



Designated an "A" School 10 Years in a Row!

Heron Highlights

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Dates to Remember

November

- 2 Family Reading
Experience 7:55am
- 4 "Fall Back in Time"
- 7 SAC/PTO 6:00pm
- 9 Family Reading
Experience 7:55am
Mid-Terms Go Home
- 10 iMom Morning 7:30am
- 11 Picture Re-Take Day
- 16 All Pro Dads 7:30am
Family Reading
Experience 7:55am
- 18 Heron Hustle 5:30pm
- 22 Leader of the Month
Assembly 9:15am (by
invitation only)
- 23-25 Thanksgiving Break—No
School
- 30 Leadership Day
Family Reading
Experience 7:55am

December

- 2 SAC/PTO 7:30am
- 7 Family Reading
Experience 7:55am
- 8 iMom Morning 7:30am
- 9 Winter PJ Reading Party
6:00pm
- 13 Leader of the Month
Assembly 9:15am (by
invitation only)
- 14 All Pro Dads 7:30am
Family Reading
Experience 7:55am
- 16 End of Second Grading
Period
- 19-Jan 4 Winter Break—School
Closed



LEADERSHIP: Know the Way, Show the Way

Laura C. Blunier, Principal

Adrienne McElroy, Assistant Principal

November is a time of giving thanks. We are very thankful for so many things but mostly for the synergy among our students, staff, parents, and community. **Synergize** is Habit 6 from *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey. At Vineland our students often refer to Habit 6 as **Together is Better** from *The 7 Habits of Happy Kids* by Sean Covey. We firmly believe by synergizing with all our stakeholders Vineland students will continue to grow and excel academically and in leadership.

Thankfully our business partnerships are still going strong this year. Please check out our website for all the local businesses that continue to support us. Publix Family Math night, Fall Festival, and Data and Dessert night are excellent examples of **Win-Win** events for students, parents, teachers, and local businesses. Our stakeholders have come together to support Vineland students with their successes so far this year. Our next Data and Dessert night on March 6th will prove to be even better so stay tuned for more information.

Our Wellness plans are updated for the new school year and are available on our website. Please mark your calendars now for our annual fun walk/run, *The Heron Hustle* on Friday, November 18th beginning at 5:30pm. We hope to see you hustling around the track with us to raise awareness of a healthy active lifestyle. Funds raised will go directly back to the school for field trips, books for our media center, and more. This event is an excellent **Sharpen the Saw** activity to help us take care of our minds and our bodies. Thank you for your support by adhering to our Wellness policy through communication with your child's teacher and by only sending in healthy snacks when requested.

Thanks to some of our wonderful parent volunteers we have new quotes around our campus to inspire students. "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." - John F. Kennedy is a quote that exemplifies our school's efforts. We are hosting a Leadership Day on November 30, 2011. Vineland's doors will be open to the community and other educators to show off the great things that are happening within our school community. Vineland began *The Leader in Me* process three years ago. Now there are over 430 schools in this same process around the globe. *The Leader in Me* process defines school operations, permeates instructional practice and curriculum, and is the basis of a vibrant leadership development approach for both students and staff. We are so very proud of our accomplishments as a school and look forward to future endeavors of our student leaders.

Kindergarten has a Happy Hoedown!

We had an amazing first nine weeks and had a special celebration at the "Happy Hoedown". We had a fun filled day dressed up as cowboys and cowgirls. We enjoyed a variety of activities such as designing our own bandanas, line dancing, learning facts about cowboys, creating fall wreath and reading fun cowboy stories. Best of all, we had our pictures taken on a real saddle. Yee-Haw!! The Kindergarten teachers are so grateful to the parents and guardians of our students. Our hoedown was a huge success thanks to their support, donations and time.



What's Going On In November and December for Kindergarten:

- **Reading-** We will be reviewing characters, making predictions, vocabulary, retelling (beginning, middle and end), generating questions, and comprehension. We will start to learn about the setting, drawing conclusions and details of a story. In phonics we will be focusing on phonograms (word building), beginning and ending sounds and all letters and sounds of the alphabet. In phonemic awareness we will be focusing a variety of skills such as nonsense words, phoneme blending, and rhyming.
- **Math-** We will be comparing and ordering numbers 0 to 10. We will learn fewer, more and ordinal numbers. We will also continue to read and write numbers.
- **Science-** We will investigate and observe the life cycle of pumpkins and apples, living and nonliving things. We will also do a variety of experiments including making apple sauce, observe celery and its changes in colored water and watch to see what happens to a pumpkin after it is carved.
- **SS-** We will be studying holidays and customs. We will be comparing holidays from long ago to today. We will also be recognizing the difference between wants and needs.
- **Writing-** We will continue to work in our daily journal using sight words introduced weekly. We will focus on spacing, punctuation and matching the picture to the words. We will also create an assortment of thinking maps.

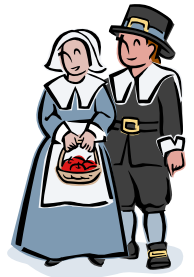
Be on the look out for these upcoming events/activities:

Disguise "Tom the Turkey" home project
Gingerbread boy/girl decorating project

Native American/Pilgrim program and feast
End of the 2nd nine weeks celebration- "Winter Wonderland"

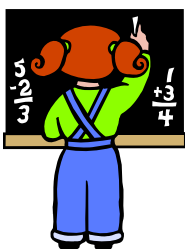
First Graders Get ready for Friendship Feast!

