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Dear Sweetwater Families,

As we transition into November, a month dedicated to gratitude and reflection, I want to take a moment to express my appreciation for the incredible community we have here at Sweetwater Elementary. Each day, I am reminded of the dedication and passion that our teachers, parents, and students bring to our school. I am beyond grateful for the incredible learning I see in classrooms, the beautiful relationships that are like family, the amazing students who practice kindness, and the wonderful environment we are creating together. These elements truly make our school a special place.

Thankful for Our Teachers To our wonderful educators, thank you for your heartfelt commitment to nurturing and inspiring our students. Your creativity, patience, and hard work make a profound difference in their lives. We are blessed to have the BEST!

Grateful for Our Parents To our supportive parents, your involvement and encouragement are vital to our school's success. Whether you volunteer in the classroom, attend events, or support your child's learning at home, your efforts make all the difference for students. Together, we are building a strong foundation for our students' futures.

Celebrating Our Students Thank you for entrusting your precious children with us. Know that students are our top priority and passion. It brings us joy to watch them grow in every way! We are SO proud of our Pelicans .

Upcoming Events:

- 12th - SAC Meeting, Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A
- 13th - Interim grade reports
- 15th - Reflections Art Submissions Due
- 16th - Tukey trop 5K Color Run & Tot Trot
- 18th - 22nd Book Fair
- 22nd - Pizza With the Principal

25th - 29th Thanksgiving Break: Enjoy this time with family and friends! As we gather with friends and family this month, let's remember to appreciate the small moments that bring us joy. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. Together, we are fostering an environment of learning, compassion, and gratitude.

Wishing you all a beautiful and wonderful November!

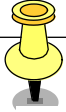
Sweetwater Mission Statement

We, the caring community of learners at Sweetwater Elementary, strive toward a lifetime of achieving our "personal best", guided by a positive attitude in a nurturing environment.

Volusia County Schools Mission Statement

"Through the individual commitment of all, our students will graduate with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to be successful contributors to our democratic society."

Support our Special Area Teachers!



Art Supplies Needed

Our Sweetwater artists have been hard at work, and could use some supplies you might have lying around the house!

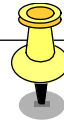
We would greatly appreciate any of the following donations: sponges, doilies, black sharpies, and paper plates. If you would like to donate any of these supplies, you can send them in with a note labeled "supplies for art"! Thank you for your interest and for your support in giving our students wonderful opportunities, as always!

Sincerely, Mrs. Clark

Scan the QR Code to view the art room Amazon Wishlist!



Thank you in advance!



Music Supplies Needed

Our Sweetwater musicians have been having lots of fun this year trying out some new instruments and new activities!

If you would like to help fulfill the music room wish list, see below. :)

Sincerely,
Mr. Sita

Scan the QR Code to view the music room Amazon Wishlist!



Thank you in advance!

We will continue to focus on the three components of fitness: flexibility, muscle strength, and endurance in grades 3 -5. Fourth and fifth grade students are encouraged to practice for the timed mile runs at home. Their 2nd timed mile will be this month. (For some classes, November will be their 1st timed mile due to the heat and storm days) with the 3rd and final timed mile taking place in Jan.

In grades K-2, we are continuing to incorporate personal responsibility concepts into our games. (Taking turns, cooperating with a team, maintaining personal space, following directions, displaying good sportsmanship, etc.) Grades in P.E. are based on movement competency, cognitive ability, and responsible behavior. Points are earned/deducted in each area daily. Please ensure that your child wears sneakers during P.E. weeks. Boots, flats, Crocs, etc. are not safe on the concrete/asphalt surfaces. We appreciate your support 😊

We wish you a happy, healthy Thanksgiving!

Coach Cooney, Coach Meadows, and Coach K 😊

Scan the QR code to see P.E.'s Amazon Wishlist! Thank you in advance!



November PTA News

The Donation Drive Fundraiser was a huge success. Thanks to the generosity of our amazing Sweetwater families and community we were able to fund Reflex Math for the whole school, classroom carpets, comfy chairs, gem-mining activities, books for students, walkie talkies for staff, and so much more! Students who donated to the drive celebrated with various parties!

The PTA Membership Drive ended on October 31st. Huge shout out to the following classes for having 100% membership: Ms. Szabo, Ms. Martens, Ms. Craun, and Ms. Muller! Each of these classes will be celebrated for their commitment to PTA with ice cream parties in November!

