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# IVY HAWN UPDATE



## Message from the Principal

Hello Ivy Hawn Families,

I hope you all had a restful and meaningful time over the winter break. As we enter a new year, many of us take this opportunity to make goals for the upcoming year. At Ivy Hawn, we all share the same goal for our students-to be the best version of themselves and become all they can be. We want them to be successful through hard work, consistent attendance, perseverance, utilizing help from our faculty, and working diligently. These traits will build good habits that will carry our students through their educational journey and into life. We expect a great deal from our scholars because they are very capable of producing great results and exemplifying the Ivy Hawn Way in all they do. Please help support us by holding your students accountable, checking grade book often, and communicating with teachers. We look forward to an amazing second half to the school year!

Sincerely,  
Danielle Suhr  
Principal

## UPCOMING DATES

1/5: PAC Ice cream Friday \$2  
1/6: Winter Ball 7-9 pm  
1/15: No School  
1/17: 4th Grade Showcase 6 pm  
1/22-1/26: Literacy Week  
1/31: 100th Day of School  
2/1: 101st Day of School  
1/23: Board Meeting 6 pm\*  
\*24-25 Calendar Vote  
1/24: 5th Grade Showcase 6 pm  
1/25: Special Board Meeting 6 pm  
1/25: Show Choir 6 pm  
1/27: Ivy Hawn 5K  
2/1: Chick-fil-A Spirit Night  
2/2: PAC Ice cream \$2  
2/2: TUTU Dress Down Day \$1

# Classroom Updates

## 1ST GRADE

**Phonics:** We are finishing up long vowels with silent e and starting on long vowels with vowel teams.

**Comprehension:** We will be reading mostly fiction stories to learn lessons or morals.

**Writing:** This unit we will be understanding how to create opinion pieces on how we like or feel about something. Students will write a topic sentence, provide reasons, examples, and a closing sentence.

**Grammar:** This unit we will learn about proper nouns and forming simple sentences.

**Math:** We will finish our unit on subtracting through 20 and begin chapter 6, where students will learn about place value and counting by ones by twos, by fives, and by tens to 120. Your student will learn what it means when a digit is in the tens place or the one's place, read and write numbers, and recognize how many tens and ones makeup numbers up to 120. The vocabulary words associated with this chapter are 120 chart, row, column, decade numbers, digit, ones, tens, ones place, tens place expanded form, expanded form, and word form.

**Science:** Students will be able to demonstrate & describe the various ways that objects can move, such as in a straight line, zigzag, back-&-forth, round-&-round, & fast & slow. Then will get into learning about pushes & pulls.

**Social Studies:** Students will create a timeline based on their life or school events, using primary sources. We will also talk about National Holidays including Martin Luther King Day.

## 2ND GRADE

In **ELA** we will be starting a new unit about Technology and how we can solve problems using technology. Students will explore text features, author's purpose, central idea, and diving deeper into vocabulary.

**Math:** I can subtract within 100 using various strategies. I can add and subtract within 1,000 using various strategies.

In **science** we will be starting our topic on energy, force, and motion. Students will be exploring different forms of energy, how pushes and pulls effect objects, and how different amounts of force change the motion of objects.

In **writing** we will be working on writing an opinion essay. Students will have to write an essay stating their opinion about a topic and give supporting reasons. While writing our essays, we will be working on making sure we are using punctuation, capitalization, and grade level appropriate spelling.

## 3RD GRADE

We are excited to get this new year started!! We have had a great first week back. Here are some of the things happening in third grade:

In **ELA**, we will be putting our detective hats on for Context Clues. We will also be learning about cause and effect in both fiction and nonfiction. We will be revisiting some content for review, for our upcoming PM2 FAST assesment.

In **Social Studies**, we are continuing with our unit on Economics. We had great success with our Economics stores. The kids were so creative!

For **Math**, we will be learning about area and ending the month in fractions. We are still working hard on learning our multiplication facts. We highly encourage daily practice. Flash cards are always a great way to practice.

**Science**: We are learning about types of energy and how energy can cause things to change or move. For activities at home where they are creating motion. Flapping arms, pushing their chair, rolling a pencil.

Don't forget to check out our 3rd-grade website!

## 4TH GRADE

**ELA**: Students will be focusing on standard 4.R.2.4- Explain an author's claim and the reasons and evidence used to support the claim.

