



Casper News

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Message from the Principal, Mrs. Browning...

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! Do we know how to contact you? Effective communication between the school and home is a vital component of your child's success. Please ensure we have up-to-date contact information on file in the front office. Student agendas are provided as a convenient method of communication between the parent and teacher. Please review your child's agenda each evening and feel free to express any notes/questions/concerns within the agenda. Parent Portal is a great way to monitor your child's academic progress and attendance status. Please contact the front office for your personalized log-in information. Another method of communication is the Polk County School's telephone notification system, SchoolMessenger, used to convey school related events and emergency situations. Please opt-in to grant us permission to contact you.

Bell Schedule



Breakfast 7:30-8:00 am
First Bell: 7:45 am
Tardy Bell: 8:00 am
Dismissal: 3:00 pm

Café Lunch Times



School lunch for
 parents/family \$3.10

Kindergarten	10:25 AM
1st grade	11:05 AM
2nd grade	11:40 AM
3rd grade	10:30 AM
4th grade	10:55 AM
5th grade	11:22 AM



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, September 1	MVP of the Month (August-Respect)
Monday, September 4	Holiday- Labor Day
Week of September 11	Fall Book Fair
Tuesday, September 12	Interim Reports Go Home Popsicles and Progress Reports
Wednesday, September 13	Early Dismissal @ 12:30 PM PBIS \$1 No Uniform T-Shirt Pass Fundraiser
Thursday, September 14	Back to School Night
Monday, September 18	Staff Development Day (Data Day) Student/Para Holiday
Friday, September 22	Hearing Screenings (K/1st) Reading Buddies
Monday, September 25	Fall Picture Day (uniforms must be worn)
Friday, September 29	MVP of the Month (September-Honesty) PBIS Monthly Grade Level Reward

Early Dismissal Days

This year early dismissal is at 12:30 pm on the following days.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017
 OCTOBER 11, 2017
 NOVEMBER 15, 2017
 JANUARY 24, 2018
 FEBRUARY 7, 2018
 MARCH 14, 2018
 MAY 16, 2018

Please make arrangements for student pick up on these days.



Visitors

All visitors must have photo ID and check in the school office. Thank you for your assistance with the safety of our students!

Uniforms



Just a reminder on school uniforms.

Shirts- School t-shirts, or polo shirts in hunter green, burgundy, navy, and white.

Bottoms - Khaki pants, navy pants, black pants and jeans are acceptable. Jeans can not have rips or tears.

Shorts must be mid-thigh.

Shoes - Must be closed toe and with backs on them. No flip flops or sandals please.

School T-Shirts are available for purchase in the school office. \$7 cash only.

Dear Parents,

Home is where students learn:

- *How to say please, thank you, you're welcome, and I'm sorry.
- *To be honest, to show friends their sympathy, and to show respect for their elders and teachers.
- *About personal hygiene and how to clean up after themselves.
- *To be on time, to be organized, to take care of their belongings, and that it's not okay to touch others.

School is where students learn language, reading, math, science, social studies, art, music, and physical education; however, we also reinforce the social skills and education children receive at home from their parents and guardians.

No Check out after 2:15 pm
Transportation Changes must be made BEFORE 2:00 p.m.

or
written in the agenda.
Please, No student pick up in the office during dismissal times.

BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION



Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to help earn cash for our school. Each Box Tops for Education coupon is worth 10¢ for our school! You can find the pink Box Tops coupons on many of your favorite products at home. All you have to do is clip them and send them to school. As you clip them out, please make sure that the expiration date can be seen and the Box Top coupon has not expired. You can then send them to your child's teacher in a plastic bag or envelope. Box Top coupons will be collected throughout the entire school year, so please feel free to send them in at anytime and as often as you like. Thank you for helping our school!

Goodies in the Classroom!



Just a friendly reminder to parents; If you plan to bring goodies for your child and their classmates in the classroom, the items must be purchased from a commercial source such as a bakery or grocery store. The items can not be baked or made from home. Due to allergy and medical restrictions, the teacher must be contacted prior to providing treats for the class. Thank you!

Thank you!

Thank you to the following for donating time and resources to Spook Hill:

-**Holy Spirit's Council of Catholic Women** who donated school supplies, items for our clothes closet, and organized our school shirt sales.

-**Ladies Auxiliary & Sons of American Legion Unit 71 Lake Wales** who donated school and classroom supplies.

-**AmeriGas of Lake Wales** who donated backpacks full of school supplies for our 5th grade students!

MVP of the Month



Each month students will be learning about a Key to Character. One student from each class will be selected as an MVP based on the monthly Key to Character. At the end of the month each class MVP will be allowed to wear a sport shirt, eat on stage, and receive a certificate. For the month of August the Key to Character is Respect. This topic would be great to discuss while at the grocery store, eating at a restaurant, or in the car.

Mission of Spook Hill

The Mission of Spook Hill is to create a parent-friendly school that ensures quality learning takes place by establishing a challenging, nurturing, and continually improving environment.

Volunteers

One of the most valuable resources you can give is your time. Volunteers play a crucial role in students' lives as they serve our school. There a variety of ways volunteers can help whether it is copying papers, sorting library books, reading to students, attending field trips, mentoring, and so much more. To become an approved volunteer an application must be filled out along with a \$25.00 non refundable fee by personal check or money order payable to the Polk County School Board to cover the Florida Department of Law Enforcement background check. The application can be picked up at Spook Hill or at <http://www.polk-fl.net/community/volunteers/default.htm>

Once completed the application and fee are submitted right here at Spook Hill. It can take 3-4 weeks for an application to be approved. So, make sure you apply as soon as you can. If you have not volunteered in the past five years you will need to complete the application process again. After you have been approved you will need to attend a Volunteer Orientation. In the next few weeks information about our first Volunteer Orientation will be sent out. We look forward to you lending a helping hand!

Celebration Delivery Policy

We will only accept deliveries of school related items such as books, lunch boxes, etc. from parents/guardians that are listed on the student's emergency card. Gifts, flowers, and balloons for students may not be delivered or brought to the school. Balloon arrangements, bouquets, and other celebration deliveries for students are considered an educational distraction in the classroom and a safety issue in the hallways, cafeteria, and aboard busses. It is not appropriate for the school to be responsible for delivery of non-school related articles to students. Please make arrangements with the classroom teacher prior to sending in any treats to school. While treats are acceptable, this is not to be considered a party for your child. Visitors, camcorders, party favors, etc., are interruptions of the educational process and are not permitted.

Business Partners

We are on the look out for business partners. By partnering with business we are able to enrich the learning environment for our students. Business partners can help by providing a variety of resources to be used during the year. If you or someone you know would like to partner with Spook Hill Elementary please let the front office know!

Muffins with Mom and All Pro Dad

Spook Hill will be offering Muffins with Mom and All Pro Dad events this year! Our first Muffins with Mom event will be on Tuesday, September 19th. And the first All Pro Dad event will be Thursday, October 19th. Be on the lookout for more information!

Education is like a baseball game, it needs all its players: parent, teacher, student, and community.

