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IVY HAWN UPDATE



Message from the Principal

Hello Ivy Hawn Families,

It is hard to believe we are already almost three-quarters of the way through this school year. As we near the end of this year and our schedules continue to fill up, I encourage you to take a moment, technology-free, to spend time with your students. This can be a walk around your neighborhood, playing a game as a family, or taking a stroll along the beach. This can be a great time to talk about friends, school, and activities and a time to teach your students about you. Studies show that 75% of the time we spend with our children in our lifetime will be spent by age 12. Now, more than ever, our students rely on technology; let's put down those phones and be present in the moment.

I hope you all have a relaxing and fun Spring Break!

Sincerely,
Danielle Suhr
Principal

UPCOMING DATES

3/15: Ivy Hawn Got Talent
Show 6pm

3/18-3/19: 7th Grade
Tallahassee Trip

3/19: OH Demos @ Ivy
Hawn

3/20: Senior Dance Team
"Disney Hawncore"

3/21: Band MPA Recital
6pm

3/22: Teacher Duty Day

3/25-3/29: SPRING BREAK

4/1-4/5: National Assistant
Principal Week

4/2: Jeremiah's Spirit Night

4/3: Paraprofessional
Appreciation Day

4/4: MS BEST Writing Test

4/5: Elementary BEST
Writing Test

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



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/Social Studies: We are in the middle of Unit 7, "Why Do We Celebrate People and Events?". We have been reading and comparing selections about different holidays and celebrations worldwide. We honor people who make positive contributions to the world with celebrations and holidays, and we celebrate these holidays with food, parades, and/or being with friends and family. We also have tied this topic into Social Studies and have learned and discussed famous leaders from our country, such as George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., Ruby Bridges, Jackie Robinson, Rosa Parks, George Washington Carver, and most recently, Harriet Tubman. We encourage you to ask your child about each one of these fearless leaders and see what their response is!

Reading: Kindergarten is working on Word Families such as -in, -op, and -ug. We have been practicing adding a sound to the beginning of each word family as well as deleting a sound from a word and find what the new word is. This coincides with rhyming!

Writing/Grammar: We are in the process of finishing up our rough drafts of our soon-to-be published books! Students have been working carefully on forming sentences neatly and legibly and taking their time with illustrations that reflect their writing portion. We will submit our books to the publishing company right before spring break, and we look forward to having them delivered back to us in the middle of April! Stay tuned! For grammar, we are focusing on possessive nouns and capitalizing days of the week, months of the year, and names of characters within sentences/stories.

Math: Kindergarten recently wrapped up Chapter 7 on subtraction. We have learned the definitions of addition and subtraction, and students should be able to provide a definition for both operations as well as pinpoint a couple of different strategies to solve simple equations. We will soon begin Chapter 8, where we will focus on understanding and representing numbers 11-19. We will continue to practice counting by 10s, 5s, and 2s.

Science: We are in the middle of our topic of Sounds, Pushes, and Pulls and the kids love it! Our focus vocabulary word is "Force," and we have been learning the difference between a push and a pull, as well as understanding how the force of an object affects how it moves. We also had some fun when we visited the Husky Hangout and had a Kindergarten Tug-of-War contest to sharpen our understanding of this topic!

1ST GRADE

ELA-We are finishing up r-controlled vowels and beginning to work on reading diphthongs. We will be reading mostly nonfiction texts about goods and services.

Grammar-In this unit, students will continue practice placing commas in a series and using plural possessives in sentences correctly.

Writing-In this unit, students will write expository pieces about goods and services. They will be researching their own information to help them write these Expository pieces.

Math-We will be learning various strategies for subtracting one-digit numbers from two-digit numbers. The lessons will address subtracting using a number line, decomposing to subtract, and regrouping to subtract. The new vocabulary word introduced in this chapter is regroup.

Science-The first graders will be able to recognize that all plants & animals, including humans, need the necessities of air, water, food & space. Students will be learning to identify the major parts of plants including stem, roots, leaves, and flowers. We will plant seeds & watch them grow.