**Math**: Students will be adding and subtracting fractions.

**Science**: Students are learning about energy and motion.

**Social Studies**: Students will be learning about Florida Explorers.

## 5TH GRADE

In **ELA**, we are continuing to work on grammar and apply those skills in our writing. We are practicing "proofreading as we write" and using our Writing Notebooks for reference when writing an essay for argumentative or expository prompts. In Poetry, we are analyzing elements of structure for mood, tone, rhyme scheme, rhyme patterns, meter, figurative language, line structure, theme, and refrains (repeated phrases).

In **Social Studies**, we will begin the year with Colonial America. This is always a student favorite as we learn how we grew as a brand-new nation!

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 Drama:** 4th & 5th are gearing up for their showcase performance, Movie Mashup! For more information on the show, please see attached or feel free to contact me at [terhuner@ivyhawnschool.org](mailto:terhuner@ivyhawnschool.org).

2nd & 3rd are about to begin rehearsals for their showcase and are starting to travel the theatre world. We'll look at plays from different cultures such as Latin America and styles like Japan's Kabuki.

K & 1st are learning what builds a story as we make our own fairy tales and then practice performing them.

**TSquad:** We're getting ready for our FESTAF competition in February and our one-act, student written extravaganza TSquad: Unplugged (performance in May)

**STEAM:** Happy New Year! New beginnings are just around the corner for 2024. All the grades will be starting off the New Year learning about STEM careers in the Arts. Students in 5th grade will be continuing working on 3D printing projects, while 4th grade will be start learning the basics different types of computer coding and careers that blend coding with the arts. 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. "A" maybe for apple but in STEAM it could also mean Astronaut, Astronomer, or Artist.

**Media:** Literacy week is Jan. 22nd-Jan.26th .  
"Get Lost in a book!"

Ivy Hawn will be holding its first ever Chess Tournament on Jan. 16th from 3:15-6:15. A flyer will be available on Jan. 3rd or you may register online at <http://woodservices.org>. Our winter Chess session begins Jan. 8th!



**BELIEVE** **IN**  
**YOUR "SHELF"**

**BUILDING RESILIENCY THROUGH READING**



# ELEMENTARY SPECIAL AREA CONT.

**Elem Dance:** 4th & 5th Grade will be in the theater rehearsing and staging dances for their upcoming performances!

2nd & 3rd Grade will began choreography for their spring showcase.

K-1st Grade are finishing up their ballet unit.

**Junior Dance Team:** Finalizing choreography and rehearsing for their upcoming competition in March!

**Elem PE:** Whoa! How about one Triple Overtime and another Quadruple Overtime in Flag Football to end 2023? Players were fast, ran great routes, caught many passes, and defended well. Now we transition to another fan favorite- Capture the Flag. Get ready to defend the castle and claim the other team's treasure!

**Elem Computers:** In computer class Kindergarteners are learning how to use ipads and various features of the ipads. 1st graders are focusing on mouse and keyboard typing skills. 2nd graders are practicing how to login using their personal VCS account, learning the features of Microsoft Paint 3D, as well as Keyboarding skills. 3rd graders are focusing on keyboarding skills, and the features of Microsoft Word. 4th Graders are focused on keyboarding skills and Microsoft Word. 5th Graders are focused on keyboarding skills and improving their WPM and accuracy rate as well as, learning how to send emails, and use various Microsoft programs like One Note, Word, and Powerpoint.

**Elem Music:** Huge congratulations to Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders for their wonderful winter music showcases! Jingle Jam! was a big success and Miss Holvey is so proud of you!

4th and 5th grade are gearing up for their January Showcases along with dance and drama. Be sure to check the Ivy Hawn Website for dates and information.

**Elem AgriScience:** Our elementary students are working on finishing their ADI poster projects. Students have been working on studying pollinators, herding dogs, and sea turtles. I am excited to see their final projects and look forward to sharing some of their work with you. Please join our elementary Remind @iheleag23

## **Elem Art:**

Kindergarten is learning about printmaking, line, and value as they create their Sheep.

1st graders are working on their Barn and Farm Landscape. They have been learning about Grant Wood, balance, symmetry, as well as printmaking.

2nd graders are finishing up their Close-Up Cows. They are learning about Grant Wood, balance, symmetry, along with printmaking.

3rd graders started their Monoprint Roosters, where they are learning about Grant Wood, printmaking, space, and warm and cool colors.