Many thanks to all who participated in our first Annual Trunk or Treat! The students had a blast, and we appreciate your support to help us create these amazing memories for them.



Event: November Spirit Night
Location: Chick-fil-a Port Orange
Date: November 12th
Time: 3:00-10:00 p.m.
Details: Use the code 'SPIRIT' on the Chick-fil-A App

Tuesday
12

Friday
15

The National PTA Reflections Art Contest is coming up! Information was sent home with all students recently, and projects are due November 15th.



*Accepting
Imperfection*



The Turkey Trot 5k Color Run will be Saturday, November 16th! This year we will also have a Tot-Trot for ages 6 and under. Registration is available online using the QR code below. Join us for a Pancake Picnic after the race for just \$5 per person. Please join the event on Facebook and share it – this race is open to the public!

Saturday
16

*Spirit Shirts
Turkey Trot Tickets
Kona Ice Bands
Click here*



Thanks for your ongoing support of our students and staff!
~PTA Board~

Counselor Corner

News from Mrs. Howard & Mrs. Elliott
November 2024



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5th GRADE CLASS LEADER
ELECTIONS WILL TAKE
PLACE TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 5TH.
STAY TUNED FOR THE
RESULTS!

THANK YOU!
TO ALL WHO HAVE SERVED.



Sweetwater is proud to honor Veterans with a special tribute video of all the Veterans in our lives. Look for the video link to be posted by your teacher or on our Facebook pages.



LAST CALL FOR HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE

If you find that your family could use some assistance with food, clothing, or holiday gifts for your children, please contact the Guidance Office at 386-322-6230 ext. 33497. When leaving a message, please provide your child's name and teacher. The deadline to request assistance is **November 8, 2024.**

SAVE THE DATE

Coffee Talk

Wednesday,
December 4th,
8:00 AM
State testing and
what it means for
your learner.

October Perfect
Attendance tags will
be handed out this
week.

In September, 199
students received
perfect attendance
tags. Way to go!



UPCOMING Mental and Emotional Health and Substance Abuse Prevention Lesson

Florida Statutes section 1003.42(2)(n) requires public school districts to provide comprehensive age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate K-12 health education that addresses mental and emotional health and substance abuse prevention.

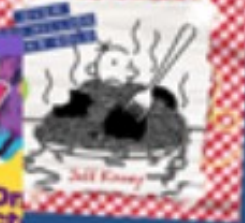
At Sweetwater Elementary this lesson will be delivered by Ms. Howard and Mrs. Elliott on Wednesday, November 13th, through your child's special area class. If you have any questions about the lesson, please call us in the guidance office at 386-322-6230 ext. 33497 or 33326.



On Sale
December 3

LIBRARY

Announcements



THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!!
NOVEMBER 18TH THRU 22ND
STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO COMING HOME IN
NOVEMBER!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 3RD-5TH GRADERS WHO MET THEIR QUARTER 1 ACCELERATED READER GOAL!

3RD GRADE

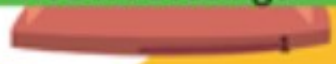
- Callie Cammack
- Cooper Gariepy
- Stella Jo
- Decatur Mason
- Sonia Bellinger
- Holly Haines
- Daniel Kamel
- Riley Lovings
- Presley Dado
- Trent Floding
- Sutton Laskowitz
- Noah Owensby
- Noelle Steffen
- Jean Lo
- Jaxon Aquino
- Quintino Dicamillo
- John Lindsey
- Landon Walker
- Maria Gugliara
- Sidney Hansen
- Indigo Kane
- Remy Maggs
- Nicole Pastukhova

4TH GRADE

- Naya Elhamadany
- Valeria Garcia Torres
- Piper Adkison
- Riley D'Hondt
- Connor Hunt
- Paris Islam
- Liam Kretzmer
- Adriana Lind
- Adella Sita
- Angelina Chavez
- Colton Gibson
- Veda Moore
- Catherine Taylor
- Taylinn Torres
- Christopher Youssef
- Brinley Algard
- Barrett Braun
- Quinn Freier
- Enzo Palmier
- Titus Smith
- Carsen Sterner

