



Mrs. Priddy and Mrs. Rodriguez's Fifth Grade Newsletter October 2017

Calendar of events

- October 2 - Kennedy Space Center Parent Meeting 5:30-6:00 p.m. in the 4th/5th grade Cafeteria
- October 3 - Buffalo Pride meeting- 6pm @ VCMS
- October 6 - Book Approval due for Book-O-Ween
- Founder's Day Festival- VHS Football Field 5 -9 p.m.
- October 10 - Class Pictures and Individual Picture Retakes (Uniforms required)
- October 16 - End of 1st Quarter
- October 16- Make-up Day #1 for Hurricane Day--School in session for students
- October 14 - Closet Clutter (8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. @ VHS West Parking Lot)
- October 19- Holiday Pictures (Uniforms not required)
- October 20- Reports Cards go home
- October 20- AR Dress Down day for students who met their goal!
- October 23-27- Red Ribbon Week- "Your Future is Key, So Stay Drug Free"
- October 30 - Kennedy Space Center Deposit Due for attending students (\$115.00)
- Completed volunteer application **with a copy of driver's license** due if you would like to go on the trip with your child
- October 31- AR book read and tested for Book-O-Ween!
- November 3- Kennedy Space Center Deposit due for selected chaperones (\$115.00).

Founder's Day Festival

We are so excited to see you all at the Founder's Day Festival on October 6th from 5-9 at the high school football field! This is a great night to see families together having fun and celebrating our school and community, all while also raising funds for our classrooms and school. We greatly appreciate those who have volunteered to work at our booth and those who are donating items needed for our Mask Making. We would not be able to do this without you! If you have not yet signed up to help and would like to, please contact us this week. Thank you all!



Basket Auction

The Basket Auction is sponsored by The Villages and is an "adults only" evening where our patrons can bid on 'baskets' of all shapes, sizes, and themes. This event is scheduled for November 11th and will be held at the Lake Miona Recreation Center. More information regarding our basket will come home with your child soon! ☺

ACCELERATED READER NEWS

Congratulations to everyone who has already made their 1st Quarter AR Goal! Great job students! There are still a couple of weeks for students to make their goal by October 12th.

Please continue to sign students' Reading Logs to help keep your child on target to meet their goal.

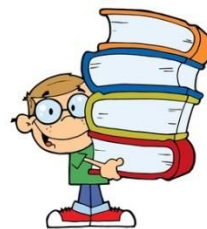
Also remember you can check their progress by going to Renaissance Place via the Media Center link.

Instructional Focus for 5th Grade:

- **Math** - Operations with decimals, including addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Please remember to review homework nightly.
- **Science** - Weather, Climate, and the Water Cycle.
 - Understanding the cause, processes, and path of the water cycle.
 - Describe weather conditions, tools, types of clouds, and how oceans and mountains affect weather.
- **Social Studies** - The First Americans
 - Comparing cultural aspects of ancient American civilizations
 - Comparing cultural aspects of Native American tribes from different geographic regions
 - Identifying Native American tribes from different regions of North America
 - Identifying how trade promoted economic growth in North America

- **ELA** -
 - Determining the themes of literary text and analyzing their development
 - Identifying Text Structure using Informational text, including main idea and details, sequencing, compare/contrast, cause and effect, and description paragraphs.
 - Determine the point of view of passages, as well as the author's perspective.
 - Elaboration development when writing paragraphs, building to a full written essay using multiple passages.
 - Continued vocabulary strategy practice (figurative language, academic vocabulary and Latin roots) and spelling patterns.

Please remember to review homework, make sure your child is reading nightly, and practicing spelling words. Thank you!



We are working hard in 5th grade to develop Study Skills. Learning these skills will help your child for the rest of their educational careers. Please check our Teacher Connection pages for Study Guides, test dates, and other important tools for success! Students also have study guides and materials in their folders to use for studying.