In November, First Grade students will be highlighting Social Studies. We will build upon student's knowledge of American symbols. Students will learn about their right to vote and select their leaders. Students will compare life long ago to today. First grade will culminate these activities with a Friendship Feast before Thanksgiving Break.



Second Graders Learn Money and Matter

This month second grade is reading "The Great Ball Game" retold by Joseph Bruchac and "The Bat" by Douglas Florian. This tale and poem describe the characteristics of the flying mammals called bats. With Halloween around the corner it is a perfect time to include a study and some fun activities about bats.



Second grade math has been great fun. Most of the classes have finished Topic 4-"Counting Money". The children have been identifying the value of a group of coins including half dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies. We have also been identifying and counting bills up to \$100. The classes are continuing onto the next topics, "Two-Digit Addition and Subtraction".

In our new science series we have been investigating "Solids, Liquids, and Gases." These are the three states of matter. Matter is anything that takes up space.

Third Graders Get to Work!

It's hard to believe that we are already in the second quarter of school. Students in third grade are working extremely hard in all academic areas. Students have wrapped up their work in addition and subtraction with regrouping. Please continue to work with your child on these skills. You can help them by putting them in real world situations, so if you go to the grocery store have your child figure out how much items would cost to buy. Their next big topic to work on will be multiplication.



During our reading block students are reading a variety of stories and then identifying the Main Idea and Details in their stories. They have also been working on Fact and Opinion, Antonyms and Synonyms, Using Reference Sources, Abbreviations, and Common and Proper Nouns.

Another exciting area we are beginning is our study of "Animals" in science. The students will learn about the different classifications of animals. (Mammals, Birds, Reptiles, Amphibians, etc.) The students will also be working on an "At Home Project", so please look for information to be coming home soon.

Fourth Grade Honoring our Veterans

Fourth graders recently enjoyed the performance of Peter Vs the Wolf. We are proud of the great behavior and leadership they displayed while being on the field trip.

To honor our Veterans for Veteran's Day, the students have been busy creating postcards. They have been designing patriotic pictures and writing special appreciation notes to various Veterans.

We have been hard at work practicing Narrative and Expository writing. Clue words for Narrative prompts might be: Tell a story... or Tell a time... Clue words for Expository prompts might be: Explain why... or Explain how...

Coach Hayes

Interviewed and Written by Eryka Extejt, 5th Grade Vineland Journalist

Our new P.E. coach, Coach Hayes, has recently been teaching at Vineland. His goal for this year is to "provide physical education and promote good exercise and fun". Coach Hayes enjoys being around kids and teaching them. Coach Hayes has been teaching P.E. for eight years. He also has taught 5th and 1st grade. In his free time, Coach Hayes enjoys fly fishing and gardening. Coach Hayes teaches at both Vineland and Myakka River Elementary School. Every other week he comes to Vineland.



Professor Whys

Written by Isabelle Stevens, 5th Grade Vineland Journalist

Professor Whys visited Vineland Elementary School on September 28, 2011. Students in Grades 4 and 5 listened to him in the school's cafeteria.



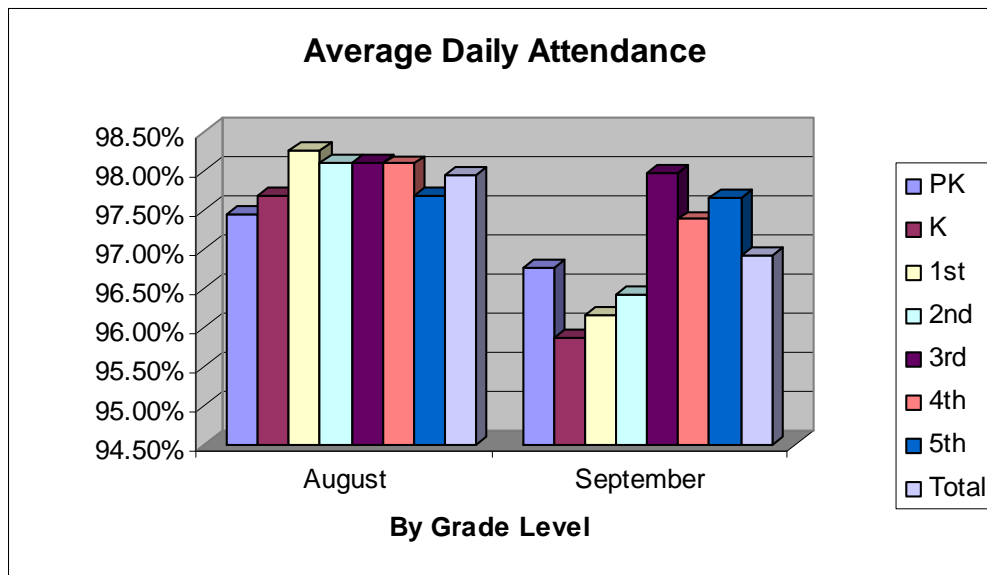
He talked about different kinds of energy like solar energy, mechanical energy and electrical energy. He played a guitar and rode a bike that turned on a light. It also had electrical energy.

He also talked about Number 1 fuel from the sun. Number 2 is fuel, fuel, fuel. Number three is...I can't remember the rest but you might! He even took paper and a lighter. He took the paper, lit it on fire and then it just disappeared into thin air!

A Word About Attendance

At Vineland Elementary School we believe that attendance at school, every day, all day is an important step for academic success. If your child does need to be out of school please remember to call the school at 698-2489 to report your child's absence. Doctors notes should be brought to school when your child returns.

This year we are tracking the average daily attendance of each grade level.