5TH GRADE

- Thatcher Fountain
- Violet Kane
- Peyton Rodewald
- Carleigh Etapa
- Emily Harrison
- Mirabelle Lakkis
- Abigail Clark
- Pablo Rodriguez-Ospina
- Donovan Santiago
- Milena Zagainova
- Miina Alsharhan
- Garrett Gibson
- Eden Smith
- Anna Baxter
- Breno Cazeiro
- Mckinley Craig
- Elizabeth Herbert
- Robert Leuzinger



November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Spirit Day Flu Vaccinations Red Ribbon Week Ends	2
3	4 School Psychologist Wk ↑	5 Election Day Jenna Shirts Health Screenings	6 Positivi-Tee Shirts Early Release, 1:30pm	7 Fall Picture Retakes 5th Grade Science VST1 Test Kona Ice Good News Club, 2:35pm	8 National STEM Day Spirit Day	9
10	11 Veterans Day Holiday NO SCHOOL	12 Jenna Shirts SAC Meeting, 2:45pm	13 World Kindness Day Positivi-Tee Shirts Interim Grades Early Release, 1:30pm	14 Kona Ice Good News Club, 2:35pm	15 Spirit Day Book Fair Reflections Art Contest Due	16 Turkey Trot 5K Color Walk/Run, 8:00am
17	18 Book Fair ↑	19 Jenna Shirts Book Fair Family Night, 5:00-7:00pm	20 Positivi-Tee Shirts Great American Teach-In KG Thanksgiving Performance, 8:30am Early Release, 1:30pm	21 3rd Grade Science VST2 Test Kona Ice Good News Club, 2:35pm	22 Substitute Teacher Day Spirit Day Pizza With The Principal	23
24	25 Thanksgiving Holiday Begins NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Santa Secret Shop 3rd Grade Ponce Inlet Field Trip	3 Jenna Shirts 3rd Grade Ponce Inlet Field Trip	4 Positivi-Tee Shirts Coffee Talk, 8:00am 5th Grade SCHS Concert Early Release, 1:30pm	5 Kona Ice Good News Club, 2:35pm	6 Spirit Day	7 Musical Workday
8	9 3rd Grade Ponce Inlet Field Trip	10 Jenna Shirts 5th Grade Science VBA2 Test	11 Positivi-Tee Shirts Early Release, 1:30pm	12 3rd-5th Grade ELA VBA2 Test 4th Grade Science VST3 Test Kona Ice Good News Club, 2:35pm Holiday Show, 5:00pm	13 Spirit Day Holiday Show (In School)	14
15	16 Kindergarten Pioneer Settlement Field Trip	17 Jenna Shirts 3rd-5th Grade Math VBA2 Test	18 Positivi-Tee Shirts NO Early Release	19 Kona Ice Good News Club, 2:35pm	20 Spirit Day NO Early Release (Hurricane Milton Makeup)	21
22	23 Winter Holiday Begins NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL				



Breakfast K-5 November 2024

*Menus are subject to change

Breakfast Prices:
Students: Complimentary
Adults and visiting children: \$2.00
Prepay at MySchoolBucks.com

