



WORKING HAND IN HAND SO ALL STUDENTS SUCCEED

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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the end of the nine weeks will soon be here. Students have settled into routines and procedures and are well on the way to a successful year. It is exciting to see the children so involved in learning as I walk through classrooms.

Many parents ask how then can help their child be successful in school. One way parents can help their children is by attending parent/teacher conferences. Our teachers are required to meet with a parent close to report card time. Your child's teacher will be contacting you to schedule a time to meet. I encourage you to make every effort to attend your child's conference.

In closing, I look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events during our first semester of school. We have our first grade musical on Thursday, November 20th and our third grade Christmas musical on Thursday, December 18th.

Sincerely,

Janet Reed

Adopt-A-Class Recognition

Congratulations to following classes that have been adopted:

Mrs. Hancock:	Christy Collette Anonymous Donor	Mrs. Carter:	Rainy Day Editions Marcella's Vilkin Center
	Mrs. Calma:	Anonymous Donor	
Mrs. Deiderich:	Office Max Adopt-A-Class/ Make A Difference Program		

New School Advisory Enhancement Council

Please join me in welcoming Christie Collette and Gwyn Young who will be joining our parent representatives and Michelle Banks and Sandy Rogers who will be joining our Community representatives for our School Advisory Enhancement Council.

Dress Code Reminders

All students (PK-5) should wear safe and appropriate shoes for daily physical activity. Sneakers/tennis shoes are strongly encouraged. **NO FLIP FLOPS** are permitted.

FCE has a **No book-bag** policy for grades 2 through 5. Students in those grades should bring a binder only.

Bus of the Month

Please join me in congratulating Mr. Uzar's bus for September BUS OF THE MONTH. To qualify, there must be zero bus referrals for the entire month and students should display appropriate behavior while on the bus ramp in the morning and afternoon. Students will receive a Sonny's Barbecue coupon for a free meal.



5th Grade News

On October 8th Judge Patricia Thomas will be visiting our classrooms to share with students a program she is involved in called "Justice Teaching." Judge Thomas will complete a lesson with students on four separate occasions this year and has invited our fifth graders to take a field trip to the Citrus County Courthouse on November 18th.



Science Fair Information

Science Fair Informational Meeting on Thursday, October 16th at 6:30PM. Parents and students may want to attend this meeting to learn more about the Science Fair in fifth grade.



Character First Recognition—September, 2008

The Character Trait for the month of **September** was **Responsibility**.

Knowing and doing what is expected of me.

Shyanne Waller, Madison Wiley, Jeremy Geiger, Emily Midkiff, Nicole Gladu, Nicole Mendez, Shaniyah Banks, David Sykes, Madison Chisman, Xi Barnick, Cody Perry, Hollie Perry, Robert Hayden, Hailey Duval, Amber Kline, Daren Carswell, Keanu Wadhams, Emily Huckabee, Steven Alvarez, Zoe Barnick, Yalena Arias, Mark Bennett, Jasmine Dollar, Jordan Gangi, Veronica Barrilleaux, Tiffany Hindalong, Scotty Berardi, Nicholas Wyka, Jordan Follweiler, Bailee Williamson, Yadira Arias, Natasha Ekelund, Joseph Harrison, Ronald Doherty, Andrea Mundryanu, Zoie Williams

Mrs. Meahl's Media Message

The Fall Book Fair was a success! Thank you for supporting our school library program with your purchases. I'd like to thank each of the volunteers who gave their time to help work in the book fair: Christy Collette; Courtney Armstrong; Cindy Rivenbark; Dot Welch; and Mary Pautler ; Linda Pautler and Rebekah Meahl.

Our Sunshine State Young Reader Award books are finally here! The books are dedicated to the memory of Madeline DiGiovanni, a long-time FCE teacher that passed away over the summer. Third through fifth grade students can be sure of an invitation to our *Sunshine Celebration* in the spring by reading three SSYRA books, taking the AR quiz and scoring 80% or above. Give these books a try if you haven't read one yet.

Our first grade students have learned how to care for all books-including the library books they're now checking out. Parents, help them return their book (and bookmark) so they can check out another. Remember that we're collecting dates on a bookmark, not bookmarks on different dates. A small prize will be given for students with filled bookmarks.

Many thanks, again this year, to Ray and Terri Allee for making a donation to our school for the purchase of Accelerated Reader quizzes-which now cost \$3 each. Your children are benefiting from the generosity of these kind individuals.

Internet Safety—by Julie Keiper

Our children are learning things about the computer and the internet at an incredible rate. It's hard to keep up with them, but internet safety is an important part of keeping our children out of harm's way. The following are some tips to keep our kids safe:

1. Monitor your child's use of the computer on a regular basis. This is NOT a violation of privacy; it is your responsibility as a parent.
2. If your child belongs to a social networking group (MySpace, Facebook, Tagged, etc.) look closely at the information and pictures / videos they have posted. Predators, bullies, profanity and threats often occur in these types of sites.

Physical Education Clipboard Report—Mrs. Moulin

Next week, we will be taking the third graders to Whispering Pines Swimming Pool for Water Safety and Beginning Swimming Instructions. The Citrus County School Board provides this opportunity to teach third graders how to be safe around water. I would like to say a "great big thank you" to them, all our third grader teachers , Mrs. Sykes Water Safety Instructor and Mr. Jonny Bishop. Physical Education, Health and Special Programs Coordinator.

On Monday, October 13-31 2008 Floral City Elementary students will review and practice bicycle and pedestrian safety.

In our physical education classes, we have been working on physical fitness by walking and jogging. The students worked on striking skills in tennis and soccer. We also reviewed general and personal space.

Come and join us on our walking path. The students may walk 440 yards out under the trees. If you walk four laps; you have walked a mile!

Student of the Month—September, 2008

Pre-Kindergarten: *Melanie Mann, Victoria Irvin, Jay Peacock, Sarabeth Drew*

Kindergarten: *Morgan Barrilleaux, Vincent Irvin, Bryanna Howe, Kaitlyn Lee, Ashlyn Hunnicutt, Hayden Mueller*

First Grade: *Savanna Thompson, Dylan Lee, Monica Thompson, Dakota West, Mindy Meeks, Cheyenne Perry*

Second Grade: *Olivia Rogers, Mason Malicoate, Sarah Alford, Logan Armstrong, J J Dortch, Rebecca Eyes*

Third Grade: *Hannah Kushnereit, Jacob Blanton, Sabrina Hatley, Dillon Darby, Emily Jaines, Collin Works*

Fourth Grade: *Yalena Arias, Zoe Barnick, Tory Kirk, Renae Thompson, James Armstrong, Jordan Gangi, Natasha Ekelund*

Fifth Grade: *Yadira Arias, Bailee Williamson, Kilahni Villaneuva, Sarah Taulbee, Laura Hamilton, Brennen Bishop, Morgan Null, Brian Parker*

Musical Schedule for 2008 - 2009

First Grade
Music is Fun Night
Thursday, November 20, 2008
Cafeteria 7:00 PM

Third Grade
Christmas Musical
Thursday, December 18, 2008
Cafeteria 7:00 PM

Kindergarten
Music is Fun Night
Thursday, April 2, 2009
Cafeteria 7:00 PM

Second Grade
Spring Musical
Thursday, May 21, 2009
Cafeteria 7:00 PM