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# IVY HAWN UPDATE



## Message from the Principal

Hello Ivy Hawn Families,

The holiday season is upon us, and as an arts school, we have performances in FULL swing. We know that this can be a very busy time of year and we can get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season. We encourage you to take time to turn off electronics and spend quality time with family and friends. Spend an evening reading books, singing songs together, doing a craft, or playing a game. We only have a few holiday seasons with our kids at home and these are special times to cherish.

During the winter break, we encourage students to continue reading, practicing their instruments, and exercising their creativity. We are grateful that you have all chosen to share your children with us at Ivy Hawn and wish you a very merry holiday season!

Sincerely,  
Danielle Suhr  
Principal

## UPCOMING DATES

12/11: Musical Theatre Show 6  
12/12: Butler's Express 6 pm  
12/13: NO EARLY RELEASE  
12/13: Guitar Concert 6:30 pm  
12/14: Band Concert 6:30 pm  
12/15: PJ Dress Down Day and  
EARLY RELEASE  
12/16-1/2: Winter Break  
1/3: First Day of 2nd Semester  
1/5: PAC Icecream Day \$2  
1/6: Middle School Winter Ball  
7-9 pm Formal Attire (students  
must not have received a D or F  
on their first-semester report card  
or any referrals in the month of  
December)

# HUSKIES OF THE MONTH

Ivy Hawn Husky of the Month is chosen based on qualities such as scholarship, character, leadership, and citizenship. Huskies of the Month are students that go above and beyond and positively represent our campus/community.

We are pleased to announce the following students as Huskies of the Month at Ivy Hawn Charter School of the Arts.

## IVY HAWN HUSKIES OF THE MONTH

Jiana Caguiat

Miller Firorica

Graham Westerberg

Kendall Sheaks

Savannah Williams

Isabella Carter

Jacobo Sierra

Haden Timko

Gwendalyn Gorby



## IVY HAWN WAY

I will do my best everyday.

I will treat others with kindness and respect.

I will take responsibility for my words, choices, and actions.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PBIS COMMITTEE

**We are looking for a few business partners to join us in honoring our students and positive behavior. The PBIS committee uses funding to provide rewards for students and bring in speakers, and fun activities for our school.**

**If you are interested or know someone interested in becoming a business partner with Ivy Hawn, please have them reach out to Mrs. Vayko and/or Mrs. Suhr.**

# Classroom Updates

## KINDERGARTEN

**ELA-** We are wrapping up our fourth unit, "Why Do People Tell Stories?" and learning the different types of writing authors use in stories. We've also been learning how the illustrations in any type of story helps the reader understand the story better. Students should be able to identify the characters, setting, as well as the problem and solution in a story. The kindergarteners have been working on building CVC words and focusing on breaking apart words into syllables and then breaking apart those syllables into sounds. For grammar, we are reviewing nouns and verbs and inventing many sentences with nouns and verbs.

**Writing-** Kindergarten is working diligently on identifying whether or not a given sentence is asking a question or making a statement and also what kind of punctuation is needed for each. The children are also learning how punctuation expresses feelings.

**Social Studies-** We have recently learned about the history of the Pilgrims and the Native Americans. We have been reviewing months of the year, days of the week, and seasons. The children have been introduced to a calendar and given real world scenarios as to why a calendar is helpful and the order of events. The children will be filling out their own calendar as well and making a countdown to Winter Break chain link.

**Math-** We recently ended Chapter 4 where we've been comparing numbers within 10. We will begin Chapter 5 where we will begin composing and decomposing numbers up to 10 to help build the concept of addition and subtraction.

**Science-**

We have recently started our unit on Matter and the properties it entails such as size, shape, color, temperature, weight, and texture. We have been categorizing objects and sharing and listening to the ideas of others which has been helpful in class discussions.

## 1ST GRADE

**ELA-** We are learning to read long vowel words with silent e. We are reading nonfiction texts about technology.

**Grammar-** Students will work with and review proper nouns such as specific people, places, and things. Students will also write simple sentences using subjects and predicates.

**Writing-** Students will write opinion pieces as a reflection to a text.

**Math-** Your student will be subtracting with numbers greater than 10. The strategies counting back and using addition to subtract will be used again. The subtraction strategy get to 10 will be introduced to your student as well. The vocabulary words students will review in this chapter are bar model, difference, minus, part-part-whole model, and subtraction equation.

**Social Studies-** Students will compare life now with life in the past. They will also identify celebrations & national holidays.

**Science-** Our First graders will be learning about the various ways that objects can move, such as in a straight line, zigzag, back-&-forth, round-&-round, fast & slow.



## 2ND GRADE

In **ELA**, we are still working on character's perspective, theme, and main story elements. We will be reading more folktales to practice these skills.

