between each fifth grade class, so purchasing one and practicing often would be a good idea!

Finally, the after school choir has been working hard on their music for the Veterans Day performance on November 8th at 8:30 am. If you or a family member is a veteran, we hope you will come and celebrate this day with us at Alachua Elementary.

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 for the month of September. This month winners are:

5th Grade: **Daisy Clark** (Thomas) & **Jo'Marion Welch** (Boukari)

4th Grade: **Breanna Tobacco** (Campbell) & **Landon Reno** (Rudtke)

3rd Grade: **Addison Miranda** (Ruopoli) & **Michael Dudley** (Heissenberg)

MORNING MILE UPDATE

Due to darkness, there will be no Morning Mile beginning **Monday, October 14th** until after daylight savings time when we resume on **Monday, November 3rd**. The lights on the soccer field do not work and it's too dark to conduct Morning Mile until the time changes or the lights are fixed. Thank you for your understanding.