

Hunter's Creek Elementary School Open House 2023-2024



**Thank you for your patience as
we allow others to arrive.**

Patience is not
the ability to wait,
but the ability
to keep a good
attitude while waiting.

-Ang - BeHappyStayHappy.com



OCPS

Vision: To ensure every student has a promising and successful future.

Mission: With the support of families and the community, we create enriching and diverse pathways that lead our students to success.

Objectives:

High Expectations for Student Learning
Student Social and Emotional Well-Being.

Dedicated and High Quality Team
Positive Climate and Safe Environment
Efficient Operations

Engaged and Invested Community



HCES

Leadership Team

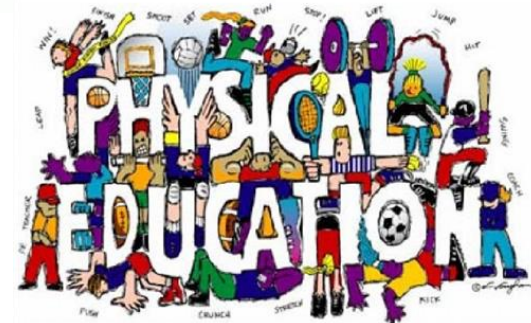


HCES Leadership Team

- ❖ Dr. Bradley Martin - Principal
- ❖ Ms. Christie DePriest - Assistant Principal
- ❖ Mr. Hector Soto - ESOL Compliance
- ❖ Ms. Mahler - Behavior Specialist
- ❖ Ms. Nicole Cravero - Behavior Specialist
- ❖ Ms. Ellen Patterson - Instructional Coach
- ❖ Ms. Huertas - Guidance Counselor
- ❖ Ms. Parisi - Media Specialist
- ❖ Ms. Grodzienski - Staffing Specialist
- ❖ Ms. MacDonald - MTSS/ELA Coach
- ❖ Ms. Lynmarie Ortiz Melendez - Science Coach
- ❖ Ms. Natasha Rivera Burke - Resource/Math Coach



HCES Special Area Team





HCES PTA is a volunteer team of parents, guardians, teachers, students and community partners that are committed to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

HCES PTA helps support the school in various ways throughout the year. Some things PTA will fund are our Pastries with Parents, teacher appreciation and other needs throughout the year.

Visit our website to get involved!
<https://hcespanthers.memberhub.com/>.
This is where families can purchase memberships and school apparel.



Introducing the 1st Grade Team

Jennifer Pina

Deborah Osburn

Claritsa Rosas

Fatima Santiago

Jessica Mercado

TWDL Teachers

Olga Duarte-Stumpf

Glenyarid Melendez Rivera



First Grade Schedule

SCHEDULE

MONDAY/TUESDAY/THURSDAY/FRIDAY	WEDNESDAY
8:45-9:00 ELA	8:45-9:00 ELA
9:00-9:30 Whole group	9:00-9:30 Whole group
9:30-10:00 Centers	9:30-10:15 Centers
10:00-10:30 Social Studies	10:15-10:45 Writing
10:30-10:50 Recess	10:45-11:05 Recess
10:50-11:15 Lunch	11:05-11:30 Lunch
11:15-11:45 Writing	11:30-12:15 Math
11:45-12:15 Reading Intervention	12:15-12:45 Health
12:15-1:00 Math	12:45-1:15 Alternate PE
1:00-1:30 Math Intervention	1:15-2:00 Specials
1:30-2:15 Special	



The Science of Reading

What is the Science of Reading?

Instructional Shifts in OCPS

The **Science of Reading** is research from thousands of studies that tells us about how people learn to read.

Word Recognition	x	Language Comprehension	=	Reading Comprehension
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Structured Literacy is an approach to reading instruction that is explicit, systematic, cumulative, sequential and multisensory.

OCPS is creating a stronger alignment with the Science of Reading through explicit instruction for both **word recognition** and **language comprehension** to help students become successful readers.

- Read different types of books
- Ask questions before, during, and after reading
- Play word games
- Discuss new words included in the text
- Ask your child's teacher for more tips

How Do We Implement?

