



# Casper News

## September 2017

**SPOOK HILL ELEMENTARY**  
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### 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

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

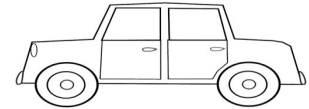


**Thank you!**

We want to thank Parakeet Park for their donation in helping our first Moments with Mom event!

### Reminder!

If you do not have a new red car tag, please stop by the office to get yours.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, September 1	MVP of the Month (August-Respect)
Monday, September 4	Holiday- Labor Day
Friday, September 8	Reading Buddies
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	Volunteer Orientation Back to School Night
Monday, September 18	Staff Development Day (Data Day) Student/Para Holiday
Tuesday, September 19	Moments with Mom
Wednesday, September 20	Volunteer Orientation
Friday, September 22	Hearing Screenings (K/1st) Reading Buddies
Monday, September 25	Fall Picture Day ( <b>uniforms must be worn</b> )
Friday, September 29	MVP of the Month (September-Honesty) PBIS Monthly Grade Level Reward

### Volunteer Orientation



Orientation for new and returning volunteers—  
 Thursday, September 14th, 4-5 pm in the cafeteria and  
 Wednesday, September 20th, 9-10 am in the cafeteria.

The Polk County School Board requires that any person wanting to volunteer at any school related event must be an approved volunteer.

Please RSVP to Vivian Socorro at 863-6768-4262 or [vivian.socorro@polk-fl.net](mailto:vivian.socorro@polk-fl.net) if you are interested in attending.

### Student & Family Resources

Title I information, Parent Improvement Plan, compact, School Improvement Plan, School Public Accountability Report (SPAR) are available on the school website.

### MVP of the Month



Congratulations to all of our MVPs in the month of August for showing Respect! For the month of September the Key to Character is Honesty. We want to be truthful in what we say and do!

### Hispanic Heritage Month



September 15 - October 15  
 "Honoring Hispanic American Heroes: Hispanic American Veterans, Military Members, Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders"

### Annual Title I Parent/Family Meeting



Thursday, September 14  
 5:00 - 6:00 PM Cafeteria  
 6:00-7:00 PM visit classrooms

Informational parent/family night, Annual Title I meeting, and visit classrooms



Welcome to the Kindergarten 2017-2018 school year. Our Kindergarten team consists of Mrs. Breen, Mrs. Britt, Ms. Champion, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Stoneking, and Mrs. Williamson. We are so excited to have met our new Kindergarten students and we look forward to working with you for the year. We will be starting off with some initial testing to identify what your child knows and this will allow us to focus on what we need to get your child reading. Please be patient with us as we learn how your child goes home and their likes and dislikes. We encourage you to read to your child for at least 20 minutes nightly. Homework will be starting soon so keep an eye out in your child's agenda. Please use your child's agenda to communicate any transportation changes, notes or messages for us. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.



We are excited for the opportunities that lie ahead of us this year in third grade. In the classroom, we have been learning and practicing school expectations and procedures in order to create an effective learning environment. Please check your child's agenda each day for their PBIS points earned as well as notes from the teacher. Remember our point goal each day is 4 or more. Also, your child should be bringing homework home every day except Friday. Homework is a review of what has already been taught in class and we have been practicing the assignments so your child can be successful with homework. Lastly, help us to maximize our instructional time by having your child to school on time, which means your child is seated in the classroom at or before 8:00.



Parents,  
Batter up!! Welcome Back! We are happy to see everyone's bright, smiling faces and hope that you and your family had a restful summer. We have been busy getting ready for an exciting new school year! During the first month of school we spent time developing your child's understanding of the rules and procedures for their classrooms. Knowing this will help to ensure that instruction flows smoothly.  
By now, the homework routine for your child's teacher should be in place and you should be seeing assignments daily. Please understand that we have first practiced the homework in class so students know exactly what is expected. No homework will go home unless the skill has already been taught in the classroom. In order to support open communication between the classroom teacher and you, please check your child's agenda daily. You will see the number of points they earned and any other important information that the teacher may need you to know. We look forward to working with you this year. Let's make it a winning year for every child!  
Your partners in education! The Fourth Grade Team!

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



First grade students are back in the swing of things. This month will hold a lot of exciting new topics to learn about. In Math we are focusing on the different ways to use addition and subtraction when solving word problems. These word problems are read aloud to your child and they are expected to determine if they need to add or subtract and which numbers to use. In Reading we will be focusing on learning how to ask and answer questions about key details in the stories your child reads. The first half of September our reading tests will be used as a tool to teach your child how to read the passages on their own and use different strategies in finding the answers to the questions. After about 3 weeks your child will be reading and answering these questions independently. Daily reading at home with your child would be a great way to help them prepare for these tests. Homework is now also a part of our weekly routine, please follow the homework calendar in your student's agenda. Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> for back to school night!

Sincerely,  
The First Grade Team



Parents,  
It is a whole new ball game this year! We are excited to be back to school and hope that you are excited as well. We have been learning the rules of the game and building those foundational skills that will enable all students to be successful learners this year.

One key component of this game is communication! Our primary communication source is your child's agenda. Please check your child's agenda daily for notes, homework assignments, and points earned. Students may earn a maximum of 5 points every day if they are in school for the whole day. It is very important that your child completes their homework! Homework assignments should be written in the agenda.

Homework has three purposes:

1. To review a skill that was taught and practiced in class.
2. To review a skill that was previously taught in a different grade.
3. To prepare for a lesson that will be introduced.

We would like to thank AmeriGas for providing backpacks and school supplies for EVERY fifth grade student at Spook Hill!

Wow, that was a homerun for our team!

Mark your calendars - Open House is Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and we hope to see you then! We look forward to an amazing and successful year!

Your Fifth Grade Team!



2nd Grade News

Please remember to check your child's agenda each day and initial it. Second grade students are given homework on Mondays to be turned back in on Fridays. Please have your child read each night including weekends for at least 20 minutes.