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IVY HAWN UPDATE



Message from the Principal

Hello Ivy Hawn Families,

We will celebrate Kindness in February with a Kindness Week organized by our 7th graders. This month, we encourage everyone to focus on being kind and caring for our school community. This can be done through acts of kindness, sharing a positive story, inviting a new friend to play, or saying "Thank You" to someone who has helped or encouraged you.

We will have a spirit week to help celebrate Kindness in our school with different activities. To participate in Spirit Week, students must dress on the theme and follow the VCS dress code. Students who are not dressed in the theme must be in their school uniform.

Sincerely,
Danielle Suhr
Principal

UPCOMING DATES

1/29-2/16: Elementary Husky Heart Five Challenge
2/12-16: Kindness Week
2/15: Science Fair (more information to come)
2/16: VCS Dance Performance
2/17: Choir MPA
2/19: President's Day (No School)
2/22-24: Jr. Thespian's State
2/22: Band Pre Solo and Ensemble Recital
2/23-24: Orchestra MPA
2/27: Board Meeting 6 pm
2/28: Talent Show Auditions
2/29-3/2: Band Solo and Ensemble
2/29: 4th Grade St. Augustine Fieldtrip
3/1: Hat Day Dress Down Day \$1
3/1: PAC Icecream Day

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

Gabriel Garcia

Pernez Thomas

Samuel Kerins

Cassidy Witte

Ellie Collins

Violet Adessi

Lydia Simonian

Veronica Vladika

Izabella Anayas



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 have just begun our Unit 6 topic, "How Do We Know What is Right?". We will continue to learn how traditional stories, like folktales, teach valuable lessons. Within the stories we read, we will be working on retelling each story by pointing out the major details. Over time, the goal is to retell a story without using the book for reference. Repetition is key!

Reading: Students have been continuing to blend CVC words and using the correct vocabulary to pinpoint the beginning, middle, and ending sounds in each given word. We've also been using inventive spelling while breaking apart multisyllable words. Sight words have also been at the forefront of individual instruction to help develop automaticity while reading.

Writing: Each Kindergarten classroom will publish their very own book! Every class has recently begun brainstorming ideas of what topic they wish to write about. Students are working diligently on proper letter formation, spacing between words, and capitalizing proper nouns as well as the first letter of every sentence. We've also been learning about inflectional endings, -s, -ed, and -ing, and what quotation marks are.

Social Studies: Students are enjoying learning about the American Symbols! We've discussed the U.S. flag, the Statue of Liberty, the bald eagle, the Liberty Bell, Mount Rushmore, and a couple others. Having introduced these real-life figures and representations of our history has raised some wonderful class discussions such as correlating how some of the presidents' faces are on money and wondering why the Statue of Liberty is green instead of copper. We will also be learning about Black History Month and celebrate the endeavors and accomplishments of African Americans.

Math: We just finished Chapter 6 where we learned all about addition and the meaning behind each symbol in an addition equation. Students have been working on breaking the total into two groups and also combining two groups to find the total. Students are continuing to learn the different ways to make 10 and have recently begun Chapter 7, where subtraction is the focus.

Science: Students learned all about matter and the properties that go along with it. We are now learning what an engineer is and experimenting with different STEM activities to build various structures. We will soon begin learning all about Sounds, Pushes, and Pulls!

1ST GRADE

ELA-We will continue to learn to read and spell vowel team words. We will read mostly nonfiction texts about the past, present, and future.

Writing-In this unit, we will be reviewing Expository pieces and writing "How to" stories. Students will include transition words First, Next, and Last into their writing.

Grammar-In this unit, students will work with possessive nouns and understanding how to identify and make noun-verb agreements in sentences.

Math-In this chapter, we will be comparing numbers within 100. We will use the phrases equal to, greater than, and less than. We will use the symbols =, >, and <. We will also find one more, one less, ten more, and ten less than a given number. The vocabulary words associated with this chapter are: compare, greater than, and less than.