4th and 5th graders are completing their Northern Lights artwork. They have been learning about space and implied texture. They will soon be working with chalk pastels, where 4th grade will be creating an Adobe home and desert landscape; while 5th grade will be creating Georgia O'keeffe-Inspired Succulents and work on proper proportions.

Art Club is working on their mixed media project using acrylic paint and air-dry clay on a canvas.



Ivy Hawn Charter School of the Arts 4th/5th Grades



## Showcase

### “Movie Mashup!”

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We will be having our 4th/5th Showcase “Movie Mashup!” on January 17th (4th grade) and January 24th (5th grade). Below you will find the time and date your child’s class is performing as well as performance attire.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Terhune, Ms. McCarthy, or Ms. Holvey.

SHOW TIMES – Jan 17th:

Show #1

Classes performing: Willis, Raulerson, & Brumley

Call Time: 5:45pm

Show Time: 6:00pm

Show #2

Classes performing: Clevinger, Manning & Robles

Call Time: 6:45pm

Show Time: 7:00pm

SHOW TIMES – Jan 24th:

Show #1

Classes performing: Kimmel, Infante & Bartlett

Call Time: 5:45pm

Show Time: 6:00pm

Show #2

Classes performing: Simmons, Perrick & Weaver

Call Time: 6:45pm

Show Time: 7:00pm

## COSTUME REQUIREMENTS:

Lord of the Rings (Weaver/Bartlett/Brumley/Robles) – All students who do not have speaking parts can dress as wizards or elves, as long as their clothes do not interfere with their dancing. No hats, masks, beards, capes, or weapons. Neutral colors preferred.

If you're named character, you can dress as the character as long as your costume does not impede with your dancing. Gandalf can wear a hat, Legolas can wear fake ears, and Spiderman can wear a full mask, as long as he can remove it when he doesn't have his speaking part. [For ideas for costuming, click here.](#)

Star Wars (Kimmel/Simmons/Willis/Clevinger) – All students who do not have speaking parts can dress as Jedis/Sith. This can be as simple as a neutral-colored bathrobe. If you do something elaborate it still cannot interfere with their dancing. No hats, masks, or capes. NO WEAPONS or STORMTROOPER ARMOR.

If you're named character, you can dress as that character, but no masks (Sorry Darth Vader). Darth Vader can wear a cape. Princess Leia must have her hair in the classic side-bun design. [Click here for a picture.](#) In an effort to keep our Stormtroopers similar, we're like them to be dress in just a stormtrooper shirt and black pants. [A t-shirt like this would work perfect.](#) Homemade ones are fine too. Again, no masks.

Wizard of Oz (Manning/Raulerson/Perrick/Infante) – All students who do not have speaking parts can dress as zombies. Tattered, marked-up clothes would be great, as long as it is not revealing (Halloween zombie style). Zombie makeup is allowed.

If you're a named character, please feel free to get as creative as you'd like for your costume. Simple or complex it is up to your choosing, as long as it does not impede with their dancing. Dorothy's do not require baskets or Totos. Lions cannot have their feet covered.

SKIRTS – Must have shorts underneath

SHOES – Students will be barefoot, unless they have nude or black jazz shoes. Named characters included. Please consider this when planning costuming.

\*\*\*The most important part of costuming is to make sure all friends are still able to move comfortably for their class's dance and they're not blocking other friends while on the risers.\*\*\*

## 6TH GRADE

**Potter/English-** Welcome back! This month we are focused on informational texts. While reading these, we will focus on how information is organized and how text features support the text. We will analyze the authors' purpose in multiple accounts of the same event. We will also prepare to write our first expository essay!

**Raulerson's Radicals-** We are embarking on a new semester as our scholars are progressing towards the Oscar nominations.

The Math department is discovering the realm of 'percentages, ratios, and the application of absolute values.' This will also be the time of our second (F.A.S.T.), progress monitoring exam, and we are looking for improvement from our first exam earlier this fall. Places everyone, 'lights, cameras...action'!!!

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

**Scitney/Science-** I am excited for the field trip to Orlando Science Center on January 22. Please be mindful that student forms and payment (\$22) are due January 12. Students will pick groups the following week. Students are beginning their (traditionally) most challenging unit on Weather and Climate. We will work in this unit across the entire month. Students will conduct a summative project starting around January 18th and will take their DIA sometime around January 30. As a reminder, my late work policy allows students to turn in assignments from the current unit up until the day after testing. Afterwards, students will need to conduct enrichment activities from the current unit that can apply points to previous unit assignments. Our field trip to the Orlando Science Center will support the unit in a module we elected during part of the trip.

