

Explorer's Log

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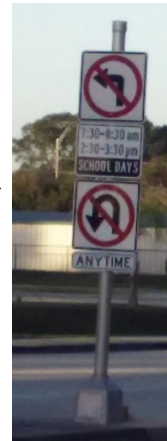
Message from the Principal

Welcome back to school! It sure has been great to see all of the Sleepy Hill Explorers, as well as the many new faces this year. We are excited about the new school year and the opportunities and challenges that lay ahead of us. Our students, parents, teachers, and staff have all worked hard to make Sleepy Hill Elementary a great place to learn and achieve. If you are returning to SHES this year, we are sure you have noticed our beautiful, clean campus. The floors were refinished and shine like new. We give a special thanks to the custodians for all their hard work cleaning the rooms and shining the floors.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year with many successes. We are so proud to announce that Sleepy Hill Elementary has increased our state grade to a B this year! Let's keep moving with upward momentum so we can earn an A for this current school year. Together, we can make it a reality! **Please remember that school starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. and students must in their classrooms to avoid being marked tardy.** Aim to have your child to school at 7:30 a.m. so they have plenty of time to make it to class without feeling rushed. Instruction begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. and every minute counts. We have worked hard to increase the efficiency of our car line, but continue to bear with us as we load and unload almost 400 cars each day! **Our cafeteria provides free breakfast daily beginning at 7:20 a.m. Please make plans to attend our Title One meeting and Open House on September 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Come out and talk with the teachers, who will be sharing information about student data, Title One information, and our new discipline program.** We look forward to partnering with you this year!

Traffic Signs

Please be aware of the traffic signs that are posted at our school entrance and in the median in front of the church across the street from our entrance. It has always been posted that you can't make a left hand turn into or out of the school during arrival and dismissal. You may not make a left hand turn into the church parking lot from the hours of 7:30-8:30 and 2:30 -3:30 and you can NEVER make a U-turn. Our school resource officer advised us that if you should receive a ticket for this traffic violation the fine is \$170. These traffic laws are for your safety and to keep our large amount of traffic moving smoothly. If you have any questions please feel free to call the school at 863-815-6768.



News Flash!!!

If you would like to view your child's grades, attendance, lunch account, etc. online using Parent Portal you must fill out a form to request a PIN number. Mrs. Lott in our office has the forms. The forms need to be notarized which can be done in our school of-



Annual Meeting and Open House

Tuesday, September 12
@ 6:30pm



Daily Student Binder

In an effort to improve school wide home school communication, every student will bring home a daily student binder. On Wednesday of each week, these binders will contain your child's agenda, work, important flyers, classroom news, etc. Please review the material inside to track your child's progress, complete any required forms/information and send the binder back the next day. We will use the same binder all year so please do your best to keep it tidy. We hope that this will be helpful in keeping our very busy families informed!!



On Wednesday, September 27, 2017, the Florida Department of Education will launch this initiative to encourage dads and/or other male role models to get involved in their children's education; and to highlight the tremendous difference that dads can make when they take a more active role in their child's educational experience.

Here at Sleepy Hill Elementary we will promote this by having our first All Pro Dad's Breakfast that day. Dad's or other male role models can come have breakfast with their student **free of charge!** We hope to see you then.

Important Dates to Remember

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No School -Labor Day
September 4

Open House
September 12 @ 6:30 pm

Box Top Contest
Sept 11- Oct 13
***Start saving your box tops
for a school wide competition***

Early Release
September 13

Interim Reports
September 15

No School-Teacher Workday
September 18

SAC Meeting
September 27th @ 4:00



If you require any type of accommodation for an event sponsored by the Polk County School District, accommodation requests must be made at least 72 hours in advance of the event. To arrange accommodation, contact the school (Brenda.norquist@polk-fl.net or 863-815-6768) or department sponsoring the event. For assistance, contact the Office of Equity & Compliance in Human Resource Services at 863-534 0513. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency by calling Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771.

Sleepy Hill Elementary is a PBS (Positive Behavior Support) school. We strive to build effective environments in which positive behavior is more effective than problem behavior. We recognize our students daily for following the school expectations with points in their agendas. PBS emphasizes the use of teaching and reinforcement to achieve meaningful and desirable lifestyle outcomes. PLEASE practice the expectations with your child daily so he or she is able to earn points for making good choices.

SHES Expectations

- Show Respect
- Healthy Attitude
- Explore Responsibly
- Safety Always

Coming to school ready to learn includes being dressed for success!



Polk County dress code includes wearing a belt and having

your shirt tucked in at all times. Our school shirt colors are: navy blue, hunter green,

white and burgundy.

Pants/shorts/skirts can be tan, navy blue, or denim. They must



also fit correctly and have no large logos. Remember if you are in uniform everyday for the whole month you get a NUT (No Uniform Today) pass for the last Friday of the month!



Our first family night will be our Title One Annual Meeting and Open House. All families will meet on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 pm. Please report directly to the your child's classroom. There will be a brief presentation to discuss the Title One program. Then parents may meet with teachers. We look forward to seeing all of our students and their families!!

Don't forget to visit our NEW Parent Resource Center in the portable on our campus. It is full of wonderful items to help you partner with your child's teacher so you can assist with educating your child at home. They will also have FREE classes to parents on Health and Wellness, Parenting Awareness, and Learning in the 21st Century. CHECK IT OUT!!

NEW Early Release Dates and Times

This year all Polk County schools will dismiss **2 1/2 hours** early on the following dates:

- *September 13
- *October 11
- *November 15
- *January 24
- *February 7
- *March 14
- *May 16



*****Pre-K and Head Start will dismiss at 12:00 and grades K-5 will dismiss at 12:30*****

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Message from the School Nurse

Please complete, sign, and return the Medical Information Forms and update contact information on Parent Portal if you have not already done so. We need this information in order to reach you in the event that your child is ill or injured.



Please do not send your child to school if he/she has nits or lice. School wide lice checks are done three times per year following district guidelines. The School District of Polk County has a NO NIT policy.

If your child has a fever or other potentially communicable disease, please do not send your child to school until symptoms have disappeared and/or he/she is free of fever.

If your child needs to have medication at school, please have the physician complete a Medication Authorization form and have an adult bring the medication to school. Children are not allowed to carry medication to or from school. A new Medication Authorization form needs to be completed every school year.

If your child has a severe or life threatening food allergy, Nutritional Services Department requires a Diet Modification Form completed by doctor yearly indicating what foods need to be avoided. Form can be obtained from lunchroom manager.

Cafeteria News



Hope fully you have heard the exciting news, our school is participating in the Community Eligibility Program and ALL of our students receive free breakfast and lunch. If you would like for your child to purchase extra food they must have money in their account. Ms. Williams, our cafeteria manager, can be reached by email (denise.williams@polk-fl.net) or by phone (815-6772) for questions.



Volunteer Information

Volunteers are an important part of our school family. To maintain security on our campus, new volunteers must undergo a Florida Department of Law Enforcement background check at a cost of \$25. This is a one time tax-deductible fee for prospective volunteers. If you are unsure of your approval status, check with the school office. Print an application at www.polk-fl.net, keyword: volunteer. Return application to the office with a cashier's check or money order payable for \$25 to Polk County School Board.

We will have a volunteer orientation breakfast September 20 @ 9:00am!