Social Studies: Students will be learning all about Rosa Parks, Presidents Day & Black History Month. They will understand that history tells the story of people and events of other times and places.

Science: Students will be identifying the characteristics between living & nonliving things. They will apply their understanding by completing different activities on living & nonliving things.

2ND GRADE

ELA: For unit 6 we are working with folktales. We will dive deeper into theme, character's perspective, main story elements, and context clues.

Math: I can subtract within 1000 using various strategies. I can estimate and measure length by cm, in, ft, yds, and m

Science: In science we will be wrapping up our unit on energy, force, and motion. We will then begin our plants and animals unit. This month the topic will focus on the student body. We will be learning about the major organs and doing activities to explore our heart, lungs, and brain.

Writing: This month in writing, we are writing personal narratives and fictional narratives. Students will write a narrative by placing story events in sequential order. Students will be writing complete sentences, using transitions, and demonstrating legible print while writing their narratives.

3RD GRADE

This month students will have the opportunity to celebrate Friendship Day through various activities and a special celebration. They will engage in creating family project mailboxes, which will serve as a platform for exchanging heartfelt messages and tokens of friendship.

ELA: In this unit, students will have the opportunity to explore and understand figurative language and poetry. They will engage with various literary devices, such as similes, metaphors, and personification, to enhance their comprehension and appreciation of poetry. After this, the focus will shift to non-fiction texts and the purpose and impact of text features. Students will learn how to utilize text features, such as headings, captions, and graphs, to enhance their understanding and analysis of informational texts.

Social Studies: During this unit, students will have the opportunity to learn about influential individuals in honor of Black History Month. They will engage in research and create biography reports on important figures, highlighting their accomplishments and contributions. Additionally, students will have the chance to present their findings to the class, fostering public speaking skills and knowledge sharing. This unit aims to deepen understanding and appreciation of the significant individuals who have made significant contributions to black history.

In **Math** we will be starting our unit on Fractions. We will be learning how to represent fractions. We will also be learning about equivalent fractions and how to order fractions by size. You can help at home by having your student measure items when cooking. Look for fractions around you such as slices of pizza or brownies.

In **Science** we are learning about light energy. Students will be exploring how light travels and what happens when light hits an object. We will also be learning about plant parts and their functions.

4TH GRADE

This is an exciting month for 4th grade! In **ELA**, we are starting Unit 6: Confronting Challenges. The students will explore and discuss in detail the common theme of how the challenges that characters face can lead to personal growth. In **Social Studies**, students will continue learning about the Age of Exploration here in Florida. We will learn about specific explorers who came to Florida and the motivations for their expeditions. We will go on an expedition of our own at the end of the month when we visit St. Augustine on our field trip on February 29th. We all are very excited to embark on this educational journey. In

Math, we are finishing up multiplying fractions and we will be relating everything we've learned about fractions to decimals and money in Ch. 9. In **Science**, we are finishing up our unit on energy and motion culminating in the building of our Rube Goldberg machines.

Thank you to all the parents that have supported us by donating materials for building these machines.

ELEMENTARY SPECIAL AREA

Elem Drama:

4/5 - What an incredible showcase performance! I'm so proud of their work and enjoyed wrapping up another fun show. We'll now be going into February practicing script reading as we take on a play about Charles Drew and dissecting the sound effects in radio dramas.

2/3 - We're gearing up for another showcase in the form of Fabulous Fables with 2nd/3rd grade. They've got their scripts; we're doing some character work and blocking. More info regarding this show will be going out shortly. We're also looking at Kabuki, a beautiful Japanese theatre form.

K/1 - Just finished a fairy tale unit where the students created the story and then performed a script in class based on those stories. Their showcase is coming together as well and we'll be starting shortly.

TSquad: We're getting ready for our last competition of the year, FESTAF and then we'll be working on TSquad: Unplugged, our last live performance at the Hawn!