The average daily attendance school wide was 97.94% for August and 96.93% for September. We will be posting the average daily attendance by month in the office all year long. Vineland Elementary School is being proactive in our work with students to assist with their academic success!

News from the ART ROOM

by Valerie Cotton, Art Teacher

I hope everyone has enjoyed their Square 1 Art stickers! Hopefully you will find a special keepsake that is right for you and your family as well. All money raised from Square 1 Arts, will be put into the VES Art Supply fund and will be used for special projects. One such special art / beautification project was the mosaic that students created last year. As you know our mosaics came out beautifully! Each year I hope to add to the art experience our children have in art class. My hope is to build confidence in our students and allow them to communicate freely through expressing themselves with the use of ART!



Arts Education is under attack! Can you imagine a world without Music, Art, Dance, and Creativity? Well, that will happen if we don't stand up and fight for our children's education. If you value the arts and enjoy a high quality well rounded education for your child this is for you. Call or write your local state legislators: Governor Rick Scott, State of Florida, The Capitol, 400 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL, 32399-0001 or call (850) 488-7146 Contact the Honorable Andrea Messina at andrea.messina@ccps.k12.fl.us Thank you for supporting the ART Education!

If you are interested in learning more about keeping art in our school, there will be a guest speaker at our next PTO meeting on November 7 at 6:00pm. Hope to see you there!

Mrs. Crystal Smith, S.T.E.M.

Interviewed and Written by Emma Engel, 5th Grade Vineland Journalist



Mrs. Smith is a great S.T.E.M. teacher. S.T.E.M. stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. She has been teaching children and adults for 25 years. She has done this because she wanted to help students enjoy science and math and learn how to work together. She has taught kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 8th, 10th, pre-K, ESE and adult education. She wants to finish her doctorate and work with teachers. Her pet peeve is children making noise when they eat. She also likes quilting a lot. Do you know where she quilted? Australia and Europe! It's amazing! Mrs. Smith will always know the way and she always shows the way.

The Ladies from Englewood Bank

Written by Nicole Massa and Brielle Toussant, 5th Grade Vineland Journalists

On October 4, 2011, two ladies named Kristy Dixon and Amy Prestia came from Englewood Bank. They were here to talk about how to save money and teach the fifth graders how to use and spend money well. Before they started talking about money, they gave each of us a badge so that we could be "secret agents". The idea of having badges was to call out "STOP" whenever someone in the pamphlet spent their money the wrong way. The pamphlet had a story in it about two girls using money the wrong way. When we finished, both ladies thanked us for being there and being such a nice class.



VES 5th Graders Graduate from D.A.R.E.!

By Deputy First Class April Strejcek 0911
Charlotte County Sheriff's Office

The 5th graders at VES started D.A.R.E. at the beginning of this school year and have just graduated from the D.A.R.E. program! D.A.R.E. is a curriculum that was started in 1983 by Los Angeles Police Department when it became apparent that kids were making decisions about drugs without knowing all the facts. D.A.R.E. is taught in every state in the United States and in 50 different countries worldwide. Here in Charlotte County D.A.R.E. is instructed as a collaboration between Charlotte County Public Schools and the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office.

During the 9 week program our 5th graders learned about the health effects of tobacco, alcohol and marijuana. They used a D.A.R.E. decision making model when confronted with situations to help them slow down and make good choices for themselves. They talked about what good, true friends are and how to choose the right friends for them. Also, peer pressure was discussed as well as personal pressures, and how to respond to pressures in a confident way. Along the way they learned a lot, played some games and had fun as a group.

Our 5th graders now have the facts and information they need to go into middle school and make decisions for themselves. Even now, knowing the effects of these drugs is only part of it, it still takes all three of us, the parents, schools and law enforcement to support our children in making good choices when it comes to drugs and violence. I thank all of the parents and staff for their support and thank the school giving me some of their valuable time to get our kids off to a good start!

D.A.R.E. Essay Contest Winners:

1st Place: Allison Deal

2nd Place: Jenna Dunakey

3rd Place: Mac Hoover

Honorable Mention: Delaney McCoy and Victoria Marsh



VES participates in Read for the Record Campaign

On October 6, 2011 millions of adults and children across the country participated in Jumpstart's Read For the Record®. Presented in partnership with the Pearson Foundation, this nationwide campaign promotes the importance of early education and breaks the record for the largest shared reading experience on a single day.



Across the United States, more than two million children and adults took part in reading events. They took part in schools, at libraries and community centers, and online at www.wegivebooks.org all to draw attention to the achievement education gap in America. The research is undeniable and startling:

- One-in-three children enter Kindergarten behind, and most will never catch up.
- There is only one book title per 300 children in low-income areas. In middle-income areas, each child typically has 13 book titles of his or her own.

Jumpstart's Read for the Record brings individuals together to show how this situation can be immediately improved. Last year, 2,057,513 participants helped set the current world record by reading together. In the process, they helped spread the word that reading with a child before he or she even enters kindergarten is critical to develop the early language and literacy skills that increase a child's potential of graduating from high school by as much as 30 percent.

This year, participants read *Llama Llama Red Pajama* by Anna Dewdney. The day-long campaign kicked off on NBC's TODAY Show with the 2011 Ambassador for Jumpstart's Read for the Record, Bridget Moynahan, star of the television series *Blue Bloods*. Throughout the day reading events took place nationwide in schools, libraries, and homes with individuals from government, business, education, and the community, including more than 60 mayors and 25 First Spouses.

At Vineland Elementary Mrs. Padilla-Harris read to Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade classes. Students also read in Mrs. Sheloske's room. The total number of students participating was 294 from Vineland to add to the millions throughout the country.