Activities for Home

Special Area Schedule

Monday - Art

Tuesday - PE1

Wednesday - PE2

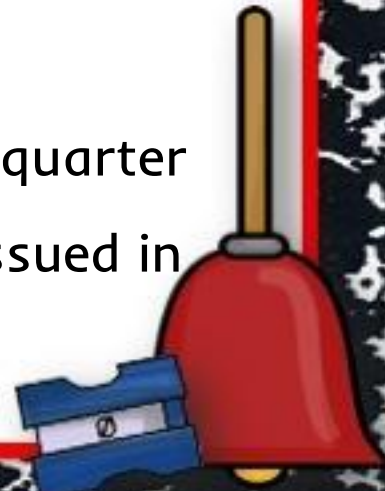
Thursday - PE3

Friday - Music



Skyward

- Please complete all online consent forms.
- Students will not be able to use computers or iPads, or receive care from the clinic, if the digital consent forms are not complete.
- Grades will be posted by Thursday evening each week.
- Report Cards will be issued at the end of each quarter (every 9 weeks), with Progress Reports being issued in the middle of each quarter.



Attendance

- The first bell rings at 8:40. The late bell rings at 8:45.
- Tardies and early dismissals are disruptive to the learning environment.
- When a child is tardy or leaves early, 2 other children must escort that child to the office.
- I understand that appointments can be necessary during the school day. Please email me in advance.





Arrival and Dismissal

- Students may not arrive to school before 8:15 unless they are enrolled in extended day.
- The late bell rings at 8:45am each day.
- Dismissal on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday is 3:00pm. No early release after 2:30.
- Dismissal on Wednesday is 2:00. No early release after 1:30pm.



Grading

- Classwork, homework, computer based tests/assessments, teacher observations, and more will determine student grades.
- Not all grades (computer based tests, teacher observation, etc.) will be posted to Progress Book.
- A student may receive S's on classwork due to collaborative nature of the class but still receive a W on their Progress Report or Report Card.



Grading Scale

S	Satisfactory	80-100
W	Working on Skill	70-79
N	Needs Improvement	60-69
U	Unsatisfactory	59 and below

Report Card & Progress Report grades are based on classwork,
teacher observations, computer based testing

(Exact Path Reading and Success Maker Math) and more.



Clinic/Nurses Office

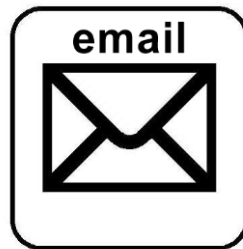
- The nurse's office is for first aid only. Sick or injured students must be sent home. (complete the opt in form online to allow your child to receive care from the clinic)
- OCPS has made changes to their Medication policy. Please go to OCPS online for further details about these changes.
- Parents may administer medication to their children only in the clinic.



Contacting the Teacher

Please don't hesitate to email me with any questions or concerns. Teachers are available for conferences by request.

Always allow 48 hours for a response.



Talking Points is a new way to text your student's teachers and school! There's an app, too! (You should have already received your first texts!) Here is a flyer to tell you more:



TalkingPoints
TalkingPoints for Families
Learn more about the communication tool your school/district will be using this year!

What is TalkingPoints?
TalkingPoints is an easy and safe way for you to communicate with your child's teachers in their home language with their child's teachers in English.
We will be using this platform to communicate with you about your child's education and progress.

You can communicate with me in your home language!
TalkingPoints will translate our messages so that you can communicate with me in your preferred language!

Family Text Messaging **Family Mobile & Web App**

Types of Messages

- Casual announcements and reminders
- Homework assignments
- Messages on what we're learning in class
- Parental check-ins about your child
- Important announcements
- Updates on grades and progress

Accessibility Features Text-to-speech and Speech-to-text, phone permitting.

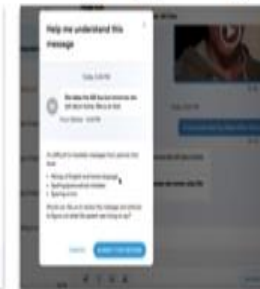
Accessibility Features for the Family App Only



TalkingPoints Parent Ed 101
Click to see a definition of highlighted education terms



TalkingPoints Education Glossaries
Access to a glossary with definitions of K-12 terms



TalkingPoints Help Me Understand
Click to request that a message be retranslated by human translators

Get started with the TalkingPoints for Families App today!