Spamalot: Rehearsals are in full swing! Posters will be going out soon. Mark your calendars to come see this incredible performance on April 12th, 13th, 14th!

Elem Art:

Ormond Memorial Art Museum and Gardens will Host this years 52nd Annual Volusia Students Create. District chosen judges selected 2nd grader, Charlotte Anayas, and 4th grader, Ethan Carignan's artwork, to be included in this exhibit.

Artwork will be on display from February 6th to March 10th. Opening Ceremony and Awards are February 6th from 5-7pm.

Students will be exploring chalk pastels this month. They will learn techniques for this medium to create a desert-inspired piece.

Kindergarteners are learning about texture, movement and line; as they create their cactus.

1st graders are creating sand dunes and learning about space, texture, and color.

2nd graders are starting to draw roadrunners in a desert landscape, as we discuss movement, texture, and space.

3rd graders are going to draw a Fennec fox, in a galaxy-inspired background. They will be learning about, balance, symmetry, form, value and emphasis.

4th graders will learn about the history of Adobe houses and create their own in a desert landscape. Art concepts emphasized for this lesson is space and contrast.

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

Art Club will be starting their final artwork piece. They will be doing heart shape metal embossing, inspired by Jim Dine.

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 Computers:

We are learning a lot in computer class this month! 5th graders are learning Microsoft Word and how to format documents and insert pictures, and how to save their document in addition to practicing typing skills. They are also learning Canva basics. 4th graders are learning the basics of Microsoft PowerPoint and inserting pictures as well as Canva basics and keyboarding skills. 3rd graders are learning how to make a graphic design presentation on Canva. 2nd graders have recently learned how to log in to their personal Volusia County account and have been practicing their graphic design skills on Paint 3D, as well as practicing typing skills. 1st graders are focusing on making progress in Keyboarding Without Tears-learning typing and mouse basics. Kindergarten has started to learn how to login to the computer using their kindergarten username and password and about half of the students have progressed to the typing program- Keyboarding Without Tears.

Elem Music:

4th and 5th grade just completed their annual music, dance, and drama showcase, "Movie Mashup!" It was a great success and we are so proud of all the kids and their hard work! 4th and 5th grade will now start their instrument family unit, Black History Month unit, as well as review treble clef, reading music, and recorder.

2nd and 3rd grade are busy preparing for their annual music, dance, and drama showcase which will be in March. More information will be coming home soon.

2nd and 3rd is finishing up their Carnival of the Animals unit and will continue on to instrument families and musical form. 3rd grade will review treble clef, reading music, and recorder.

Kindergarten and 1st grade had a blast with their winter unit, learning songs about winter, the cold, and ice skating! They are now going to move on to their rhythm unit, continue to review steady beat, matching pitch, and movement with music.

Huge congratulations to the following 5th graders for being selected to the Volusia County Elementary Music All County! They will perform at a showcase on Friday, February 2, at 7pm at DeLand High School: Ryker Lintz, Cael da Silva, Mya Sanchez, and Lily Spencer. Way to go!

Elem PE:

I have been amazed at watching the teamwork and athleticism of scholars during our games of Capture the Flag! Get ready as we move on to Basketball... I don't think there will be any high flying dunks like LeBron James, but we will be working on our passing, dribbling, and shooting skills!

Elem Media:

4/5TH grade students have begun their non-fiction research papers. Students will be selecting a partner and a "Who was" book to complete this assignment.

Ivy Hawn's media center is the process of refileing our book catalog. Once completed, parents/teachers and students will have access to see what books are available for signing out. Be on the look out for the new media center's website!

Ivy Hawn hosted its first Chess tournament on Friday, January 19th. Great sportsman ship was shown all around with Bentley Williams taking home First place!

Elem Dance:

4th and 5th Grade are starting their Hip Hop unit. They will be working on some fun upbeat combinations.