**Ortiz/History-** Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a wonderful break! The first half of the year was amazing, and I know the second half will be even better! This month we are moving into Unit 4, Creating a new nation, where we will be learning about the consequences of the American Revolution and the founding principles of our nation. As we begin the new year, I would like to remind you about the late work policy in my class. Late work will be accepted up to seven days past the due date, after which point it will no longer be accepted and students will earn a zero for the assignment. Thank you for your continued support it is greatly appreciated.

## 7TH GRADE

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful time with your family during the break and that you had a chance to unplug and unwind.

For the next six weeks in **Civics**, students will be learning about the Bill of Rights and the American Legal System. Our DIA and remediation for Unit 5 will be February 14-16. If you haven't joined my Remind yet the code is: @hawncivics.

In **ELA**, we have an important date coming up on January 9th - the second Fast Progress Monitoring test. It's a great opportunity to gauge our students' progress so please be sure your student is well-rested and gives their best effort. Additionally, we'll be starting our journey into the classic novel, "The Outsiders" by S.E. Hinton.

In **Math**, please be on the lookout for an updated procedures paper from students. Make sure those are signed and brought back as soon as possible! This month we will be working on inequalities in regular math. Accelerated math will be starting angles and triangles.

In **Science**, we are starting the Genetics Unit. Students will be learning about Inherited vs. Acquired traits. Students will complete a DNA extraction Lab from Wheat Germ. Then we will move on to dominant and recessive genes while learning how to do Punnett Squares. As the unit progresses will start learning how to complete pedigrees for a family. Students will be receiving and completing a Genetics Dinner Menu project this quarter. The unit exam for Genetics will be on February 15th and 16th.

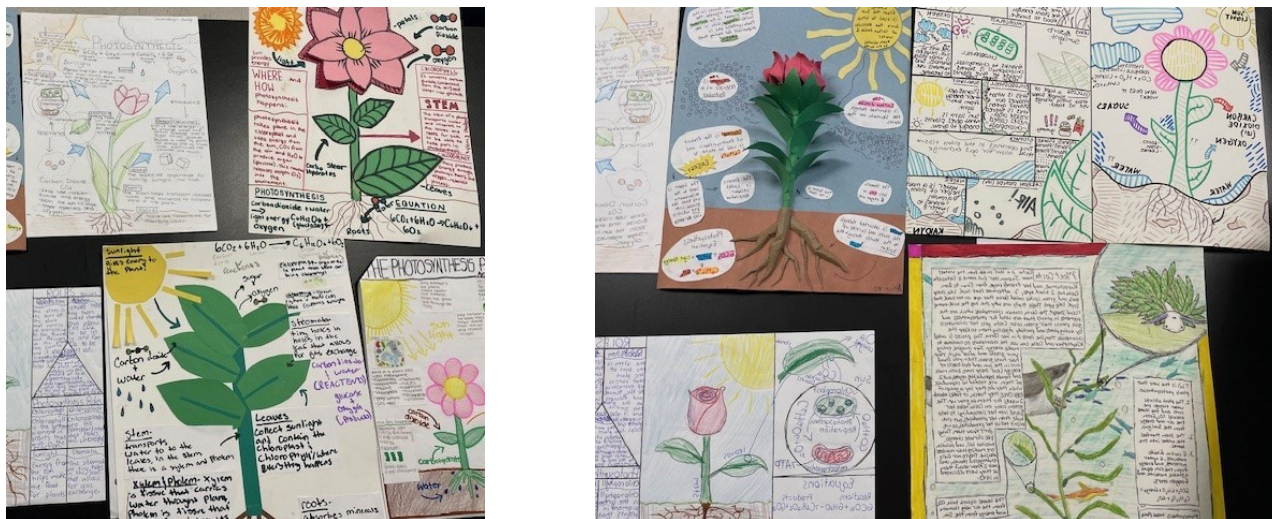


## 8TH GRADE

**Troy/ELA-** Greetings from 8th Grade ELA! We are starting off strong this new year with practicing narrative elements like figurative and descriptive language and analyzing the compelling and harrowing writings of Anne Frank. We will also be taking our independent reading projects to the next level with a fun "Blind Date With a Book" activity and "Book Project Parade."