If you would like to donate to this project you can do so online at www.readfortherecord.org Money donated is used to purchase books to put in the hands of children who might not otherwise have any.

Vineland Girls on the Run Team

Congratulations to the Fall 2011 Vineland Girls on the Run Team! Girls on the Run® is a life-changing, experiential learning programs for girls age eight to thirteen years old. The programs combine training for a 3.1 mile running event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. The goals of the programs are to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development. Our girls have worked really hard to get ready for the 5K run on November 12th. Please come out and join us!

Vineland Team

Grade 3

Barber, Avary
Carter, Vada
McElroy, Catherine
Ragazzone, Lauren

Grade 4

Ahlers, Elizabeth
Bauer, Rose
Hodge, Brianna
Paige, Amya
Redmann, Kellie Jo
Zambella, Tess

Grade 5

Cook, Heather
Harmon, Alexia
Hutchinson, Hailey
Schoeneck, Amber
Stevens, Isabelle



Data and Dessert Night

Hand-written invitations were sent home and parents/families were invited to attend this year's first Data and Dessert Night that was held on October 5, 2011. Students led their parents and families to their classrooms, greeted them as they walked through the door and welcomed them into their classroom. Lots of classroom tours were given as the students proudly showed off what they do here everyday at Vineland Elementary School. Students shared their individual data notebooks that were filled with both academic and personal goals, academic progress graphs and many other exciting things. Afterwards they went to the cafeteria to enjoy a frozen treat with all the toppings (all proceeds went to Campus Beautification). Needless to say there were a lot of "blue" ice cream smiles as we ended the evening.

We are also very proud of the percentages of participation of our Vineland families:

Kindergarten 75%	First Grade 74%	Second Grade 74%
Third Grade 71%	Fourth Grade 63%	Fifth Grade 56%

Three classes really stood out! Mrs. Andres class had 100% participation. Mrs. Aspelund and Mrs. McGuirk both had 94% participation.

A special thanks to our sponsors Swirls and Curls, Sweetbay, Winn-Dixie, Beef O'Brady's, Farlows, and Bealls. Also, thank you to our high school and parent volunteers and to all of our families for taking the time to attend with their children. You truly helped to make this evening a huge success. We are looking forward to seeing you at the next **Data and Dessert Night in March!**



Check Out Sign-Up Genius!!

"Sign-up Genius" is the best way to find out how you can help our school! It is a website that lists specific times for school events that we need help with. To see a complete list of all the volunteer opportunities, go to www.SignUpGenius.com

Click the tab for "Find a Sign-Up"

Then enter VinelandParents@gmail.com when asked for the Sign-up List's Creator.

Once on the website, you can register your email so we can send you volunteer information for future events. You can choose a time to volunteer that fits into your schedule! In order to have fun events for our students, and to help raise money for Vineland, we need support from our families! Check it out....just a half hour of your time can go a long way for our school!!

If you can't access Sign-Up Genius, but are willing to volunteer, please send a note to the office, addressed to the PTO or email our PTO at vinelandpto@yahoo.com.



iMOM and All Pro Dads

October's iMOM Morning and All Pro Dad Day were again a success! Our moms and kids were happily discussing how we can be unselfish in our actions. Dads and kids and even one grandma talked about being humble. Dads enjoyed showing off their dance moves as if they had just scored a TD and kids got to show off their victory dance as well. Fun and great breakfast were had by all.

November is just around the corner and we are looking forward to another great breakfast. Our November iMOM Morning will be held on Thursday, November 10th at 7:30. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we are asking that each family bring in one canned good and one dozen of something yummy for breakfast. The canned goods will be donated to a local food bank and the breakfast treats will be shared by all in attendance. Breakfast, juice and coffee will also be provided. We will be discussing the Power of Joy. Our next All Pro Dad Day will be held on Wednesday, November 16th at 7:30. Dads will be talking about being thankful. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you are interested in helping with the iMOM mornings or All Pro Dad Days, please contact Rachel Baker @ Rachel_baker@ccps.k12.fl.us or at 941-697-6600.



Walmart Provides Teacher Rewards

Each year Walmart stores choose a local school for their Teacher Rewards program. Again this year Vineland Elementary was chosen by the Englewood Walmart to participate in the program. Shannon Moore who is the coordinator at Walmart stated that her daughter MacKenzie Moore attends Vineland as a 5th grader this year. Names were drawn during staff meetings for the winners of a \$100 Walmart gift card.

Congratulations to the following teachers:

Mary Daughenbaugh
Nicole Davel
Frances Gratz
Jaclyn Jordan

Nancy Turner
Terri Phillips
Edith Dooley

Melissa Southwell
James Hayes
Karrie McQuirk

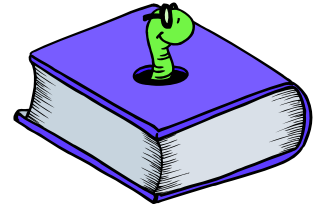


Family Resource Center News

October has been a very busy and exciting month in the Family Resource Center. Captain Sandy Melvin was our featured guest on October 5th. He shared many of his adventurous fishing stories with us, and also brought along some amazing photographs of prize Tarpon fish which were caught right in in our local waters! We also held our second annual casting competition. Students casting closest to the pool received a Sea Adventure book, and nine lucky students also won a Shakespeare fishing pole in a random drawing.

Justin Ballard from Mrs. Davel's class was the lucky winner of a Family Movie Night Basket. He and his family will enjoy Two special DVD's and lots of yummy popcorn and goodies.

