



HIGH SPRINGS COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Hawk Happenings – October/November 2023

Principal: Lynn McNeill ♦ Assistant Principals: Emery Bishop & Jennifer Spencer

Important Dates in October

- 10/2: HOME Volleyball v. Westwood
- 10/4: HOME Volleyball v. Mebane
Jr. Beta Club Meeting
Chess Club
- 10/6: Holiday-UF Homecoming
- 10/9: Elementary Picture Day
Title I Kindergarten Parent Meeting
ESOL Parent Leadership Council Meeting
AWAY Volleyball v. Bishop
- 10/10: Middle School Picture Day
- 10/11: AWAY Volleyball v. Oak View
Chess Club
- 10/13: End of First Nine Weeks
- 10/16: No School – Student Holiday, Teacher Workday
- 10/18: Unity Day
Green Club Meeting
- 10/19: FFA Field Trip to Sunbelt Ag Expo
Health Screenings, Grades K, 1st, 3rd, and 6th
- 10/23-10/27: Red Ribbon Week
- 10/24: Report Cards Available in Family Access
- 10/25: Chess Club
- 10/26: First Grade Field Trip to Hollow Oaks Corn Maze
- 10/27: First Grade Field Trip to Hollow Oaks Corn Maze
- 10/31: Halloween ***Dress-up details coming home soon**
Flu Mist Day

Middle School Sports

Volleyball season is well underway under the direction of Coach Caballero (boys), Coach Rone (girls) and Assistant Coach Akers (girls). There are several games left in the season! Come out and support the HSCS Hawks!

Basketball season is fast approaching. Be on the lookout for information about tryouts! Any student wanting to tryout needs to have a signed parent permission slip. Physicals and Insurance forms will need to be completed immediately upon notification of making the team. These documents are required once practice begins.

Elementary Media News

Check Out

Kindergarten students are learning about book care and how to tell a picture story in preparation to check out their first library book.

Students will check out their "practice book" the week of October 9th!

When they return the "practice book" they will check out a "real" library book.

The "real" library book will come in the plastic bag that they keep in their backpack for whenever their library book is in it.

Reading is Fundamental (RIF)

Dollar General believes that all children should have books of their own. This is why they give our school money for me to order books to give to our students. We will have three giveaways. Each is scheduled to take place in the media center before a school break. The RIF book will replace check out. In general, we do not check out books over break.

PTSA News

The student membership class competition has been extended until October 6th!

Be on the lookout for October and November Spirit Night dates!

Title I Kindergarten Parent Meeting

The Title 1 Kindergarten Expectations Parent Night will be on October 9th beginning at 5:00 pm in the middle grades media center.

All Kindergarten parents are invited to learn about the curriculum and standards that are covered in Kindergarten along with information on ways they can help promote academic growth at home.



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Suspicious Activity Reporting App





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- 11/1: Jr. Beta Club Meeting
Chess Club
- 11/8: Veteran's Day Performance (see details below)
Chess Club
- 11/10: No School – Veteran's Day
- 11/14: School Advisory Council Meeting 2:30 PM
- 11/15: Green Club Meeting
Chess Club
- 11/16: Make-Up Picture Day
- 11/20-11/24: No School – Thanksgiving Holiday
- 11/28: Interim Reports Available in Family Access
- 11/29: Chess Club

Veteran's Day Performance

Join us on November 8th at 8:30 am in the cafeteria as our 5th grade classes and the Middle School Symphonic Winds host a performance to honor our country's Veterans. Visitors and students can show their patriotism by wearing red, white and blue that day. Please invite family members or friends that are Veterans to join us so that we may honor and recognize them for their service to our country!



Jr. Beta News

"Socktober" Service Project

During the month of October, Jr. Beta will be collecting socks for the needy and homeless in our area. Look for the collection box in the front office hallway!

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Starting November 1st, Jr. Beta will be collecting canned foods and any type of non-perishable items to donate to local families in need. Please drop off items at the front office by November 16th.



FAST Testing

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring tool that will be administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year.

Your student has completed participating in the first (PM1) FAST assessments in Reading and Math. Your student's results from PM1 are for informational purposes only.

You can access your student's scores through Skyward Family Access.

- Once in Skyward Family Access, click District Links in the top right corner.
- Choose FAST Progress Monitoring.
- Scores and a graph for the test your student has taken this year will be displayed.

If you have any further question, please contact your student's teacher at 386 454-1958.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon has been a symbol for drug prevention since 1985. Today, Red Ribbon is a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities.

This year, HSCS will observe Red Ribbon Week from October 23rd to October 27th. We invite the whole school to join us in spreading awareness and continuing to build a safe, and healthy community for our students.

Stay tuned regarding Red Ribbon Week theme days.

Unity Day

October is also Anti-bullying month. In conjunction with Anti-bullying, Unity Day is observed in October. This is the signature event of National Bullying Prevention Month. Unity Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 18th.

Wear orange on October 18th, to show that we are together against bullying, and united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.