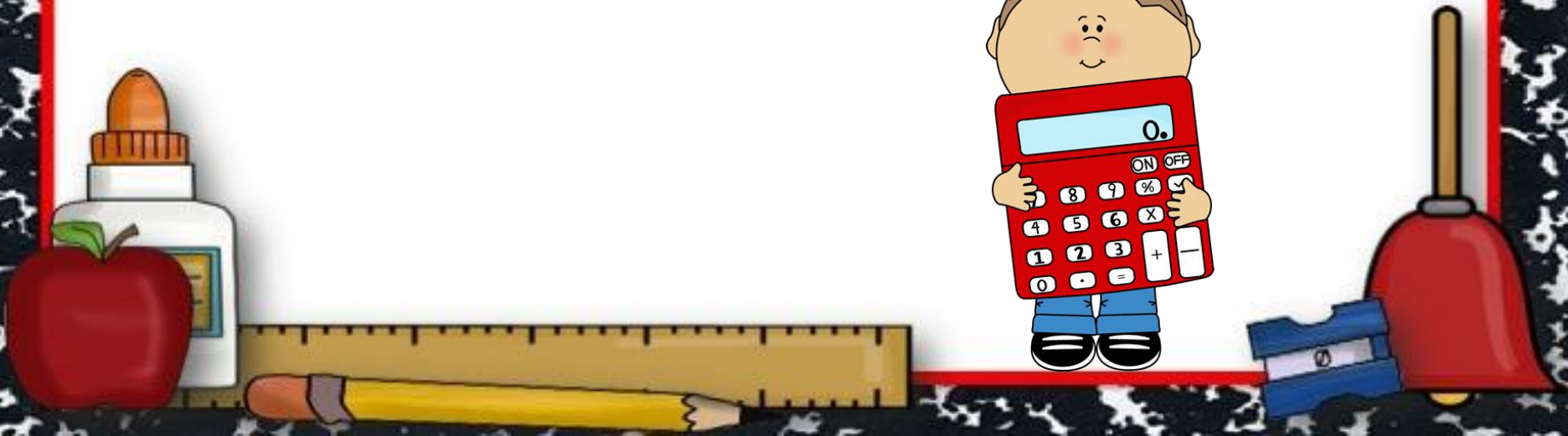
Language Arts

- Reading is taught based on the BEST Standards.
- It is vital that students spend 20 minutes reading at home each night to practice and reinforce reading skills.
- Writing is a huge component in first grade. Students will be able to write Informative (Explanatory), Narrative, and Opinion writing in response to a text.



Math

- Math is taught based on the BEST Standards.
- We will study geometry, measurement, data, algebra and algebraic thinking and operations.



Science

- Students will be using Inspire Science, a science series based on Florida's Sunshine State Standards.
- We will incorporate hands on experiments throughout the year.



Social Studies

- Students will deepen their understanding of historical content, promote empathy, strengthen analytical skills, in preparation to become active participants in civic life.
- Some topics include rules, responsibilities, community, citizenship, fairness, kindness, maps, timelines, people and events, goods and services, and money.



Health

- Students will explore a variety of topics about their physical, mental, social, and emotional well being.
- Some topics include healthy behaviors, positive choices, needs and wants, listening skills, wanted and unwanted situations, preventing illness and injuries, consequences, and warning labels.



Lunch/Snack and Recess

- Students have 25 minutes for lunch each day.
- Students have 20 minutes of recess each day.
- Recess may be at the playground, in the classroom, or elsewhere around campus depending on the weather, student testing or other factors.
- Students eat snack each day. It is a short, working snack as this is also our Math time. Please send easy snacks and include any necessary utensils!



Classwork / Unit Assessments

- We do a lot of centers and hands on activities in class. There may not be an abundance of worksheets or workbook papers coming home due to the hands on nature of some activities.
- Per the district, we will be using a post test for most units to monitor progress and specific student needs. Please use these tests to help work with your child at home.
 - I will monitor each student throughout each unit to determine the progress being made so I can better see what students need to focus on more. Post tests will be given at the end of each unit to show what each student has mastered.



Homework

- Homework will be sent home weekly and will be based on all Language Arts and Math Standards.
- Homework will be due each week.
- The goal is not perfection on homework, it is for students to practice skills!
- Parents may not do homework or special projects for students! Please support your child, but allow him or her to complete the work.



Class Discipline

- Good behavior is essential to the learning environment!
- To encourage good behavior, I will provide incentives such as treats, special privileges, positive phone calls/notes etc...