Social Studies-They will be able to describe how location, weather, & physical environment affect the way people live in communities. We will compare Alaska to Florida living. Then we will learn all about Maps. Students will locate places in Florida such as our state capital of Tallahassee, St. Augustine, Orlando, Lake Helen, Daytona Beach, Gulf of Mexico, & the Atlantic Ocean.

2ND GRADE

ELA: In ELA we will be starting a new unit about how wind and water change our environment and how people respond to those changes. We will continue to work with skills such as author's purpose, central idea, text features, comparing two texts, and context clues.

Writing: In writing, we are working hard to complete our classroom books. The students are so excited to publish their work in our class book.

Math: I can find the perimeter of polygons (triangles, pentagons, squares, and rectangles). I can collect and interpret data through tally marks, picture graphs, bar graphs, and line plots.

Science: In science students will be observing and describing major changes in the life cycles of plants and animals. Students will also be comparing the basic needs that living things need for survival.

3RD GRADE

Field Trip: We have our field at MOAS on Friday March the 15th. We will attend a planetarium show, an energy show and go to the children's museum for some hand on fun.

ELA: We will be learning all about Text Structures. There are several different types of text structures including cause and effect, compare and contrast, order and sequence, problem and solution, and description. Text structures refer to how a piece of writing is organized and presented.

Social Studies: Get excited because we're going to dive into women's history month. We'll be celebrating many of the influential women throughout history who've paved the way. From scientists and activists to artists and leaders, these ladies are amazing, and we'll get to write about our favorites!

Math: In math we will be learning how to measure time, volume, mass, and temperature. Then we are moving into geometry and quadrilaterals. Ways to help at home: have your child tell the time on an analog clock, while cooking have them estimate volume of liquid ingredients, and have your students identify parallel and perpendicular lines in the real world.

Science: We are learning about plants and how they respond to their environment. We will then learn about classifying plants and animals.

4TH GRADE

We had the best time on our field trip to St. Augustine! Thank you to all the chaperones who came along and helped. We appreciate each and everyone of you! A special thank you to Mr. Silva, who volunteered to do a special presentation for 4th Grade on the Chinese New Year along with some fun prizes and a yummy snack from Panda Express. This month in ELA our 4th graders are using context clues in informational texts to determine the meaning of unknown words and describing how text features can contribute to the meaning to the text. We'll continue working on expository essays in writing and studying Spanish Florida in social studies. In math, we're moving in our measurement unit, which will include metric and customary units in length, mass/weight, and capacity. Our students will also discuss how a number line is like a thermometer and how to read one. We'll also be discussing equivalent units of time and solving word problems involving elapsed time. In science, we'll be moving into our Plants and Animals unit where we'll be learning about the life cycle of plants and animals and hatching and releasing butterflies!

5TH GRADE

In **ELA**, we are exploring the theme of "Conflicts that Shaped a Nation," which parallels perfectly with our continued study of the Revolutionary War in Social Studies. We will read each text critically and analyze how people can have different views, perspectives, and experiences of conflict. The students will be able to compare characters' perspectives across different genres of literary text.

In **Writing**, we will break down and review the structure of a five-paragraph essay, including the introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion. Students will close-read writing prompts and determine the topic, purpose, and type of essay.

In **Social Studies**, we have been examining the first battles of the Revolutionary War and will continue exploring the timeline of major events that led to our Declaration of Independence! In support of our writing standards, we will be writing opinion essays on our views of Loyalists vs. Patriots.

In **Math**, we are learning about measurement conversions, customary and metric.

In **Science**, we are learning about the human body, what the organs are and their function.

ELEMENTARY SPECIAL AREA

Elem Drama:

HUGE CONGRATS to Tsquad and their showing at FESTAF! A great performance and two awesome workshops later, Ryker Lintz and Lily Spencer won the All-Star Cast Awards! GREAT JOB!

