

# Parents

Hernando County School District

make a difference!



## Effective study habit ideas for a successful 2024-2025 school year

Helping your child build study skills is one of the most important ways you can help your child succeed in school. And the start of a new school year is the perfect time to begin.

- Be supportive. Do not do your child's homework for them. It's OK to answer questions and guide your child through problems. If your child is struggling, talk with their teacher.
- Pay attention. Homework time is a chance for you to learn about your child. For example, does your child have trouble with spelling, or struggle with multiplication? Do they excel at reading?

- Allow for some free time. Many kids need to blow off steam after school before settling into their homework.
- Choose a regular time and place for homework. It should be a quiet, well-lit, comfortable spot free from distractions.
- Keep them hydrated and give them healthy snacks during homework time. We want them to make smart and motivated choices. We want them to LOVE studying!

First Day of School  
for Students  
August 12, 2024



Children love to hear their favorite stories over and over again



With all different types of books. Introduce your child to:

- Make-believe. Reading about characters and situations that exist only in an author's imagination encourages children to be creative. Your child will learn the difference between real and pretend.
- Myths and fables. You may already know such tales as "The Lion and the Mouse," one of Aesop's Fables. Myths and fables teach children life lessons and values.
- Poetry. Look for poems that rhyme. They show kids that language is fun. Rhymes also encourage children to listen for sounds that are different and alike.
- Nonfiction. These books show children that reading can help them discover and learn new things.
- Fairytales. These books are stories of magic, enchantments, and mythical or fanciful beings.



# Elementary School Parents

## PARENTS

I DREAMED I STOOD IN A STUDIO.  
AND WATCHED TWO SCULPTORS THERE.  
THE CLAY THEY USED WAS A CHILD'S MIND.  
AND THEY FASHIONED IT WITH CARE.

ONE WAS A TEACHER. THE TOOLS USED.  
WERE BOOKS AND MUSIC AND ART.  
ONE. A PARENT WITH GUIDING HANDS.  
A GENTLE AND LOVING HEART.

DAY AFTER DAY THE TEACHER TOILED.  
WITH A TOUCH BOTH DEFT AND SKILLED.  
THE PARENT LABORED SIDE BY SIDE.  
AND ALL THE VALUES FILLED.

AND WHEN AT LAST THEIR TASK WAS DONE.  
THEY LOOKED AT WHAT THEY'D WROUGHT.  
THE BEAUTIFUL SHAPE OF THE PRECIOUS CHILD.  
COULD NEITHER BE SOLD OR BOUGHT.

AND EACH AGREED IT WOULD HAVE FAILED.  
IF ONE HAD WORKED ALONE.  
FOR BEHIND THE PARENT STOOD THE SCHOOL.  
AND BEHIND THE TEACHER. THE HOME.

Anonymous



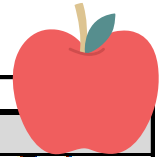
## 2024-2025 Approved Bell Times

### East Hernando County

School	Type	Drop Off Time	Start	End	Early Release
Hernando	HS	6:55	7:15	2:10	11:10
DS Parrott	MS	7:10	7:30	2:00	11:00
Brooksville	ES	8:40	9:00	3:40	12:40
Eastside	ES	8:40	9:00	3:40	12:40
Moton	ES	8:40	9:00	3:40	12:40

### West Hernando County

School	Type	Drop Off Time	Start	End	Early Release
Central	HS	7:00	7:20	2:10	11:10
Endeavor		7:05	7:25	2:05	11:05
Nature Coast	HS	7:00	7:20	2:10	11:10
Springstead	HS	7:00	7:20	2:10	11:10
Weeki Wachee	HS	7:00	7:20	2:10	11:10
Explorer	K-8	8:15	8:35	3:10	12:10
Winding Waters	K-8	8:15	8:35	3:10	12:10
Fox Chapel	MS	8:15	8:35	3:10	12:10
Powell	MS	8:15	8:35	3:10	12:10
West Hernando	MS	8:15	8:35	3:10	12:10
Challenger	K-8	8:55	9:15	3:55	12:55
Chocachatti	ES	9:10	9:30	4:10	1:10
Deltona	ES	9:10	9:30	4:10	1:10
Floyd	ES	9:10	9:30	4:10	1:10
Pine Grove	ES	9:10	9:30	4:10	1:10
Spring Hill	ES	9:10	9:30	4:10	1:10
Suncoast	ES	9:10	9:30	4:10	1:10
Westside	ES	9:10	9:30	4:10	1:10



WheresTheBus App


## Parent App:

WheresTheBus is a user-friendly school bus tracking system that solves problems without creating new ones. Setup your Account under Quick Links on the Hernando School District website.

August 2024

# PARENT QUICK SHEET:


Using **FAMILY ACCESS** in Skyward



## WHAT IS IT?

Family Access allows parents to:


- View their child's current classwork grades
- Check their child's class attendance
- Receive notifications from teachers
- Contact their child's teachers



## HOW DO I GET IT?

Each family has one Family Access account. Setting it up is quick and easy:

- It starts with a parent's email address.
  - A link with a user name is sent to the email address.
- After you click the link using your user name, parents will be prompted to choose a password.
- All children with the same parent email address will be listed in your Family Access account.



## TROUBLESHOOTING - Didn't receive the link?

- Check your email inbox or junk folder
- Check with your child's school to see if the email address was entered correctly and asked them to resend the link

### Download the ParentSquare app today!

Stay involved with your child's learning and activities at school. From anywhere.