2nd and 3rd Grade are working hard learning their showcase choreography. Their performance will be March 6th!

K-1st Grade is finishing up their tap unit and will soon be starting their showcase choreography.

Junior Dance Team is preparing for their upcoming competition, Shake the Ground on March 2nd!

6TH GRADE

Greetings... Welcome to Raulerson's Radicals

We are embracing the new 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 the realm of 'comparing, ordering and graphing integers.' February is the month of 'Love', and we 'Love' Math. So...Places everyone, 'lights, cameras...action'!!!

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

Gibilisco ELA (6th): Students have gotten off to a great start on Unit 3! We are reading *Bronze Bow*, and are learning about character interaction and motivation, character development, figurative language, and theme. Students will be working on a research project on the Roman Empire to accompany the information in our book. All students have signed up for a topic, and are getting started on their actual research! Let's keep up the awesome work!

Scitney Science: Students are finished studying Earth Science for the year and are starting their studies in Biology. Our Big Idea starts with a unit in Cells. Students will learn about Cell Theory, Cells in the organization of life, Cell Structures, and how cells help our bodies maintain homeostasis. We will be utilizing compound light microscopes to study pre-prepared cell slides, preparing some slides of our own and completing a "Cell as a ____" Analogy poster. Our Biology units later in the year will include Human Body Systems and Classification (Domains and Kingdoms) of life.

Ortiz History: Happy February Families! I can hardly believe we have passed the 100th day of school! We are currently finishing our unit on the US constitution and will move into Unit 5, Shaping a new nation. During Unit 5 students will learn about many important events and people including the presidency of George Washington, Lewis and Clark, Daniel Boone, and the war of 1812. As a reminder, please continue to encourage your students to regularly check gradebook and keep putting in the hard work! I believe in them.

Potter ELA: This month, our main focus will be on writing our expository essay. This essay will be focused on the Wright brothers and their adventures into the air! Our essay will be a compare and contrast essay focused on the text features and how they are used to convey the information of the text. We have also started a grammar Wednesday in ELA. Ask your student what they learn on Wednesdays to see what we focused on that week!

7TH GRADE

Rodgers ELA:

This month, students are thoroughly engrossed in the reading of "The Outsiders" by S.E. Hinton. The story provides an engaging backdrop for the study of literary elements such as setting, characterization, theme, and point of view. Students will soon begin preparing for a summative essay, offering them a way to show their understanding of the themes in the story. Additionally, students should be reading their book project books at home. Details about project options will be shared soon!

Gibilisco ELA:

Students have gotten off to a great start on Unit 3! We are reading *The Hobbit*, and are learning about setting, character development, theme, and point of view/perspective. Students will be starting a major project based on the book at the beginning of this month. Sign-ups for project choices will soon be complete. Let's keep up the awesome work!

7TH GRADE CONT.

Science:

We are currently in the middle of the Genetics Unit. They are learning how to complete Punnett Squares and figure out the percentage heterozygous traits to homozygous traits. We will be starting Mitosis and Meiosis this coming week. They have a Genetics Dinner Menu Project that will be due February 15th and 16th. The exam on Genetics will be February 22 and 23rd.

Math:

This month, students in regular math will continue their unit on ratios and proportions. For accelerated math, students will begin the dive into Algebra as we explore Linear Equations and Linear Systems.

Civics:

Unit 5 on the Bill of Rights and Other Amendments has been in full swing since we have returned from winter break. Your students are learning their rights and the limitations to those rights through different Supreme Court case rulings. There will be a Unit 5 DIA on February 15th-16th.

Tallahassee:

As a reminder, our trip dates are March 18th-19th. There will be an informative parent/student meeting as we move closer. That date will go out in my Remind. If you are not a part of my Remind yet, please sign up today @hawncivics.