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					Friday 1 French Toast Sticks Mango Pineapple Smoothie Apple Juice Choice of Fresh Fruit Strawberry Banana Smoothie Gluten-Free Cheerios Gluten-Free Honey Nut Cheerios Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cocoa Puffs Gluten-Free Lucky Charms Whole Grain Cinnamon Toast
Monday 4 Cinnamon Roll Strawberry Pop-Tart Pineapple Cup Juice Apple 72/cs Choice of Fresh Fruit Gluten-Free Cheerios Gluten-Free Honey Nut Cheerios CEREAL CINN TST RDUC SUG BWLPK 96/cs Cocoa Puffs Gluten-Free Lucky Charms Cinnamon Toast	Tuesday 5 Egg and Cheese on a sweet bun Muffin Apple Cinn 80/cs Diced Peach Cup Juice Orange 72/cs Choice of Fresh Fruit Gluten-Free Cheerios Gluten-Free Honey Nut Cheerios CEREAL CINN TST RDUC SUG BWLPK 96/cs Cocoa Puffs Gluten-Free Lucky Charms Cinnamon Toast	Wednesday 6 Chicken Biscuit Twist & Go Mango Pineapple Smoothie Donut Dunkers Orange Mandarin Section Cups 72/4.5oz/cs Juice Apple 72/cs Choice of Fresh Fruit Gluten-Free Cheerios Gluten-Free Honey Nut Cheerios CEREAL CINN TST RDUC SUG BWLPK 96/cs Cocoa Puffs Gluten-Free Lucky Charms Cinnamon Toast	Thursday 7 Country Egg Scramble Tater Tot Muffin Banana 72/2oz/cs Mixed Fruit Cup Juice Orange 72/cs Choice of Fresh Fruit Gluten-Free Cheerios Gluten-Free Honey Nut Cheerios CEREAL CINN TST RDUC SUG BWLPK 96/cs Cocoa Puffs Gluten-Free Lucky Charms Cinnamon Toast	Friday 8 French Toast Sticks Twist & Go Mango Pineapple Smoothie Juice Apple 72/cs Choice of Fresh Fruit Gluten-Free Cheerios Gluten-Free Honey Nut Cheerios CEREAL CINN TST RDUC SUG BWLPK 96/cs Cocoa Puffs Gluten-Free Lucky Charms Cinnamon Toast	
Monday 11 Chicken Biscuit Donut Holes Blueberry 60/cs Diced Peach Cup Juice Apple 72/cs Choice of Fresh Fruit Gluten-Free Cheerios Gluten-Free Honey Nut Cheerios CEREAL CINN TST RDUC SUG BWLPK 96/cs Cocoa Puffs Gluten-Free Lucky Charms Cinnamon Toast	Tuesday 12 Grilled Cheese w/Bacon Twist & Go Mango Pineapple Smoothie Donut Dunkers Diced Pear Cup Juice Orange 72/cs Choice of Fresh Fruit Gluten-Free Cheerios Gluten-Free Honey Nut Cheerios CEREAL CINN TST RDUC SUG BWLPK 96/cs Cocoa Puffs Gluten-Free Lucky Charms Cinnamon Toast	Wednesday 13 Chicken Griddle Muffin Banana 72/2oz/cs Pineapple Cup Juice Apple 72/cs Choice of Fresh Fruit Gluten-Free Cheerios Gluten-Free Honey Nut Cheerios CEREAL CINN TST RDUC SUG BWLPK 96/cs Cocoa Puffs Gluten-Free Lucky Charms Cinnamon Toast	Thursday 14 Ham Egg Cheese Croissant Twist & Go Mango Pineapple Smoothie Mixed Fruit Cup Juice Orange 72/cs Choice of Fresh Fruit Gluten-Free Cheerios Gluten-Free Honey Nut Cheerios CEREAL CINN TST RDUC SUG BWLPK 96/cs Cocoa Puffs Gluten-Free Lucky Charms Cinnamon Toast	Friday 15 French Toast Sticks Strawberry Pop-Tart Juice Apple 72/cs Choice of Fresh Fruit Gluten-Free Cheerios Gluten-Free Honey Nut Cheerios CEREAL CINN TST RDUC SUG BWLPK 96/cs Cocoa Puffs Gluten-Free Lucky Charms Cinnamon Toast	
Monday 18 Cinnamon Roll Twist & Go Mango Pineapple Smoothie Diced Peach Cup Juice Apple 72/cs Choice of Fresh Fruit Gluten-Free Cheerios Gluten-Free Honey Nut Cheerios CEREAL CINN TST RDUC SUG BWLPK 96/cs Cocoa Puffs Gluten-Free Lucky Charms Cinnamon Toast	Tuesday 19 Chicken Biscuit Muffin Banana 72/2oz/cs Applesauce, Cinnamon Cups Juice Orange 72/cs Choice of Fresh Fruit Gluten-Free Cheerios Gluten-Free Honey Nut Cheerios CEREAL CINN TST RDUC SUG BWLPK 96/cs Cocoa Puffs Gluten-Free Lucky Charms Cinnamon Toast	Wednesday 20 Artisan Maple Waffle Twist & Go Mango Pineapple Smoothie Mandarin Orange Fruit Cup Juice Apple 72/cs Choice of Fresh Fruit Gluten-Free Cheerios Gluten-Free Honey Nut Cheerios CEREAL CINN TST RDUC SUG BWLPK 96/cs Cocoa Puffs Gluten-Free Lucky Charms Cinnamon Toast	Thursday 21 Bacon Egg Cheese Biscuit Muffin Apple Cinn 80/cs Diced Peach Cup Juice Orange 72/cs Choice of Fresh Fruit Gluten-Free Cheerios Gluten-Free Honey Nut Cheerios CEREAL CINN TST RDUC SUG BWLPK 96/cs Cocoa Puffs Gluten-Free Lucky Charms Cinnamon Toast	Friday 22 French Toast Sticks Strawberry Pop-Tart Juice Apple 72/cs Choice of Fresh Fruit Gluten-Free Cheerios Gluten-Free Honey Nut Cheerios CEREAL CINN TST RDUC SUG BWLPK 96/cs Cocoa Puffs Gluten-Free Lucky Charms Cinnamon Toast	