Please join us each Wednesday morning in The Family Resource Center from 7:55-8:55. Many new books are available for check out, and as always you will receive a free "keeper" book for your home library. I have a few surprises in store for the month of November don't miss out on the fun!



Nan Fetzer, Title One Paraprofessional III

Champ's Cafe

"Let's Grow Healthy!" is the theme for the celebration of 65 years of the USDA's National School Lunch Program this fall. Locally, the Champ's Cafe themed-restaurant concept has helped thousands of student customers develop healthy eating habits. Fifteen years since its development, the focus of the Champ's Cafe program continues to be on nutritious meals: low-fat milk, protein, whole grains, a variety of fresh, frozen and canned fruit along with two servings of raw, roasted or steamed vegetables.

Those of us who enjoyed a typical school lunch years ago might be surprised to know how many healthy changes have been made to what is offered for students to re-fuel for learning today. Foods are baked or steamed but never fried. Whole milk is only offered to children under two, and lactaid milk is offered to students who have an intolerance to lactose. Elementary customers have a choice of the featured entree, a freshly-made chef salad or turkey sandwich made with whole grain bread. Middle and high school customers have many healthy entrees to select from each day, from homemade baked ziti or roasted chicken, to fajitas or spicy chicken fillet sandwiches.

The children of Charlotte County Public Schools are served safe, nutritious meals by 165 Champ's Cafe staff members. Every day, more than 12,000 school lunches and 4,000 school breakfasts are served by skilled food service assistants, cooks, bakers and managers.

More information about the school food and nutrition services department can be found within the school district's website: www.yourcharlotteschools.net.

Parents and Guardians: Please ensure your Heron Champ's Cafe customer knows their keypad number so they can confidently go through our serving line before school for breakfast and at lunch when they refuel for learning and growing! It is ideal for your child to practice on a calculator, as the keypad is designed the same as the one at the Champ's Cafe register, and you can look at the calculator's screen to see that the number was entered correctly! Download a practice keypad diagram from: <http://yourcharlotteschools.net/employees/Champ/champs.html>. Look for "Prices and Payments" and then scroll down to *How can I help my child learn and master his keypad number?* and then Click to Print the Practice Sheet. Place the keypad diagram on the refrigerator door and enter your keypad number each time you open the refrigerator! *Have fun!*

Registration Form - Free to Breathe® Southwest Florida

Registration is also available online at www.FreetoBreathe.org.

Complete this form and mail it with your credit card information, or enclose check(s)/money orders payable to **Free to Breathe®**.

Please write **Free to Breathe® SW Florida** in the memo

Please send completed registration form and payment to:

National Lung Cancer Partnership
222 N. Midvale Blvd., Suite 6 Madison, WI 53705

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Phone _____ Gender Male Female

Age on Event Day _____ Date of Birth _____

Free to Breathe Event: 5K Run/Walk Miles of Memories Walk

I will participate: Individually With a team - team name (optional) _____

I am a lung cancer survivor.

I am interested in volunteering for the event next year (2012)

T-Shirt Size Adult: S M L XL XXL

How did you hear about this event? _____

Optional advance packet pick-up will be available at five Ford dealership locations around Southwest Florida. Please note that your materials will ONLY be available at the location you select or at the event:

- Wednesday, November 9, 2011 from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. - Tamiami Ford in Naples, FL
- Wednesday, November 9, 2011 from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. - Langford Ford in La Belle, FL
- Thursday, November 10, 2011 from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. - Coconut Point Ford in Estero, FL
- Thursday, November 10, 2011 from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. - Sam Galloway Ford in Fort Myers, FL
- Friday, November 11, 2011 from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. - Don Gasgarth's Charlotte County Ford, Port Charlotte, FL
- NO THANK YOU - I will pick-up my packet the morning of the event

Please submit a separate form for each registrant. Photocopies are acceptable.

Free to Breathe® Fees

Online (Closes November 6, 2011):

\$20 Adults / \$15 Youth/Students (17 & under or with valid Student ID)

Mail-in (Must be received by November 4, 2011):

\$25 Adults / \$18 Youth/Students

Event Day

\$30 Adults / \$20 Youth/Students

Registration Fee \$ _____

Additional Donation Amount \$ _____

Dedicate a sign along the 'Mile of Memories' Walk _____ (\$10) _____

Total \$ _____

I am paying by Check Cash Visa MC AMEX Discover

Name on Card _____

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ CVC Code (last 3 digits on signature strip or 4 digits on front right of AMEX) _____

Billing address (if different from above) _____

Event Waiver

I, the undersigned, know that the event I am entering carries the risk of personal injury or damage. I know that a running event requires training, and I certify that I am physically fit for this event. I hereby waive and forfeit all rights I may have to file suit or make claims against National Lung Cancer Partnership, Free to Breathe® Lung Cancer 5K and the directors thereof, the city of Port Charlotte, FL any other sponsoring organizations, and all persons connected with this run/walk for injuries I may suffer at this event on November 12, 2011. I understand that no refunds can be made if the event is canceled due to weather conditions or other circumstances beyond the control of the organizers. I understand that from photos taken at the event my likeness may be used in future marketing and promotional materials for Free to Breathe or the National Lung Cancer Partnership. I understand that wearing headphones is discouraged on the course for the safety of all participants, however, if I choose to wear them, I will keep the volume at a level that enables me to hear surrounding participants. I also understand that strollers are allowed only on the walking course but that skateboards, roller blades, bicycles and dogs (with the exception of service animals) are not allowed in the run or walk and will abide by this guideline.