4/5 - In February we did a dramatic reading on Dr. Charles Drew, a famous African-American responsible for the creation of blood banks. We're also wrapping up a short Improv unit where we're honing those quick-witted, imaginative skills.

2/3 - We're getting ready for their big showcase performance, Fabulous Fables! This will be shown on Wednesday, March 6th.

K/1 - We just finished a round of centers to practice imaginative play and design, and then we will be moving into musicals next.

Elem STEAM:

All Grade Levels, celebrated Black History Month by learning about Lonnie Johnson and Marion Croak, both inventors who have contributed their amazing ideas to society in lieu of social trials and showed us the meaning of perseverance. For March, students in 5th grade will continue working on 3D printing projects or scaling Candy graph projects, while 4th grade will start an arts Pixelation project. In 2nd/3rd grade students will be working with our Dot and Dash robots. Working towards eventually coding Dash painting his own painting. For k/1 students we will be focusing on STEM Alphabet Careers as well as focusing on social-emotional topics like sharing, kindness, and asking for help.

MESSAGE FROM CLINIC

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!

ELEMENTARY SPECIAL AREA CONT.

Elem Art:

Kindergarteners are learning about mixing primary colors, emphasis, balance, and repetition as they create their Printmaking Bee artwork.

First graders are creating Paper Mache Sunflowers and learning about form, texture, and the artist Vincent Van Gogh. They will also start their Air-Dried Clay Turtle sculptures.

Upon completion of their Walrus Marker Paintings.

The 2nd graders are going to begin an Air-Dried Clay Fish Pinch pot and learn about form and texture.

3rd graders will learn to draw a pelican as we discuss warm and cool colors, contrast, and space.

4th graders will complete their Adobe houses and begin their Apple paintings. This lesson emphasizes balance, repetition, value, and color.

5th graders will continue their Georgia O'Keeffe-Inspired Succulents and work on proper proportions, blending, and creating contrast in their artwork.

Elem Music:

4th and 5th grade are finishing up their Black History Month Unit. Next month, we move onto composers. Both grades are finishing their black belts in Recorder Karate and starting to work for their beads! Super exciting!

The 2nd and 3rd grades are preparing for their music, drama, and dance showcase in March. It is going to be a great show, so be sure to come out to support! After the showcase, the 2nd and 3rd grades will be playing xylophones and African Drums and learning about the composer Antonio Vivaldi and his piece The Four Seasons.

Kindergarten and 1st grade are starting to work on their music, dance, and drama showcase. We are also working on a steady beat, matching pitch, and music with movement. 1st grade will work on beginning xylophone playing techniques while kindergarten has fun playing the Boomwhackers!

Elem Dance:

4th and 5th Grade - Have a few weeks left of their HipHop unit. We are having lots of fun dancing together! Next, we will start with ballet vocabulary and technique.

2nd and 3rd Grade - After their showcase on March 6th, they will start Ballet vocabulary and technique.

K and 1st Grade - Are hard at work learning choreography for their showcase in May.

Elem PE:

Our athletic year is winding down fast! Players are dribbling and passing like Luka Doncic and shooting like Steph Curry. We have been focusing on good defensive principles-moving your feet and body without fouling, and don't forget, good sportsmanship! In a couple of weeks, we move on to America's pastime! So get your bats ready and the grill hot..."

Elem Computers:

We are diving deeper into what computers are capable of this March! Kindergarteners are practicing logging in to their computers and using their mouse and keyboard with Keyboarding Without Tears. First and second-graders are continuing KWT and learning some online research skills with Britannica Fundamentals. 3rd graders are learning the basics of PowerPoint and will create a project about Kites. 4th and 5th graders are learning graphic design basics with Canva and improving their words per minute, and accuracy scores in KWT.

Elem Agri-Science:

Our 4th and 5th grade agriculture students are enjoying their studies of sea turtles, pollinators, and herding dogs. Their posters are really coming together and their presentations should be done before Spring Break. I'm looking forward to their presentations of their final projects and seeing the amazing work that they have done! ~ Mrs. Potter

6TH GRADE

Greetings... Welcome to Raulerson's Radicals

We are heading towards the end of the year with excitement as our scholars are progressing towards the Oscar nominations, and let me say, we have had quite a few stellar performances already this year.