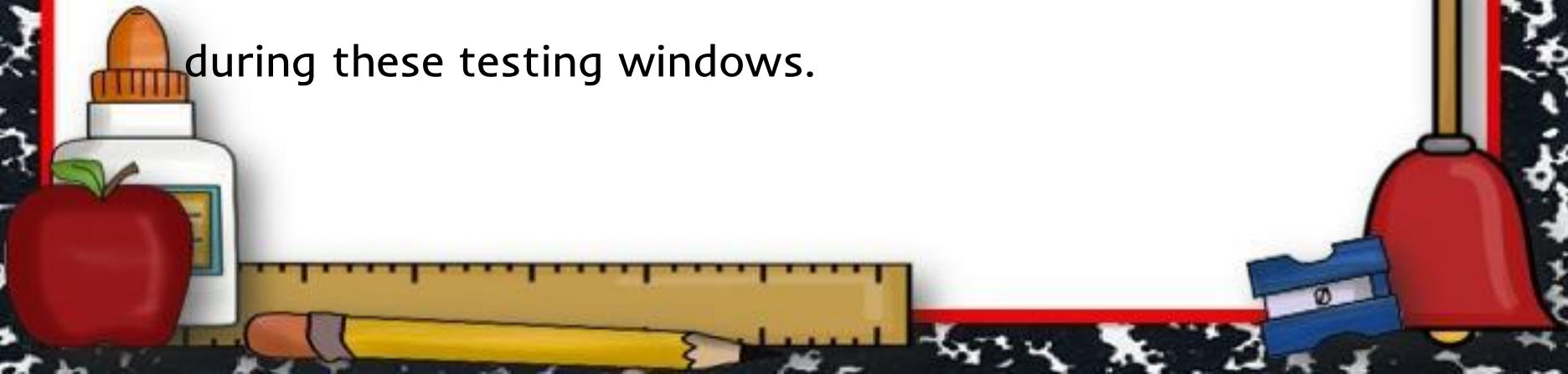
1st Grade Testing

- First graders will use digital programs to support their academic needs this year. Students will use Exact Path in reading and Success Maker in math. Reports for both programs will be shared throughout the school year to keep you informed of your child's progress.
- First graders will be tested on their independent reading level two times a year based on approved OCPS benchmark assessments such as SIPPS, Heggerty, and Fountas and Pinnell, and DIBELS. Testing will be done in the fall and spring.



School Wide Testing

- All students will be taking FAST assessments in Reading and Math three times during the school year (fall, winter, and spring).
- Parents are generally not able to visit at lunch time during these testing windows.



OCPS Cell Phone Policy Update

Hunter's Creek Elementary is following the OCPS Cell Phone Policy as listed below.

OCPS requires that wireless communications device(s)* be silenced and put away (in a backpack or purse) during the school day while on campus, including lunchtime and transitioning between classes.

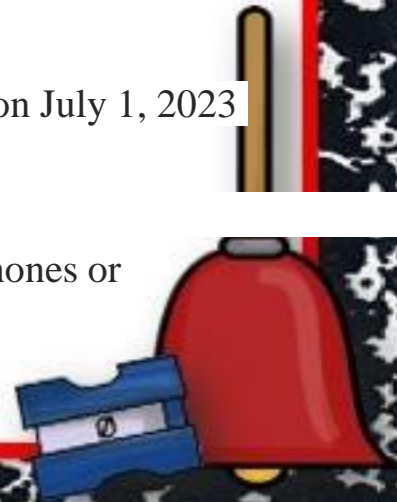
**Wireless communication devices include but are not limited to, cell phones and/or auxiliary/ancillary devices such as watches and ear buds.*

The following actions will be taken if a student violates OCPS' cell phone policy:

- Confiscation (Item returned at the end of the day)
- Detention
- Positive Alternative to School Suspension (PASS)
- Out-of-School Suspension (OSS)

Pursuant to the Technology in K-12 Public Schools law that took effect on July 1, 2023 and Section 1006.07, Florida Statutes.

At no time shall OCPS be responsible for theft, loss or damage of cell phones or other electronic devices brought onto district property.



Field Trips

- Parents interested in chaperoning field trips should complete the online application as soon as possible.
- The field trip coordinator will set the number of chaperones based on availability and space.
- Chaperones will be chosen at random to assure fairness.
- Chaperones must be at least 21 and siblings may not attend.
- Chaperones must also be willing to supervise multiple children at a time.
- Payments for field trips will be made on SchoolPay.



Volunteering

There are many opportunities throughout the year to volunteer.

ADDitions, PTA, School Advisory Council, Multilingual Parent Leadership Council, Two-Way Dual Language Parents' Advisory Committee, Field Trips, School Events

Please complete the online application on the OCPS website as soon as possible to be considered.

https://ocps.samaritan.com/custom/503/volunteer_home

Thank you for your willingness to volunteer!



Conference Night

Day: TBD

Date: TBD

An email will be sent with further details. If you would like to meet before this time, please notify me via email. Be sure to include the day of the week and time, before or after school hours, that works best for you. I will do my best to accommodate you. Conferences can be held by phone for your convenience.



Thank you for
attending
open house!

