



Casper News

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Moments with Mom

Please join us Tuesday, March 13th, to learn some math games that can be played with a deck of cards! This event will be from 5-6 pm in the cafeteria. We hope to see you there!

MVP of the Month

Congratulations to all of our MVPs in the month of February, Compassion! For the month of March the Key to Character is Tolerance. "In diversity there is beauty and there is strength."
 - Maya Angelou



Polk Symposium on Special Education



March 10th
10 am—2 pm
Tenoroc High School

Polk Symposium on Special Education Takes Place March 10; Offers Resources for Families of Students with Disabilities

Polk County Public Schools will host its annual Polk Symposium on Special Education on March 10 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tenoroc High School, 4905 Saddle Creek Road in Lakeland.

The event is free and open to the public. It is designed to provide parents of special needs children with valuable information and access to resources.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, March 2	Reading Buddies
Tuesday, March 6	4th and 5th FSA Writing Assessment
Tuesday, March 13	Moments with Mom
Wednesday, March 14	End of 3rd Nine Weeks
Friday, March 16	Grades Due at noon
Week of March 19th	Caught Being Good
Friday, March 23	Rhythms Program MVP of the Month (March-Tolerance) PBIS Monthly Grade Level Reward
Monday, April 2	Report Card Dinner Night
Tuesday, April 3	Report Cards Go Home
Wednesday, April 4	Casper Kid Awards Celebration
April 10 & 11	3rd FSA ELA
April 17 & 18	4th FSA ELA
April 19 & 20	4th FSA Math
Monday, April 23	Secretary Appreciation Day
April 24 & 25	5th FSA ELA

FSA Testing in March

Fourth and fifth grade will be taking the FSA ELA Writing Assessment on Tuesday, March 6th. Please make sure your student arrives on time and encourage him/her to do their best. They need to get a good night's sleep and have a good breakfast. Free breakfast is served at school from 7:30 am—8:00 am.

Congratulations!

One of our fifth graders, Kristen Griffin, won the Flag Design competition for the City of Lake Wales at the elementary level. She and her flag design, along with the winners from the High School and Resident levels, will be presented at the March 6, 2018 City Commissioner's meeting for a final vote. The winning flag will become the first official flag for the city of Lake Wales. Way to go!

March Attendance Madness

Each week in March a winning class in kindergarten, first, and second grade and a winning class in third, fourth, and fifth grade will be chosen based on the highest percentages of attendance. Attendance will be based on students who are here the entire day. Tardies and checkouts will be counted against the class. Make sure you are here every day all day to take part in the madness. We can't wait to see the two top classes for attendance in our school!

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





Kindergarten

Kindergarten is marching into the new month and we are working really hard at becoming upcoming first graders. We are currently working on our high-frequency words and reading fluency. Every month we take computer tests from IStation which highlights what students need to work on from their current curriculum. Our students take Math and Reading tests at the beginning of each month to help us help your child. We take the data that we receive and we break it down to figure out how we can help your child move forward through the skills that they are struggling with. You have access to IStation from your computer at home, this program does not just help at school. If you have lost the access sheets that have been sent home, please send a note to your child's classroom teacher to get access to Istation from home. Our goal is to assist your child in their learning process to build the foundation of their learning.



First Grade

As we enter March we will continue to challenge your child daily here at school. It is very important they are here on time and ready to learn all day. We are asking that you continue to reinforce learned Math skills in your everyday life at home, such as telling time to the hour and half hour, identify and counting coins, and adding and subtracting mentally. Please continue to read with your child at home each night and encourage them to sound out the words they do not know. You can point out words with long and short vowels and listen to the different sounds they make. If you are reading their library book with them remind your child to take an AR test on the book the next day at school. Also later in the month be on the lookout for a packet of work for your child to complete over spring break. Thank you for your support, The First Grade Team



Third Grade

Please make sure that your child is reading each and every evening. In reading, we have been focusing on how the author connects ideas in a text amongst sentences and paragraphs. In math we have just finished our unit on perimeter and area and are getting ready to start learning about time. In science we learned about why the stars in the sky are different colors. It would be a fun activity to look up at the stars with your child and compare their sizes and colors. Please join us in reminding your child to earn their PBIS points daily and complete their homework each night.



Fifth Grade

Dear Fifth Grade Parents,
March Madness is here! There is much that we can learn from the game of basketball! 1) Learn and master the fundamentals of the game. In order to learn and master the fundamentals, students must be present in class every day and follow up by completing their homework every night. 2) Be prepared both mentally and physically. Students need to have a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast so that they are both mentally and physically alert and ready to learn. 3) Be unselfish and a team player. Students learn more when they work together as a team. 4) Be alert and aware. Students need to stay focused and remain on task to insure their success. 5) If the plays aren't working, re-adjust the game plan. If your child is struggling, work with the teacher to provide the support they need. 6) Never give up on the play. Persevere. All good things are worth working for, so NEVER, EVER, EVER GIVE UP!
(Skills credited to Essential Life Skills.net)
Sincerely, Your Fifth Grade Team



Fourth Grade

Parents,
I think it's safe to say that Spring has arrived (early) and we with spring, comes some important dates for you to remember:

- March 6, 2018 – State Writing Test
- March 22, 2018 – Agri-fest field trip ½ day
- March 26-30 – Spring Break

Also, please be aware of the skills we are currently working on:

- We are working on relating measurement and Geometry
- We are working to develop reading and writing skills daily
- We are ready to begin our unit on Earth Science
- We are also learning about the Seminole Wars and Civil War in Social Studies.

If you are looking for ways to help your fourth grader, please encourage them to complete any homework that is sent, read their library books and practice their basic multiplication facts. We appreciate all you do!

Your Partners in Education,
4th Grade Team



Second Grade

The second grade Legoland field trip is March 9th. Please turn in your forms and \$7 as soon as possible. The students have to have 72 points for the month of February in order to attend. Sick absences will not affect the required number of points, but the student must have earned 80% of the points for the days they attended in February.
Math: We are focusing on telling time on an analog and digital clock and money for the next 6 weeks. Reading: Please continue to read to your child and discuss what was read for comprehension. They can read books at home and take AR tests at school.
Science: We are beginning life cycles