The Math department is discovering how to find the difference between points.

March is the month of 'Drive', or to walk in a military type of walking, and we are 'Driving to the end' for the Oscars.

So...Places everyone, 'lights, cameras...action'!!!

Let's go Raulerson's Radicals as we continue to prepare for the 'Oscars' in May.

Scitney Science

Students finished up their Summative Cell Projects and will be taking their DIA the first week of March. Afterwards, our studies bring us to the Human Body Systems. Students will be responsible for identifying body system structures and functions. Students will also need to describe the interactions that may occur between body systems. Students will apply this knowledge to describe how our bodies are constantly working to maintain homeostasis.

Ortiz, History

Hard to believe spring break and the 4th quarter are nearly here! I am so proud of all your amazing kiddos for pushing through this quarter and working so incredibly hard! In class we are currently discussing westward expansion and will wrap up Unit 7: Manifest Destiny before spring break. I hope you and your family have a much-needed restful spring break and a wonderful Easter!

Potter, ELA

Hello families! As we prepare to wrap up our third quarter together, we have many exciting things going on. Book projects are due on March 8th. I am so excited to see what your students have created! We are focusing on plot development. We are specifically looking at how the setting and character interactions help to develop a plot. We will also be focused on writing in class. We will be reviewing argumentative and informative writing, and practicing our writing skills on short writing exercises.

7TH GRADE

ELA: This month in ELA, we're focusing on writing skills! We begin the month creating an expository essay, inspired by The Outsiders novel. We'll also be brushing up on our argumentative writing skills in preparation for the upcoming BEST Writing Assessment on April 4th. Also, a gentle reminder, book projects are due no later than March 15th!

Science: In Science, we're jumping into the unit on Evolutionary Theories. We'll be exploring Charles Darwin's adventures with finches in the Galapagos, learning about the wonders of adaptation and natural selection.

Civics: Get ready for our Tallahassee trip on March 18th and 19th! For those staying behind, we've got a fun learning activity packet lined up. After spring break, we'll begin our next unit on Federalism, where we'll discover how power is shared in our government.

Math: 7th grade math is all about percents and functions this month. Let's tackle these concepts together and sharpen our problem-solving skills!

8TH GRADE

Fiorica:

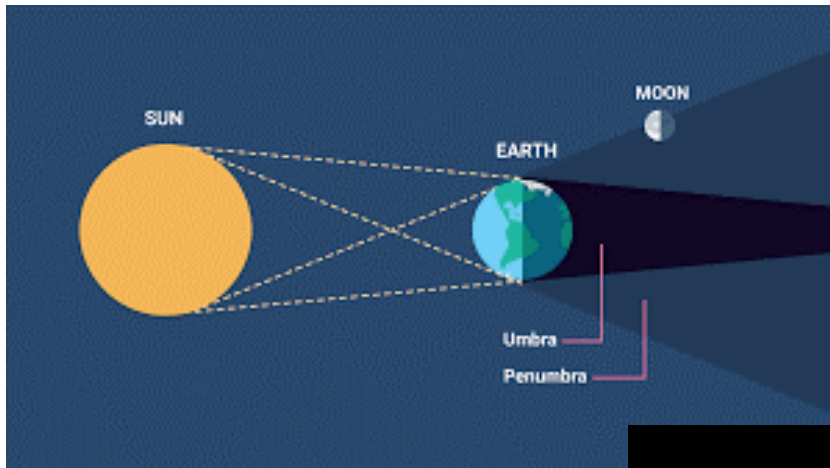
Transformations! Mrs. Fiorica's Pre-Algebra classes have been hard at work on our transformation project. Each group was tasked with creating a storyline that will tell the tale of their main character, a fish! This fish will go through a journey of the students choosing, and they were told to be creative! Their fish's journey must go through each transformation of a translation, reflection, rotation, and 2 sets of dilation. Be on the lookout to see how students recorded these storylines to create an animation where their fish come to life using stop motion! Thank you so much Mrs. Colon for an amazing collaboration with our math classes and film! Ask your student how they decided to model these transformations with their fish story!