Date _____

Signature (signature of parent/guardian if participant is under 18) _____ Unsigned entries will be returned.



FALL BACK IN TIME!

Leadership Vineland is announcing their first fundraiser of the year, "Fall Back in Time". For \$1, students can come dressed in clothing to represent a person from a past era on Friday, November 4th. This is the same weekend the clocks "fall back" one hour. Use your imagination and come dressed as a former president, a Victorian lady or someone from the prairie in the 1800's. Perhaps you'd like to dress someone from the fifties, sixties, seventies or eighties. Remember to follow the dress code. Please NO costumes or masks!



Practice Makes Progress! That's why the Florida Department of Education built FCAT Explorer—to provide practice for helping your child make real progress on the skills needed in the classroom, on the FCAT, and in life.

FUN, EFFECTIVE, AND FREE

FCAT Explorer is a set of free, Web-based practice programs. The content is built from the Sunshine State Standards that are tested on the FCAT. Kids can practice by themselves because the programs give them corrective feedback and learning guidance.

ALL practice programs provide

- skill definitions and examples
- glossaries with Spanish and Haitian-Creole translations
- benchmark-based progress reports
- Challenge Lists for additional practice.

MATH programs provide

- benchmark practice for grades 5, 8, and 10
- multiple-, gridded-, and charted-response items
- online, FCAT-like calculator and reference sheet
- Hints and Correct Answer Explanations
- benchmark-based math games.

READING programs provide

- benchmark practice for grades 3, 4, 6, 8, and 10
- adjusted readability level and instructional support based on individual performance
- research-based, vocabulary-building exercises preceding every passage
- game-like, vocabulary-reinforcement activities
- strategies to guide comprehension while reading
- guided review of passage highlights to help students correct mistakes.

SCIENCE programs provide

- benchmark practice for grades 5, 8, and 11
- instructional feedback for every answer choice
- remedial lessons
- online, FCAT-like calculator and reference sheet
- game-like science vocabulary activities.

YOUR CHILD ALREADY HAS A PASSWORD

Nearly every student attending Florida's public schools has been assigned a sign-in name and password. To find out your child's sign-in name and password, see your child's teacher or call the FCAT Explorer Support Team at 1-888-750-3228.

ALL YOU NEED IS INTERNET ACCESS

Your child can use FCAT Explorer for free on any computer with Internet access. For help using FCAT Explorer, go to www.fcatexplorer.com and click Technical Help at the top of the page, or call the FCAT Explorer Support Team at the number listed above.

LOTS OF PRACTICE AT LOTS OF LEVELS

Your child's sign-in name and password provide access to every FCAT Explorer reading, math, and science program. Your child can practice in the programs at, or closest to, his or her grade level, or at lower grade levels to build confidence. Higher grade levels offer an additional challenge. No matter where your child practices, you can be sure it is time well spent.

A PARENT & FAMILY GUIDE FOR YOU

You can use the FCAT Explorer Parent & Family Guide for free, and you don't need a password. Go to www.fcatexplorer.com and click Parent & Family Guide. It's currently available in English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole. You'll find information about FCAT Explorer programs, the Sunshine State Standards, the many ways you can help your child succeed, and much more!

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Early Childhood

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

Have fun with your family & support your children's learning!

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6 Teach your child a nursery rhyme.</p>	<p>7 Take the kids to the park and play soccer.</p>	<p>1 Family Literacy Day Take the kids to the library.</p>	<p>2 Look for pretty leaves on the way home from school.</p>	<p>3 Cuddle up together with your child and read. (Turn off the TV.)</p>	<p>4 Take your kids to the grocery store. Help them make a list and find the items on it.</p>	<p>5 Fabulous Friday – watch a favorite TV show together with subtitles on.</p>
<p>13 American Education Week Take your child to a museum or art gallery.</p>	<p>14 Take the kids to the park and play baseball.</p>	<p>8 Cuddle up with hot chocolate and read books for a half hour.</p>	<p>9 Draw silly portraits together.</p>	<p>10 Make dinner with the kids - mac and cheese with veggies is simple and nutritious.</p>	<p>11 Veteran's Day! Go to a parade with your child and talk about the meaning of this day.</p>	<p>12 Make PBJ sandwiches and cut them into shapes with a cookie cutter.</p>
<p>20 Take a walk and look for Thanksgiving decorations.</p>	<p>21 Ride bikes to the ice cream shop. Count the flavors and enjoy one!</p>	<p>15 Have breakfast at school with your child.</p>	<p>16 Make pizza together with English muffins, sauce, and grated cheese.</p>	<p>17 PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY Volunteer at your child's school.</p>	<p>18 Find your child's baby pictures and make a "Me" book.</p>	<p>19 Make a birdfeeder- roll a pine cone in peanut butter and bird seed.</p>
<p>27 Take the kids to the beach or to the lake. Look for water birds.</p>	<p>28 Make a holiday card list and help the kids to make colorful cards.</p>	<p>22 Ask the kids to help sort laundry, sort by color, item, owner, etc.</p>	<p>23 Get out a tape measure and measure the dog, cat, or stuffed animal.</p>	<p>24 Thanksgiving – enjoy turkey together. Ask the kids to make a centerpiece.</p>	<p>25 Make a pie together.</p>	<p>26 Look at ads in the newspaper together – cut out pictures and glue them onto paper.</p>

NOVEMBER IS FLORIDA'S PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION MONTH



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




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CALENDARIO PARA LA PARTICIPACIÓN FAMILIAR:
¡Diviértase Con Su Familia y Apoye el Aprendizaje de Sus Hijos!