**Fiorica/Pre-Algebra & Math-** Here in Pre-Algebra, we are really excited to start this new year off right! We will get right into it starting in chapter 7 with functions. Be on the lookout for a lesson introduction sheet with all our learning targets that we will cover this unit. Also, let's get ready for our math PM2 testing on January 11th. I can't wait to see our growth!

**Rosso/Science-** In Science we are continuing to study The Carbon Cycle. Our District Assessment is tentatively January 23rd. Be on the lookout for study guides the week of January 16th. Our Photosynthesis projects were amazing! Some excellent examples are pictured:



## MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

### From Mrs. Potter

Congratulations to all our students that competed in December for Ivy Hawn FFA! Our Opening and Closing Team placed 4th at Sub-District Competition, Elyse Powell placed 3rd in Creed, Rebecca Agnew placed 2nd in Prepared Public Speaking. In addition, our Horse Evaluation team placed 19th at state preliminaries and our Livestock team placed 12th. Both Livestock and Horse teams will be going to State finals!

Students will begin working on new projects in January. We will start on Ornamental Horticulture projects, this is usually one of their favorite projects of the year. I look forward to seeing how creative their projects will be!

## 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. Kearney:**

This month Tech Theater will be looking more closely at lighting design for the stage, as well as discovering the wild properties of light all along the electromagnetic spectrum. Students will be learning to program the light board and use its related software, as well as hanging and focusing a variety of actual lighting instruments.

## **From Mrs. Kushner:**

We will start the year focusing back on the basics! Technique training in ballet, jazz, and tap will help us prepare for the semester. We will also start our Diversity in Dance projects, taking a look at our roots and discovering how dance connects people and culture all over the world!

Dance Team will perform at the Celebration of Dance performance with Dr. Phillips High School on January 12th, and then heads to their 1st competition of the season - Platinum Dance Collective in Jacksonville - January 19th - 21st!

Mark your calendars for Tutu Day!! February 2nd - all students may wear a tutu to school for \$1 to support our Junior and Senior Dance Teams. Dance Team will have some tutus available for rental for an additional \$1 that day. See Mrs. Kushner or Mrs. McCarthy for more information.

## **From Mrs. Stewart:**

Happy New Year to all Theater Students, Jr. Thespians and Mainstage Production Participants!

## **Spring Musical:**

We are gearing up for our next big show for 3rd to 8th grade students, the spring musical, Young @ Part edition of Monty Python's Spamalot! Auditions are on Wednesday, January 10 at 2:15 pm. Audition forms can be found at both Theater classrooms or simply ask Mrs. Stewart for one. This is a wild and wacky musical which needs good comedic acting skills, singing and dancing. It will be a lot of fun.

## **Jr. Thespians Troupe 89103:**

Jr. Thespians State Competition will be held in February. Our Superior Ranking Thespys will be competing on February 22-24 at the Orange County Convention Center. Our Troupe will be presenting events in Scene Writing, Set Design, Duet Acting, Monologue, and Solo Musicals. Students will participate in workshops and will have the opportunity to see many plays all in the space of three days. It is an exciting time where Jr. Thespian troupes from all over Florida come together to celebrate their love of theatre.

## **Theatre classes:**

Theatre 1 classes will begin their Theater History unit with Greek and Roman Theatre. Theater 2 classes will use their knowledge of theater to evaluate selected plays and examine how different theater spaces change acting styles. Theater 3 will begin a unit on stage combat followed by using that stage combat in selected scenes. Musical Theater class will begin work on their next major musical performing in May. And as always, we will continue to develop theater skills in all classes by using Improvisation and games to practice focus, listening, quick thinking, problem solving and creativity.

## **From Mrs. Wilson:**

**Choir:** Show Choir is preparing for Solo and Ensemble MPA on 2/9 and 2/10. All treble singers are preparing for MPA in March!

**Orchestra:** We are preparing for Orchestra MPA in February!

**Creative Writing:** We have begun taking pieces for our Orpheus Literary Magazine!



# 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



# IVY HAWN 5K

5k Road Race and fun runs for kids. All fees go to supporting Ivy Hawn's Cross Country and Track Teams. This year we are also doing class races for the most runners signed up tagged to a grade level or elective team. Please pre-register now, as the price will increase as we get closer to the race.

<https://www.adventuresignup.com/Race/FL/LakeHelen/IvyHawnHuskies5K>

**JANUARY 27, 2024**