Troy:

We're buzzing with excitement in our 8th grade ELA class as we dive into some super cool writing styles! This month, we're tackling argumentative and expository writing like pros! Whether it's crafting a compelling argument or diving deep into informative pieces, we're sharpening our writing skills like never before. We're not just stopping there. We're turning up the heat and strengthening our writing exercises to flex those creative muscles. From brainstorming sessions to peer reviews, we're all about honing our craft and having a blast while doing it! We're bringing on the brilliance and making every word count!

Rosso:

Science students are finishing up our Space Science Units and preparing for the end of the quarter on March 21st. We will be having our DIA on March 11th, postponed from the 5th. Study guides will be available for help preparing for this assessment, as it covers a wide range of content. When we return from Spring Break, we will begin our review of 6th and 7th grade content in preparation for the State Science test which is scheduled for May 7th. Keep your eyes on the sky for some exciting upcoming events in March: 3/14 Meteor Shower, 3/20 Spring Equinox, and 3/25 Penumbral Lunar Eclipse.



MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

Tech Theater with Mr. Kearney:

Tech Theater has been hard at work building the scenery for Ivy Hawn's spring mainstage production: Spamalot! Students are gaining mastery with common carpentry tools, incorporating their own ideas into the scenic design, and developing practical/physical problem-solving skills. Our next unit will focus on sound design.

Dance with Mrs. Kushner:

Choreography has begun for our Spring Dance Performance! Mark your calendars for May 1st at 6:00pm, as we will perform, "We're Going Worldwide!" a dance celebration of cultures from all over the world!

Senior Dance Team has added a special "Hawncore Performance" on March 20th at 6:00pm to showcase their new "Disney Dances" as well as a last showing of some of their competition dances from the season. This performance is free for family, friends, and fans, but donations are encouraged to help them cover costs for their upcoming Disney Dance Trip!

Computer Class with Ms. Morris:

Computer Lab: We are halfway through preparing for our second certification of the year! When we return from Spring Break, students will work in Word, PowerPoint and Excel as they research their possible career choice!

Middle School Art with Mr. Silvers:

2D1 and 2D2 Studio Art classes finished working with oil pastels and learning about various blending techniques. Currently they are creating designs for this year's Crime Stopper Poster Contest. 3D1 Studio Art students finished making papier-mâché masks. They will soon begin working with paper clay to create beaded jewelry.

Students seeking to take 2D2 Studio Art (our advanced art class) may pick up an application from the middle school lobby at the reception desk. Generally, students must take 2D1 Studio Art to be considered for this class. Seats for this class are limited.

Middle School Agriculture with Mrs. Potter:

Our Introduction classes have been exploring our small animal unit and learning more about rabbits. Our Orientation class recently worked on lesson planning and took their knowledge of small animals to our K/1 classes where they taught our young friends about rabbits and small animal care. Our Fundamentals class continues on their quest to prepare for their certification test.

Our National FFA Week was a huge success, thank you to all our students and families that participated! We provided our teachers and faculties with our annual Dunkin Donuts breakfast, we celebrated with our monthly member meeting, and conducted a pet food drive raising 200 pounds of food to benefit the Volusia SPCA! OUTSTANDING WORK IVY HAWN FFA.

For current 6th and 7th grade students interested in screening for Ivy Hawn FFA Officer positions for the 24/25 school year, we are having a mandatory meeting on March 20th from 2:15-3:30. Students will need to attend to gather the required information.

Ivy Hawn Drama Departments present...



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JOHN DU PREZ &
ERIC IDLE**

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SPAMALOT

Tickets: \$10
Balcony: \$5

April 12 & 13th at 6:30pm,
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For Tickets and Information see Mrs. Terhune or Mrs. Stewart