In **writing**, students will begin to focus on personal narratives. They will write a narrative about a personal experience. Students will be writing complete sentences, using transitions, and demonstrating legible print while writing their narratives.

In **math**, students will subtract within 100 using various strategies.

In **science**, we are investigating ways to change matter. Students will be exploring this standard by designing a toy and completing our candy cane common experiment.

In **social studies**, students will be using maps and globes to locate our state, hometown, North America, continents, oceans, the equator, prime meridian, and the north and south poles.

## 3RD GRADE

We have a month full of fun learning as we wrap up 2023! Here is what we are doing in third grade for December:

In **ELA**, we will be reviewing the reading skills we have learned so far this school year with a gingerbread theme!

In **math**, we are continuing to practice our division skills. We will be discussing and learning about multiplication patterns in a table as we get closer to winter break.

In **science**, we are wrapping up our unit on matter and beginning to learn about different types of energy.

In **social studies** students will be working on their economics projects where they create a store to market a product of their choice. We can't wait to see their creativity!

We are also in need of some large outdoor games for our recess time. Some examples would be a jumbo tic tac toe game, outdoor checkers, connect four, and parachutes. If you are able to donate a game, we really appreciate it!

## 4TH GRADE

**Math:** Students are learning to understand fraction equivalence and comparison. They will identify and generate equivalent fractions, including fractions greater than one. Students will describe how the numerator and denominator are affected when the equivalent fraction is created.

**Science:** Students will compare objects based on observable and measurable physical properties (shape, color, hardness, texture, odor, taste, attraction to magnets, mass, volume). Students will learn about physical and chemical changes, and about the law of conservation of mass.

**ELA:** Students will use context clues, figurative language, word relationships, reference materials, and/or background knowledge to determine the meaning of multiple-meaning and unknown words and phrases, appropriate to grade level. Students will identify the narrator's point of view and explain the difference between a narrator's point of view and character perspective in a literary text. Students will summarize a text to enhance comprehension and include plot and theme for a literary text.

**Social Studies:** We are wrapping up our Native Tribes unit with a very special presentation from Jim Sawgrass.



# 5TH GRADE

We are wrapping up the year with writing! After the holiday break, students will be really preparing for the F.A.S.T. writing test, in April, with a review of each type of writing, and a lot of practice with structure and mechanics! Students have been working on writing skills using transitions in each paragraph when writing a multi-paragraph essay. We are also practicing proofreading skills as we write while using a dictionary and/or thesaurus to build our vocabulary words within our writing. To celebrate the season, we will be doing a persuasive writing piece about a gingerbread house!

Unit 4 in Benchmark Advance is reviewing skills on character and author's perspective, summarizing a story with relevant details, and understanding figurative language in stories and poetry.

Early Explorers unit is ending with individual explorer studies! We researched 9 different explorers, their journey, their findings, and how their discoveries shaped America today! We will be celebrating Holidays Around the World and taking a trip, via short reading passages, to visit various countries and discover how they celebrate the holidays!

In science, we are wrapping up the matter unit. In math, we just finished whole number division and we are now moving into division with decimals.

## ELEMENTARY SPECIAL AREA

### **Elem Art:**

Congratulations to Dakota Miller for receiving the Excellence Award at the Deland Fall Festival of the Arts. Her artwork is currently on Exhibition, along with other winners, at Gateway Center for the Arts: The show runs November 30-December 13 at Gateway Center for the Arts - 880 N US Highway 17-92, DeBary - Tues-Fri 10:00am-4:00pm.

Kindergarten is learning about printmaking, line, and value as they create their Sheep. 1st graders are finishing up their Ocean Floor Resist painting where they learned about space, wax resist, watercolor techniques and how to create implied texture in their artwork. They are about to begin their Printed Barns. They will be learning about balance and symmetry, as well as printmaking.

2nd graders are working on their Close-Up Cows. They are learning about balance and symmetry, along with printmaking.

3rd graders are finishing up their Caribbean Sunset. They learned about space and watercolor techniques. They are about to start Monoprint Roosters where they will learn about printmaking, space, and warm and cool colors.

4th and 5th graders are currently painting their Northern Lights artwork. They have been learning about space and implied texture.

Art Club has finished their paper mache' pumpkins and are starting their mixed media project using acrylic paint and air-dry clay.

### **Elem PE:**

We have had some high flying, sensational, and epic catches made for TOUCHDOWNS during our football 1v1 drills. Student athletes are learning to fake out their opponent, create space, and score! We are taking a brief dodgeball break then right back to the field for some more football and fun.

# ELEMENTARY SPECIAL AREA CONT.

## **Elem Drama:**

4th/5th Grade are in the process of rehearsing for their showcase performance Movie Mashup! which will be showing in January. More details for costumes and times will be going out in the next week. We're also working on character studies and what comprises a comprehensive character description.