Noviembre 2011

Domingo	Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sábado
 Enseñe a su niño una rima infantil.	 Lleve a los niños al parque y jueguen batompié.	 Día de Superación Educativa de la Familia. Lleve a sus niños a la biblioteca.	 Busquen hojas lindas en el camino de regreso a casa al salir de la escuela.	 Acurríquese con su niño y lean juntos. (Apague la televisión).	 Lleve a su niño a la tienda de alimentos. Ayúdale a hacer una lista y luego a encontrar las cosas de la lista.	 Viernes fabuloso—vean juntos un programa de TV favorito con subtítulos.
 Lleve a los niños al parque y jueguen fútbol.	 Acurríquese con su niño, tomen chocolate, y juntos lean libros por media hora.	 Dibujen juntos cuadros cómicos.	 Prepare la cena junto con los niños. Macarrones con queso y vegetales son fáciles de preparar y nutritivos.	 Día de los Veteranos. Vaya a un desfile con su hijo y hablen sobre el significado de este día.	 Hagan emparejados de mantequilla de maní y jalea, y recórtelos con un molde de galletitas.	 Haga un alimentador de pájaros— embarré una semilla de pino en mantequilla de maní y semillas para pájaros.
 Lleve a los niños al parque y jueguen fútbol.	 Desayune en la escuela junto con su niño.	 Preparen juntos una pizza con pimientos, salsa y queso rayado.	 IDÍA DE LA PARTICIPACIÓN DE LOS PADRES! Ayude como voluntario en la escuela de su niño.	 Busquen retratos de cuando el niño era un bebé y hagan un álbum sobre "M".	 Hagan juntos un pastel.	 Busquen juntos anuncios en el periódico— recorten fotos y péguenlas en papel.
 Vayan en bicicleta a la heladería. Cuénten los sabores y disfruten un rol.	 Pida a los niños que le ayuden a separar la ropa para lavar. Por color, tipo de ropa, dueño, etc.	 Busque una cinta de medir y mida al perro, al gato, o a un animal de peluche.	 Día de Acción de Gracias Disfruten juntos del pavo. Pida a los niños que hagan un centro de mesa.	 Hagan juntos un pastel.	 Busquen juntos anuncios en el periódico— recorten fotos y péguenlas en papel.	 Busquen juntos anuncios en el periódico— recorten fotos y péguenlas en papel.
 Hagan una lista para enviar tarjetas de Navidad y ayude a sus niños a hacer las tarjetas y colorearlas.	 Miren las luces de Navidad en su vecindario. Hagan un dibujo de ellas.	 Pida a sus niños que hagan etiquetas de nombres para la mesa de la cena—cansan juntos.	NOVIEMBRE ES EL MES DE LA PARTICIPACIÓN DE LA FAMILIA EN LA EDUCACIÓN EN LA FLORIDA.			

NOVEMBER is Parental Involvement in Education Month!

Sharpen your FAMILY'S critical thinking skills by answering a question each day in November!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
6 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS TURN CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR What can your family do to make meal times learning times as well?	7 How can your family's daily routine be improved to give more time and priority for education?	8 ELECTION DAY What are your family's beliefs and values about education? How did your family form these beliefs and values?	9 How do you make sure you know what skills and activities your child is learning at school? How do you support these skills and activities at home?	10 How does your family ensure your child's school knows that you support, value, and prioritize education?	11 VETERAN'S DAY What is Veteran's Day? When was the first Veteran's Day holiday? How will your family honor Veterans?	12 In which school councils, committees, and organizations does your family participate? If none, what can your family do to become involved?	
13 What types and kinds of reading can your family do every day if books are not readily available? (Example: reading billboards, road signs, cereal boxes)	14 How do you partner with your child's teacher(s) to support your child's learning? How is your child involved in this partnership?	15 With your family's busy schedule of school, work, sports, and lessons, how does your family ensure it prioritizes education?	16 How is your family going to observe and celebrate National Parent Involvement Day tomorrow? No plans? Well make some!	17 NATIONAL PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY Say the Pledge for Parental Involvement. What does it mean to your family?	18 What is your family's approach to problem solving? How does your family address challenges, obstacles, and barriers?	19 What organizations in your community actively support education? How do they show their support for education?	
20 When is the best time and what is the best way to contact your child's teacher(s)? Not sure? Find out, and tell them the best time and way to contact you!	21 How well is your family following and implementing the roles and responsibilities in the Home-School Compact?	22 What parent resources are available on the school's website? How do these resources help parents support their children's learning at home?	23 Does your family talk while in the car, shopping, etc., or is everyone "plugged into" cell phones, DVDs, and iPods? How can your family "unplug" and actually talk?	24 THANKSGIVING What are some reasons your family is thankful for school and education?	25 What is the purpose of a parent/teacher conference? How can it be more effective? How will you use your ideas to plan for the next conference?	26 What is your child's favorite subject at school? Why? What is your child's least favorite subject at school? Why?	
27 What, when, and how does your family read at home? Why is it important that parents model reading? What, when, and how can your family read together?	28 How are you involved in developing, implementing, and evaluating the school's parental involvement policy/plan?	29 How can your family make doing household chores opportunities to supporting learning?	30 What goals do you and your child have for his/her education? What plans need to be made so that the goals will be achieved?	<p>CAPACITY GARDEN Consulting Network Workshops • Training • Presenting Conferences and Meeting Speaking Content Designing and Writing Monitoring and Compliance Reviewing</p>			Capacity Building Services for Growing Success in Education, Business, and Community Organizations. KARLYN LINDBAY Consultant CapacityGarden@gmail.com Phone: 813-973-7606



Call to Action!