Lunch K-5 November 2024

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Lunch Prices:
Students: \$2.00 Reduced: \$0.40
Adults and visiting children: \$3.50
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				Friday 1 Baked Chicken Penne K-5 Garlic Twist stick Cobb Salad Green Beans with Bacon Baby Carrots Assorted Juice Diced Peach Cup Choice of Fresh Fruit
Monday 4 Tangerine Chicken Fried Rice PBJ Bundle Broccoli CUCUMBERS CHL SL 50/3oz/cs Orange Mandarin Section Cups 72/4.5oz/cs Choice of Fresh Fruit	Tuesday 5 Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Nardone's Turkey Cheese Croissant Corn CELERY CHL STICKS 50/3oz/cs Diced Pear Cup Choice of Fresh Fruit	Wednesday 6 Mozzarella Cheese Bites Ham Cheese Croissant Southern Baked Beans Corn CARROTS CHL BABY WHL PEEL 100/2oz/cs Pineapple Cup Choice of Fresh Fruit	Thursday 7 Chicken Sandwich Cobb Salad Texas toast Crinkle Cut Fries TOMATOES FR GRAPE 50/3OZ/Cs Assorted Juice Diced Peach Cup Choice of Fresh Fruit	Friday 8 Cheeseburger Chef Salad Texas toast Green Beans w/ Bacon CARROTS CHL BABY WHL PEEL 100/2oz/cs Applesauce, Cinnamon Cups Choice of Fresh Fruit
Monday 11 Boneless Chicken & Mini Waffles PBJ Bundle Cheesy Broccoli CUCUMBERS CHL SL 50/3oz/cs Diced Pear Cup Choice of Fresh Fruit	Tuesday 12 Beef Nachos Chip Tortilla Round 64/1.45oz/cs SALSA CUP 168/3oz/cs Ham and Cheese Bun Refried Beans CARROTS CHL BABY WHL PEEL 100/2oz/cs Mixed Fruit Cup Choice of Fresh Fruit	Wednesday 13 Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Nardone's Turkey and Cheese Bun Corn TOMATOES FR GRAPE 50/3OZ/Cs Orange Mandarin Section Cups 72/4.5oz/cs Choice of Fresh Fruit	Thursday 14 Hot Dog K-5 Cobb Salad Texas toast Crinkle Cut Fries CELERY CHL STICKS 50/3oz/cs Diced Peach Cup Choice of Fresh Fruit	Friday 15 Stuffed Cheese Sticks Chef Salad Texas toast Green Beans w/ Bacon CARROTS CHL BABY WHL PEEL 100/2oz/cs Assorted Juice Applesauce, Cinnamon Cups Choice of Fresh Fruit
Monday 18 Chicken Alfredo Texas toast PBJ Bundle Cheesy Broccoli CARROTS CHL BABY WHL PEEL 100/2oz/cs Diced Pear Cup Choice of Fresh Fruit	Tuesday 19 Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Nardone's Turkey Cheese Croissant Corn CELERY CHL STICKS 50/3oz/cs Orange Mandarin Section Cups 72/4.5oz/cs Choice of Fresh Fruit	Wednesday 20 Chicken wings Chicken Wings with Sweet Teriyaki Sauce Biscuit Ham and Cheese Bun Southern Baked Beans TOMATOES FR GRAPE 50/3OZ/Cs Pineapple Cup Choice of Fresh Fruit	Thursday 21 Savory Sliced Turkey Candied Yams Herb-infused Seasoned Stuffing Green Beans w/ Bacon Applesauce, Cinnamon Cups Cinnamon Roll Choice of Fresh Fruit	Friday 22 Pepperoni Cheese Bread Texas toast Cobb Salad Green Beans w/ Bacon CARROTS CHL BABY WHL PEEL 100/2oz/cs Assorted Juice Diced Peach Cup Choice of Fresh Fruit

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