



# Casper News

## February 2018

**SPOOK HILL ELEMENTARY**  
 Principal, Michelle Browning  
 Assistant Principal, Rubie Kauffman  
 321 Dr. JA Wiltshire Ave, Lake Wales, FL 33853  
 Phone: 863-678-4262  
 FAX: 863-678-4210  
<http://spookhill.polk-fl.net>

### Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will begin Feb 4th & end on Feb. 9th at 1:00 pm. There will be a parent night on Thursday, Feb 8th 5:30 - 7:00 pm. There will be a flyer sent home with students. Please make sure to include 7% state sales tax with all purchases. This is a great opportunity to encourage your child to read! Come visit the book fair & celebrate reading!

### MVP of the Month

Congratulations to all of our MVPs in the month of January,



Responsibility!  
 For the month of February the Key to Character is Compassion. "If

you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion." -The Dalai Lama

### Testing Schedule

Grade	Subject Area	Method Given	Testing Date(s)
All grades K-5	STAR Reading and STAR Math	Computer	February 26-March 2
3rd	English Language Arts (Reading)	Paper/Pencil	April 10 & 11
	Math	Computer	May 3 & 4
4th	English Language Arts (Writing)	Paper/Pencil	March 6
	English Language Arts (Reading/Listening)	Computer	April 17 & 18
	Math	Computer	April 19 & 20
5th	English Language Arts (Writing)	Paper/Pencil	March 6
	English Language Arts (Reading/Listening)	Computer	April 24 & 25
	Math	Computer	April 26 & 27
	Science	Paper/Pencil	May 1 & 2
3rd-5th	Florida Alternate Assessment	Paper/Pencil	Feb. 27-April 14



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, February 2	MVP of the Month (January-Responsibility) PBIS Monthly Grade Level Reward
Week of February 5	FTE Week Spring Book Fair
Wednesday, February 7	PBIS \$1 No Uniform T-Shirt Pass Fundraiser Interims Go Home Popsicles and Progress Reports
Tuesday, February 13	Spring Pictures (Class and Individual)
Thursday, February 15	All Pro Dads
Monday, February 19	President's Day Holiday
Wednesday, February 21	Vision Screening (K, 1st, & 3rd)
Monday, February 26	Staff Development Day
Wednesday, February 28	Vision rechecks
March 1	Spring Choral Concert MVP of the Month (February- Compassion) PBIS Monthly Grade Level Reward

### Information about Technology

Did you know...?

Students can access several ebooks and reference & research website links from the Polk County School Board's website? These resources are free to use and are available 24/7! Students can access these links from home computers, public library computers, in addition to computers at school. This is how you access this wonderful resource:

- From the Polk County School Board website, [www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net)
- Click on the "Students" links in the upper left hand side of page
- Choose "Online Resources" from the drop down menu
- Now you are on the Online Resources page

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



We at Spook Hill Elementary encourage all students to take advantage of this valuable resource!



Happy February!  
 Thank you so much for your help with our 100th Day celebration. We can't wait for Valentine's Day. We love making sure your students enjoy learning. Please be aware that your students have only 80 days left of learning. Do you feel that they will be successful moving to first grade? Please make sure to meet at least once with your child's teacher to see what you can do at home to assist in reinforcing your child's learning at school. We are currently working on the third quarter high-frequency word list in reading and numbers to 20 in math. Please make time to play



Hello First Grade Families, here is an update on what your child will be learning this month. In Math we are changing our focus to Measurement for the month. We will cover comparing lengths and using a ruler to measure to the nearest inch. Also, for the first time your child will be asked to tell time to the hour and half hour and identify coins, their value, and compare it to a dollar. Each one of these skills are very different and present their own challenges. It is helpful to incorporate the current skill in real life situations and conversations at home. In Reading we are asking our students to answer questions about a story or article using complete sentences with text evidence and making connections within it or to other stories or articles we have read. They will be asked to speak and write these answers as we encourage them to apply all the reading skills they have learned so far. We look forward to seeing your child at school every day as we challenge them this month with several new concepts.  
 Thank you for your support,  
 The First Grade Team



We are preparing for state testing coming up in April. Please help your child be successful by having them read each and every evening. Just like many areas of life, the more you do something the better you are at it. In reading, we have been focusing on the narrator's point of view in a text and distinguishing it from our own. In math we have just begun learning about area and perimeter and how to measure. In science we learned about the differences between reflection and refraction. Please join us in reminding your child to earn their PBIS points daily and complete their homework each night.



Fifth Grade Parents, It's February! This is a month known for love, and it is the perfect time to foster your child's love of learning. Everything is a learning opportunity. To foster math skills, ask your child to help you keep a running estimate as you grocery shop. Remember to ask questions when you and your child are reading a book together. Speaking of questions, do you remember all of those 'why' questions your child used to ask you? Turn the tables on them and begin asking them 'why' questions. For example, 'Why does water collect on the outside of a cold glass?' or 'Why can you taste the sugar in sweet tea, but not see the sugar?' All children are born with a love of learning, we just need to encourage that love to grow!  
 Sincerely, Your Fifth Grade Team



Parents,

The writing FSA assessment is approaching fast and we are working hard to be prepared. You will find a list of the skills we are currently working on in each of the subject areas.

- We are working on relating fractions to decimals in math.
- We are working to develop reading and writing skills daily
- We are ready to begin our unit on space in 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



Field trips are coming up for second graders! Field trips are always a fun opportunity to learn something new outside the classroom. Please remember that your child will have to earn their daily PBIS points to attend field trips. From February 1 to February 28, the students will need to earn 80 points to attend Legoland. As teachers, we need to see that the students can follow the expectations at school before we can take them outside of school to represent Spook Hill Elementary. We NEED volunteers! Are you an approved volunteer? Sign up today in order to be eligible to attend or chaperone.