Arts Education is under attack and needs your help immediately !

Do you want to live in a community that values the arts and ensures that all children have access to a high quality arts education program in their schools?

If your answer is "YES!" then act now!

How you ask?

Just follow the simple suggestions below:

FIRST, call or write each of your local state legislators.

(You will find all of the contact information you need on the back side of this paper!)

- Tell them that your local school board supports a high quality arts education program!
- Then, share your story of how and why the arts are important to you and your family.
Be specific, for example:
 - Tell them how your once shy child is now a confident, successful child that has benefited from singing in the school chorus.
 - Tell them how participating in band or drama motivated your child to stay in school.
 - Tell them how your once withdrawn student now communicates freely through expression on canvas thanks to art class.
 - Tell them how you understand that a public school system that values high quality arts education is good for property values and economic development.
- Then, tell them to stop shrinking the budget for public education so your local school board can continue to support high quality arts education programs for students in Charlotte County Public Schools!

SECOND, forward this letter to each member of the School Board of Charlotte County.

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- Thank them for their continued support of high quality arts education for kids and let them know that you will help fight against budget cuts to public schools.

October 2011
Leader of the Month Awards

Each month the Rotonda V.F.W. and its Ladies' Auxiliary sponsor Vineland's Leader of the Month Program. This program is designed to recognize students for their outstanding performance and good citizenship. The students listed below were honored at an assembly on October 18, 2011 at 9:15am. During the ceremony these boys and girls were recognized on stage and received a special ribbon.

Kindergarten	Mrs. Aspelund	Brandi Reynolds
	Mrs. Baker	Angel Carmel
	Mrs. Davel	Bo Gibson
	Mrs. Prummell	Sarah Creech
	Mrs. Wheeler	Curtis Vasher
	Mrs. Wylie	Bethany Beaudoin
	Mrs. Ameling	Koen Hoffman
First Grade	Ms. Aston	James Jordan
	Mrs. Frantz	Madison Glidden
	Mrs. Jordan	Aiyla Green
	Mrs. Lookhoff	Justin Brady
	Mrs. Cokkinias	Tadem Hayes
Second Grade	Ms. Kolbe	Nicholas Burke
	Mrs. McGuirk	Everett Baker
	Mrs. Phillips	Jacob Alexander
	Mrs. Sheloske	Hunter Cobb
	Mrs. White	Simon Mathe
	Miss Alexander	Samuel Stevens
Third Grade	Mrs. McCoy	Dustin Vadnais
	Mrs. Murphy	Elianna Ward
	Mrs. Swartz	Samantha Warr
Fourth Grade	Mrs. Andres	Alisa Hill
	Mrs. Batsel	John Moore
	Mrs. Ciccari	Zoe Artrip
	Mrs. Costedio	Marshall Locke
	Mrs. Dodd	Rose Bauer
	Mrs. Dooley	Zachary Dunning
	Mrs. Negley	Morgan Migneco
	Mrs. Adams	Lexi Pickett
Fifth Grade	Mrs. Aynes	Nicholas Occhicone
	Mrs. Daughenbaugh	Madison McDonald
	Mrs. Meservey	Daniel Hayner
	Mrs. Southwell	Allison Deal
	Mrs. Wender	Cayman Wilson

What Do Parents Have the Right to Know About No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Title I Schools?

Parents have the right to know in a language that is understandable...

- Whether their child's school is funded with Title I and what does it mean to be a Title I school. (ALL CCPS Elementary Schools are Title I schools)
- That each Title I school must develop with parents a school wide Parent Involvement Policy.
- Whether their child's Title I school is meeting the NCLB standards.
- Whether their child's teacher is highly qualified.
 - Has the teacher met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which they teach?
 - Is the teacher teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria has been waived?
 - The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher.
 - The field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether the paraprofessionals working with your child are highly qualified.
- What is being done to improve your child's school.
- Whether your child's school is safe and drug free.
- That as a parent, you may have additional options, such as Public School Choice, for your child's education, if your child's school is not in "good standing" under NCLB. (If you have this option, you will be notified by CCPS.)
- That if your child attends a school that is not in "good standing" under NCLB, then your child may be entitled to Supplemental Educational Services (SES), from an approved tutoring provider. (If you have this option, you will be notified by CCPS.)
- That as a parent, you should be informed through frequent reports about your child's academic achievement in classes and on State and District assessments.
- That as a parent, you should have access to the school's staff and your child's classroom.
- That as a parent, you should be informed by the school as to what academic services are available at your child's school.
- That as a parent, you should be informed by the school of changes in the school's academic standing.
- **How to find this information:** Contact the Principal's secretary at your child's Title I school. You may also visit our website: <http://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/FederalPrograms/FPhome.htm>

For additional information contact: Dr. Christine Dollinger, Coordinator of State and Federal Programs at (941)255-0808 ext. 3031



Vineland Elementary School Vision
Student Success

Vineland Elementary School Motto
LEADERSHIP: Know the Way, Show the Way

Vineland Elementary School Mission
We will ensure a positive educational environment where students master academic and leadership skills preparing them to become life long learners.

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, by Stephen R. Covey

- Habit 1: Be Proactive - You're in Charge
- Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind - Have a Plan
- Habit 3: Put First Things First - Work First, Then Play
- Habit 4: Think Win-Win - Everyone Can Win
- Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood - Listen Before You Talk
- Habit 6: Synergize - Together Is Better
- Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw - Balance Feels Best

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