## 2024-2025 Title I Schools Principals & Assistant Principals

### Brooksville Elementary School

Richard "RJ" Inmon  
Asst: Wilson Sommer

### Deltona Elementary School

Julie Sweeney  
Asst: Trina Crawford

### Eastside Elementary School

Mike Lastra  
Asst: Eric Schwartz

### J.D. Floyd Elementary School

Scott Piesik  
Asst: Michelle Fox

### Moton Elementary School

Patty D. Martin  
Asst: Alexa Neal

### Pine Grove Elementary School

Natasha Saavedra  
Asst: Mervelle Sage Takura

### Spring Hill Elementary School

Cari O'Rourke  
Asst: Stephani Halstead

### Suncoast Elementary School

Dacey Hughes  
Asst: Colleen Thomas

### Westside Elementary School

Dana Kublick  
Asst: Deana LaPlatney

### Explorer K-8

Lisa Braithwaite  
Asst: Katie Reynolds, Dan O'Rourke  
& Andrew MacGregor

### D.S. Parrott Middle School

Chris Clifford  
Asst: Brandon Wright

### Fox Chapel Middle School

Tom Dye  
Asst: Maria Ruiz & Joshua Smith

### West Hernando Middle School

Chris Healy  
Asst: Leslie Sakser

**BACK TO  
SCHOOL**





**Our Mobile Unit will be back for the 2024-2025 school year. Each school will be notified a month prior to services dates and will be receiving the mobile dental consent then.**



### **Back to School 2024 Sales Tax Holiday**

**July 29 - August 11, 2024**

For a list of qualifying items, visit [floridarevenue.com/BacktoSchool](http://floridarevenue.com/BacktoSchool)

Consumers can purchase qualifying back-to-school supplies exempt from tax during the 2024 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday. Passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis, the sales tax holiday begins Monday, July 29, and extends through Sunday, August 11. The Department of Revenue created this webpage to provide information and promotional materials for consumers, businesses, and other interested parties.



## **Your Year of Fun**

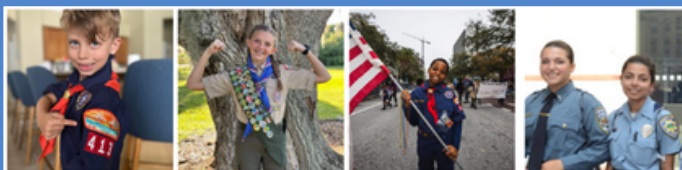
- ✓ Sharing stories with forever friends.
- ✓ Exploring constellations in the night sky.
- ✓ Hosting a talent show.

**girl scouts**  
of west central florida

Now's the perfect time to start your Girl Scout journey. Get ready to go on epic adventures, try new things, and have a blast! Discover a world of excitement with your Girl Scout friends by your side.

**Be a Girl Scout**

[gswcf.org/join](http://gswcf.org/join) • 1-800-881-4475



Scouting is not just for your child—it's for the whole family! When you join Scouting, you embark on a journey filled with shared experiences, family bonding, and lifelong memories.

Scouting provides the perfect platform for families to:

- Participate in exciting outdoor activities together
    - Engage in community service projects
    - Learn valuable skills that benefit everyone
  - Build strong, lasting relationships within the community
- Programs available for all youth ages Kindergarten through 21.

For more information

Contact: Emily Thomas

[emily.thomas@scouting.org](mailto:emily.thomas@scouting.org)

<https://tampabayscouting.org/beascout>

**LIVE UNITED**  
United Way  
United Way of Hernando County

# United Way's

**Stuff the Bus**

## 18th Annual Stuff the Bus Results

2024

**14 Hernando Schools** PARTICIPATED  
**62+ Classrooms** BENEFITED  
**340 Volunteer Hours** LOGGED

**Thank You Hernando County for LIVING UNITED!**

**2,210 lbs+** of school supplies distributed to Hernando classrooms  
**\$6,285** in monetary donations raised for additional classroom needs

Total weight of School Supplies is equivalent to approx. 24 Sea Otters!

1,072 boxes of Crayons donated  
928 3-prong folders distributed  
1,509 glue sticks collected  
546 Composition Notebooks distributed

**Proud Partners in Education:**

PARENT ACADEMY, Publix, Walmart, burn, DICK'S, HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT, grow financial, SPHERION, CLEARIDGE

With understanding the financial challenges faced by schools and families, United Way aims to alleviate the burden on teachers who often cover the costs for classroom essentials. United Way's county-wide Stuff the Bus school supplies drive actively took place July 13 & 14, 2024, with collection sites at all (8) Publix Stores in Hernando and the Walmart on US19.

**LIVE UNITED**

UnitedWayHernando.org/StufftheBus | 4028 Commercial Way, Spring Hill, FL 34606

## Keeping Germs at Bay

Remind children about healthy habits to prevent spreading germs, such as coughing and sneezing into their elbows, not sharing drinks, and keeping hands away from their eyes, nose, and mouth. If your child does get sick, keep them home from school so they don't share their illness with others. Healthy eating and adequate sleep will also help to keep the immune system healthy and strong for a great school year!



Save  
the  
date

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Friday, November 8, 2024

## GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN SEMINAR

**EVENT HOSTED AT**  
Pasco-Hernando State College - Spring Hill Campus  
450 Beverly Ct, Spring Hill, FL 34606

**This Initiative is Proudly Supported By:**

PARENT ACADEMY, United Way of Hernando, United Way, HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT, PHSC

Watch Seminar Highlights

Last Year's Resources