8TH GRADE

Mrs. Hess- Moving from linear equations, Algebra will begin to explore the idea of exponents. Diving into properties, graphing, and learning the importance of exponential growth and decay. Geometry is wrapping up the chapter on Trigonometry to lean into other polygons. Parallelograms, kites, and trapezoids are now coming into focus.

Mrs. Fiorica- Pre-Algebra is wrapping up rational vs irrational numbers! Ask your students if they can tell you the difference! Please be on the lookout for remind messages regarding homework or upcoming assessments. Thank you for all you do to help support your children at home as we begin the transition into a high school mindset!

Mrs. Troy- 8th grade ELA is excited to take our writing to the next level preparing for the District writing assessments in April. We are also reading about Anne Frank and celebrating the accomplishments of so many who endured one of history's most tragic periods, the Holocaust. The ELA department is also preparing something special for Valentine's Day, Roses & Poetry. More information on that soon to follow!

Mrs. Rosso -In Science we have just begun our unit on the Universe. Start looking up at the night sky and find patterns in the movements of the Moon. Try and find the constellation Orion, His left shoulder and right foot are easily discernible as red and blue stars. You might even be able to see the nebula to the bottom left of his "belt". The DIA for this unit is expected on March 5th, look for study guides a week before.

Mrs. Gibilisco ELA (8th): Students have gotten off to a great start on Unit 3! We are currently finishing Around the World in Eighty Days, and will be starting The Hiding Place this month. We are learning about setting, character development, conflict, figurative language, and persuasive speech. As students begin learning about heroism in the Holocaust based on The Hiding Place, they will start signing up for a research project topic. Sign-ups for their research project will be completed by the end of February. Let's keep up the awesome work!

MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

Middle School Agriculture classes are working hard on digging into all things agriculture. Our 8th grade Fundamentals classes are focusing on their certification materials – testing will take place in April. Introduction classes have been moooving on into our dairy unit. We've been focusing on breeds of dairy cattle, the different milking parlors, and pasteurization and homogenization. Finally, our 7th grade Orientation students focus heavily on our plants, both inside and outside, but are taking a break to talk about companion animals. Their goal is to facilitate a lesson to our K/1 students. Beyond that, our FFA Livestock and Horse teams have been working hard to prepare for State Competition on 2/9 and 2/10. Our next FFA meeting will 2/21 as we celebrate National FFA Week.

Creative Photography– Our budding photographers are rocking their portraits and flat lay projects! I am SO impressed by how much they have grown as photographers! Next for our photographers, we plan to take our classroom outdoors to work on creating landscape and architectural photography while learning how to take control of our cameras using manual mode! Additionally, we will begin learning how to create custom lightroom presets for our photo editing process. If you would like to follow along with your photographer's journey, please ask them to share their Edu-Blog with you! This is where each student showcases their photo projects throughout the year!

Paparazzi Pack (Yearbook)– The Paparazzi Pack is working hard taking photos, collecting quotes, designing pages, and getting interviews but we want your help! If you have photos of any school events, classroom events, field trips, dress down days, dances, practices, club meetings, etc. Please email me the full-size photos with details to wollardr@ivyhawnschool.org.

The ad deadline for our remaining student dedication ads and business ads is approaching quickly! The deadline for all ads is 2/14. You may purchase an ad for your student or business by going to www.BuyTheYearbook.com

Ivy Hawn Kindness Week

February 12 – 16

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THIS WEEK IS ALL ABOUT SPREADING GOOD VIBES AT IVY HAWN! LET'S LEARN, TEACH, AND SHARE KINDNESS WITH EVERYONE AROUND US.

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SERVE UP SOME
KINDNESS

Wear Red,
White and Blue

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LET KINDNESS
SHINE

Wear
Sunglasses

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HATS OFF TO
KINDNESS

Wear a Hat or
Crazy Hair

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TIED TOGETHER BY
KINDNESS

Wear a Tie or
Tie-Dye

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TEAM UP FOR
KINDNESS

Wear Your Fan
Gear