K-3 is learning theatre vocabulary and working on the foundational aspects of theatre. This helped them get ready for their holiday shows with Ms. Holvey.

TSquad will be performing at the Butler Express event on Dec 12th and we're fresh off the success of our visit to the Florida Theatre Conference. At FTC we won the Best in Pantomime award and had two All-Star Castmembers, Samantha Woodward and Lilly Baldwin.

## **Elem Music:**

The K-3 winter music showcase, Jingle Jam, was on Dec. 4th and 5th in the Ivy Hawn Theater. The Treblemakers Holiday Songs and Snacks show was on Thursday, Dec. 7th at 6pm in the theater. After the show, we had a wonderful dessert reception in the cafeteria with a visit from Santa!

## **Elementary Dance:**

Christmas is upon us, and K-3rd elementary dance is still in the BALLET spirit. They are learning the basics of ballet technique along with lots of new French vocabulary. 4th and 5th are working on finishing and cleaning their showcase choreography.

## **Junior Dance Team:**

Upcoming Performances -

Tuesday, December 12th Train Event Performance 6:25pm

Saturday, December 16th Lake Helen Christmas Parade 4:00pm

## **Elem Media:**

**Students and Families,**

**Happy Holidays!** It's hard to believe that we are already four months into our 2023-2024 school year. This year's Husky Holiday Shop is right around the corner. Come in and show your husky pride by purchasing something for the whole family!

Browsing will run Dec 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> with purchasing being Dec 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer please click the link and select a time slot. Be well and have a safe holiday season!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45AEAF29A1FDC70-46408380-volunteers>

Sincerely,  
Mr. Homan

## 7TH GRADE

As we approach the winter break, we wanted to update you on some exciting developments in 7th-grade.

In **English Language Arts**, we are reading the classic tale, "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. This timeless story is not only a literary masterpiece but also a wonderful opportunity for students to explore themes of generosity and compassion. Also, a friendly reminder that book projects are due no later than December 11th.

In regular **math**, students are working with two-step equations and inequalities. For those in the accelerated math track, the focus will be on transformations.

Encourage your students to engage actively in class discussions and seek help if needed.

In **Science**, students have the creative freedom to craft either a skit or a song showing their understanding of the Rock Cycle. Please be aware that the deadline for this project is December 13th. The unit test will be given on December 14th and 15th, right before winter break. Please check gradebook for assignments we are currently working on. You can also access all my content on my website.

In **Civics** we will be working on and completing Unit 4: The U.S. Constitution. The Benchmarks taught in Unit 4 are: 1.9, 2.7, 3.3, 3.7, 3.8, & 3.9. On December 12th and 13th there will be a VBA on Units 1-4 to see where students currently stand on Standard Mastery. These will not be grades in the gradebook. Ask your student to recite the Preamble for you!!

We wish you and your family a holiday season brimming with warmth, laughter, and special moments!

## 8TH GRADE

### **Cobb/Algebra and Geometry**

Geometry created an array of beautiful turkeys using translations, reflections, and rotations in the month of November.

**Fiorica/Math- Pre-Algebra** is wrapping up chapter 5, graphing linear equations. Students should be studying at home using their pink homework sheets or the IXL's provided in class. Our summative will be on Wednesday December 13th. Please be sure you are on my remind: @ihpre-alg. Also, be on the lookout for information on our white elephant sock exchange that will take place Thursday before break! Thank you for all of your support!

**Troy/ELA**-8th Grade ELA is ending the year with a bang! We are wrapping up our Horror Unit with a dramatic reading of The Tale Tell Heart and finishing with some fun and festive activities with Charles Dicken's A Christmas Carole!

**Rosso/Science**-Students did a wonderful job on their DIA 3, we scored well above the district! Way to go! We are currently studying photosynthesis and will have a summative assessment on 12/13. To be successful, students must know the chemical equation, the parts of plants and plant cells involved in the reaction and be able to draw a model of the process. Thank you for all the donations for our density labs, they are very appreciated!



# MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

## **From Mrs. Potter**

December finds our students very busy as we have our Lake Helen Christmas Parade on December 16th (if your student would like to participate, permission slips are due by Friday, December 8th). We also have our state horse and livestock evaluation competition this month as well as our Sub-District competition where we will have Creed and Prepared Public Speakers as well as our Opening and Closing Team. Don't forget our last FFA Meeting of 2023 is on December 11th until 4:15pm. Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday break!

## **From Mr. Kearney**

Technical Theater classes are proud to have finished building the set for the school play "Mystery at Shady Acres"! We will continue to use our growing knowledge of design with independent carpentry projects and a variety of custom work for our fellow arts classes and clubs. Next quarter, we will further explore lighting design, and work directly with our lighting instruments and equipment.

