

Parent Academy Newsletter

Parents

February 2025

Hernando County School District

make a difference!



Attention families! If you haven't already, please take a moment to complete our annual Title I survey. Your feedback is essential in helping our schools review and improve the annual Compacts and Parent and Family Engagement Plans. Thank you for your valuable input!



www.hernandoschools.org

2025-2026 VPK Registration

Step 1: Apply for a Certificate of Eligibility beginning January 1, 2025. Visit the Early Learning Coalition of Pasco & Hernando and complete the online application for a Certificate of Eligibility (voucher). For more information, please call the Early Learning Coalition at (727) 233-8291.

Step 2: Enroll at School Site - Call the school to verify your address for zoning and registration hours. Starting Monday, March 3, 2025, bring the following documents to your zoned school:

- Certificate of Eligibility (voucher)
- Birth Certificate/proof of child's age
- Florida Certificate of Immunization (DH Form 680)
- Physical examination certificate signed by a licensed examiner
- Proof of Florida residency

FREE full day program for students living in the following school zones:

- Brooksville Elementary
- Deltona Elementary
- Eastside Elementary
- J.D. Floyd Elementary
- Moton Elementary
- Pine Grove Elementary
- Spring Hill Elementary
- Westside Elementary

Self-pay (\$100/week) full-day VPK program:

- Chocachatti Elementary (Note: This does not qualify students to attend kindergarten at Chocachatti)

Contact Us: 352-797-7000 x 238



Practical ideas for parents to help their children

Community outreach in schools can help students, schools, and communities in many ways, including:

Building Relationships - Schools can build trust and collaboration with their communities by sharing what's happening at the school and listening to feedback.

Increasing Access - Community outreach can help underserved populations access learning opportunities and participate in school.

Improving Education - Community outreach can enhance the quality of education for diverse learners.

Promoting Civic Engagement - Community outreach can help students develop social responsibility and civic engagement.

Supporting Students - Community outreach can help students develop academically, socially, emotionally, and professionally.

Strengthening Communities - Community outreach can help communities improve and thrive.

WALK and ROLL
5K & FUN RUN

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 8, 2025**
CHECK IN: 7:00 - 8:00 AM
RACE BEGINS: 8:30 AM
FAMILY FUN RUN: 9:30 AM

**WEST HERNANDO
MIDDLE SCHOOL**
14325 KEN AUSTIN PARKWAY, BROOKSVILLE

Adult 5K - \$25 Entry Fee
Hernando County Students - \$12 Entry Fee (5K or Fun Run Options)
1 Mile Family Fun Run - \$20 Entry Fee
*T-shirt included with registration BEFORE 1/24/25

OR VISIT
[HTTPS://RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE?RACEID=141915](https://RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE?RACEID=141915)

MEDALS FOR FINISHERS **CHANCES TO WIN** **EXHIBITORS, DJ AND MORE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT JANICE CAMPBELL
352-797-7022 EXT 490
CAMPBELL_J1@HCSB.K12.FL.US

Proceeds from the event assist Hernando County Students with Disabilities to attend Summer Enrichment Programs

Certificate of Appreciation was proudly presented to Glory Days Grill by the Federal Programs Team & the Parent Academy of Hernando County School District

Thank you for your generous support at our FACE Meetings and the 2024 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Seminar. Your commitment to our community and willingness to lend a helping hand have made a significant impact. We deeply appreciate your partnership and dedication to making a difference in the lives of others.



Thank You
Glory Days GRILL
Brandon Whetzel

(Left to Right) Trisha Wise, Shanika Figueroa, Magen Schlechter - Director of Federal Programs, Cord Krueger - Manager of Glory Days, Dell O. Barnes Sr., Jodie Kanneberg, Cynthia Knowles and Bonnie Lucas



Monday, February 17th - No School

Sunday, February 9, 2025
Super Bowl



Friday, February 14, 2025
Valentine's Day





UNITED WAY
Hernando County

A United Way of Hernando County Collaborative



VITA
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

2025 Free Tax Preparation Sites

ALL TAX RETURNS ARE PREPARED BY IRS TRAINED & CERTIFIED VOLUNTEERS

Main/Brooksville Library	United Way of Hernando County	Spring Hill Library	High Point Clubhouse	Brookridge Clubhouse
238 Howell Avenue, Brooksville, FL, 34601	4028 Commercial Way, Spring Hill, FL, 34606	9220 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill, FL, 34608	12249 Club House Road, Brooksville, FL, 34613	8150 Hampton Street, Brooksville, FL, 34613
Tuesdays 10:00am-3:00pm	Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:00am-1:00pm	Fridays & Saturdays 9:00am-12:00pm	Wednesdays 9:00am-1:00pm	Fridays 9:00am-1:00pm
Site opens February 4th through April 15th	Site opens February 5th through April 10th	Site opens February 7th through April 12th	Site opens February 5th through April 9th	Site opens February 7th through April 11th

You must schedule an appointment online by visiting:
Calendly.com/VITA-Hernando

Call to Schedule Your Appointment:
352-741-1476
*No walk-ins accepted

This FREE tax preparation service is available to those who:

- Have a **low-to-moderate income** (generally \$67,000 and below)
- Have **no rental property** or farm income

PLEASE COME TO YOUR APPOINTMENT PREPARED

- Must have **picture ID** (both spouses, if married)
- Must have **Social Security Card(s)** or **statement** from Social Security Office for all listed on return (copies accepted)
- Bring a copy of **previous year's tax return** (if available)
- If Applicable: **Form 1095-A** (Health Insurance Statement)

Did You Know?
You may be eligible to receive an
EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT worth up to \$7,830


\$1.6 MILLION

IN TOTAL FEDERAL REFUNDS FOR
HERNANDO VITA CLIENTS

*Recent IRS surveys show the average Florida taxpayer receiving Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) through VITA, had a household gross income of ~~\$12,000~~ and received on average ~~\$1,500~~ in refunds -- enough to help pay for preventative healthcare for a child, family groceries, increased housing costs, needed car repairs, and additional basic necessities.



Need assistance scheduling your appointment online?
Call 352-688-8502 and a United Way representative will be happy to help.


- Visit www.UnitedWayHernando.org/VITA for more information
- To complete your Return online for FREE yourself, visit www.MyFreeTaxes.com






Scan for Appointments!

Proud Partners:



"KICK" START TO EARLY LITERACY

United Way of Hernando County's 10th Annual Kickball Tournament: Inspired to Read



UNITED
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SAVE
THE
DATE



Tampa
General
Hospital.
BROOKSVILLE
SPRING HILL



Proceeds Benefit United Way's
Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program



SCAN ME



WHEN:

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

ANDERSON SNOW PARK

1360 Anderson Snow Rd, Spring Hill, FL, 34609



16 Teams



Food Trucks



Dunk Tank



Mascot Fun Run



Raffles



Vendors

UnitedWayHernando.org/Kickball

Cookies & Recruiting

February 4, 2025 Hernando High School Auditorium @ 6:00pm



- Join us for some sweet treats and a night dedicated to learning about the college athletics recruiting process.
- All HCSD Middle and High School student-athletes and their parents/guardians are welcome!



Special Guests

- DuJuan Harris - CHS Alumni**
Football - Troy University (D1)
6 Year NFL Career - Jaguars, Packers & 49ers
- Paige Scott - SHS Alumni**
Softball - University of North Florida (D1)
- Olivia DeLoach - SHS Alumni**
Volleyball - Mitchell College (D3)