## **From Mrs. Kushner**

In Middle School Dance, we are wrapping up our "Nutcracker with a Twist" performance unit. We will do self-assessments on our performances and reflect on the process and all we have learned about choreography, performance quality, style, rehearsal and performance process, and theater and performance etiquette. On December 13th we are excited to go see the Orlando Ballet's Nutcracker performance!

## **From Mrs. Stewart**

Happy Holidays from Middle School Theater

Theater 1 is finishing up Quarter 2 with Technical Theater Designs Or an informational project on various jobs in the Theater. Next quarter we will be starting on Theatre history and Improvisation.

Theater 2 had a choice to work on Technical Theater Designs or Perform a scene using props and costumes. The class split about 50/50 with that end of quarter project. We will be revisiting our own written scenes and monologues in Quarter 3 to perhaps perform some of them.

In Theater 3 each student is teaching an Improvisation game to the class. The class tries the game and then we write a critique of the game/Improv. Students can find their game online, in an improv book, or can make up their own.

Jr. Thespians are excited to be working on an interactive show for December 12 at the Butler Express night. In February, 13 students will attend Jr. Thespians State Competition at the Orange County Convention Center.

## MESSAGE FROM CLINIC

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/25YZHNEHDTAQ6/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_4](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/25YZHNEHDTAQ6/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_4)

Here is the link for the Amazon Wishlist. We need underwear and socks currently. The clinic has its own corner on the website, check in every now and then for new info! More to come on the Clinic Corner! With this colder weather and holidays coming up bacteria will spread more rapidly. Please keep your children home if they are sick!

# MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES CONTINUED

## From Mr. Collazo:

Guitar Winter Concert December 13th at 6:00 PM

Band Winter Concert December 14th at 6:00 PM

## From Ms. Morris

Congratulations to all of the diligent 6th grade students who certified early (as of 12/4/2023)!!

Lukas Thompson!

Luc Rosso!

James Sibbald!

Dominic Varsi!

Hattie Fabish!

Declan Diamonti!

Ana Carolina Nieto!

Eli Lopez!

June Arthur!

Price Perrick!

Isla Bitner!

Raegan Atkinson!

Rylee Gramling!

Samantha Boone!

Gabriel Irizarry!

Charlie Sievert!

Ava Orrach!

Benning Page!

Mark Broeker!

Madison Young!

Everyone keep working hard to finish the first semester on a high note! You got this!!



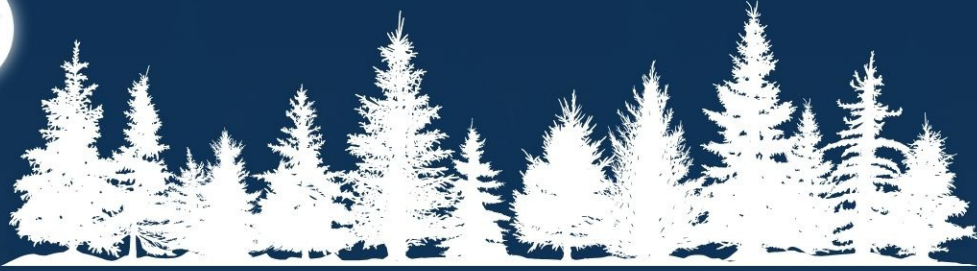
# 24-25 Calendar

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FOR DISCUSSION**

**JANUARY 4TH, 6 PM**

**Vote January 23rd, 6pm**

FORMAL ATTIRE (SCHOOL APPROPRIATE WITH STRAPS ON BOTH SHOULDERS)



# WINTER BALL



**JAN 6, 2024**

**7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**TICKETS \$5 AT THE DOOR**



**IVY HAWN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY**

**NO D'S OR F'S ON FIRST-SEMESTER REPORT CARD,**

**NO REFERRALS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**





# Join us!!



## ESE Family Event

for families of students with special needs

Presenters, Resource Fair,  
Community Connections & Prizes!

- Accessible Reading Materials
- Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
- Assistive Technology
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Career and Technical Education
- College Disability Services
- Diploma and Deferment Options
- Dyslexia
- Financial Planning for Special Needs
- Guardianship
- Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Project SEARCH
- Supportive Employment
- Vocational Rehabilitation



Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024

Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location:

University High School  
1000 W Rhode Island Ave  
Orange City, FL 32763

*Note: Future event to be held on  
April 27th in Daytona Beach*

### Registration Information:

Click [HERE](#) to Register

**FREE Lunch provided with registration**

**No childcare provided, but children are welcome**

**For assistance, accommodations, or further information please**

**contact:** [jpdwyer@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:jpdwyer@volusia.k12.fl.us) or (386) 255-6475 ext. 3833

