



SWEETWATER

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Sweetwater Elementary School, a top rated Volusia County School

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Dear Parents,

March is a month filled with many events! Below are some of the highlights important for your child and family.

1. Vehicle Day K-2 March 3
2. Math VBA Test - 2nd March 4
3. Coffee Talk "Middle School" March 5
4. Reading VBA Test 2-5 March 6
5. 5th Grade Whole Group Picture March 7
6. Science VBA Test -5th March 11
7. SeaWorld - 5th March 13
8. No School - Spring Break March 14 - 21
9. SeaWorld - 3rd March 28
10. Auction March 28-29

Please consider participating in our annual PTA Auction by donating to your child's classroom basket and joining us online to participate in the actual Auction on March 28th and 29th. The funds raised provide needed school materials above and beyond our state funded items. Thank you for helping Sweetwater Elementary to be one of the best elementary schools in our county.

Sincerely,
Tamara Hopkins

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."



March PTA News



Last month, we celebrated Ms. Szabo, Ms. Martens, Ms. Craun, and Ms. Muller's classes for having 100% of parents join the PTA! Each class received an ice cream party. Thank you so much for your support of PTA through membership!

A huge shout out to all of our vendors and volunteers for making our Spring Carnival such a success on February 8th. Many hours of preparation and lots of teamwork created a memorable event for all of our Pelicans!

Monday

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Our March PTA Spirit Night is at Texas Roadhouse at the Port Orange Pavilion! Join us any time from 3:30-10:00 pm. A portion of all sales will be donated to our PTA.

Watch for information coming soon regarding our annual online PTA Auction on March 28th and 29th. This is a fun opportunity to bid on a variety of amazing auction items, all while supporting our PTA!

Friday

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Sincerely,
Sweetwater Elementary PTA Board

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Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the special area "POP" fund raiser! It was a great success! 😊 Funds raised will enable our special area teachers to order supplies/equipment needed to continue to provide quality programs for our students. The "Leveled" prizes will be sent home in March.

On **Friday, March 14th**, our school will be participating in the district "**Fitness Festival**" at Silver Sands Middle School. Our 4th and 5th grade athletes were selected based on our school fitness tests results. Events begin at 9:00 am, so come on out and cheer on our Sweetwater athletes! We hope you have a safe and active spring break! Coach Cooney, Coach K and Coach Meadows :)



Yearbooks

Yearbooks are available to purchase online at www.buytheyearbook.com until April 30th, 2025. Don't miss out, because books need to be pre-ordered!

The deadline for fifth grade ads has closed.

"How did it get so late so soon?" ~Dr. Seuss

Please remember, students are dismissed between 2:25-2:30 p.m. **All students must be picked up no later than 2:40 p.m.** On early release Wednesdays, dismissal is between 1:25-1:30 p.m., and students must be picked up by 1:40 p.m. Thank you for making sure your child knows how they are getting home each day!



Arrive by 7:40!

This is a reminder that school begins promptly at 7:50 a.m. The warning bell rings at 7:40. Our gates open at 7:20. Please leave home early enough so that you are not caught in traffic and late for school!



Counselor Corner

News from Ms. Howard & Mrs. Elliott

Coffee Talk

Wednesday March 5, 2025

Topic: 5th Grade Families, what you need to know for middle school success!

9:00-9:45 AM

Question and Answer with Mrs. Lanier, 6th grade counselor at Creekside for the 25-26 school year.

Counselor Book Clubs!

This quarter we are reading:



Did you know that each 9 weeks, we host our very own lunch book clubs? Students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades can sign up to participate by stopping by the guidance office. Book clubs are open to the first 10 students who sign up and take place once a week during lunch. It's a great time to connect, listen to a good book and discuss the important life lessons. Each book club runs about 6 weeks. 4th quarter information will be posted in the media center soon.

Why is Sweetwater a top performing school?

So many reasons.... where do we begin!

AMAZING TEACHERS

HARD WORKING STUDENTS

STRONG FAMILY PARTICIPATION

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

AND...

Sweetwater Elementary has the best school attendance in the entire district!!!!



"Everyday and On-Time Attendance, Equals Academic Success"

QUICK FACTS: Chronic Absenteeism (missing more than 10% of days enrolled for any reason) is the single strongest predictor of dropping out before graduation.

Students who drop out are more likely to be poor, unemployed, have substance abuse problems, be teen parents and be involved with the law.

Students who miss a month or more of kindergarten are more likely to perform poorly in 1st grade, particularly in reading.

By 6th grade, a pattern of chronic absence is a predictor of high school dropout rates.

Research shows that a student's success in 9th grade is directly linked to the likelihood the student will successfully graduate high school with a diploma by 12th grade.

(Statistics courtesy of The Children's Initiative)

To reach the guidance office, please call 386-322-6230 extension 33497 / 33326 or email tmhoward@volusia.k12.fl.us or smelliot@volusia.k12.fl.us

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Read Across America Day	4 Jenna Shirts 2nd-5th Grade Math VBA3 Pizza With The Principal	5 Positivi-Tee Shirts Coffee Talk (Middle School Info), 9:00 Early Release, 1:30	6 2nd-5th Grade ELA VBA3 Kona Ice Good News Club, 2:35	7 Spirit Day 5th Grade Group Pictures	8
9	10	11 Jenna Shirts 5th Grade Science VBA3	12 Positivi-Tee Shirts NO Early Release	13 5th Grade SeaWorld Field Trip Kona Ice Good News Club, 2:35	14 Teacher Duty Day/ Student Holiday NO SCHOOL	15
16	17 Spring Holiday Begins NO SCHOOL	18 NO SCHOOL	19 NO SCHOOL	20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL	22
23	24 Classes Resume	25 Jenna Shirts	26 Positivi-Tee Shirts Early Release, 1:30	27 Kona Ice Good News Club, 2:35	28 Spirit Day PTA Auction Begins 3rd Grade SeaWorld Field Trip Pizza With The Principal	29 Musical Workday PTA Auction Ends
30	31 Mary Poppins Ticket Sales (Cast Members Only)					

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Jenna Shirts Mary Poppins Ticket Sales (Cast Members Only)	2 Positivi-Tee Shirts Mary Poppins Ticket Sales (Open To Everyone) Early Release, 1:30	3 4th & 5th Grade Writing Test Kona Ice	4 Nat'l School Library Day Spirit Day	5
6	7 KG Registration, 8:00-11:00 & 3:00-4:00	8 Jenna Shirts Spring Pictures 1st Grade Central FL Zoo Field Trip 4th Grade Daytona Speedway Field Trip	9 Positivi-Tee Shirts Early Release, 1:30	10 5th Grade Science VST3 1st Grade Central FL Zoo Field Trip Kona Ice	11 Spirit Day 4th Grade Daytona Speedway Field Trip	12
13	14 Book Fair Begins 5th Grade Museum of Arts & Sciences Field Trip	15 Jenna Shirts 2nd Grade Pioneer Settlement Field Trip Book Fair Family Night, 5:00-7:00	16 Positivi-Tee Shirts Early Release, 1:30	17 Kona Ice	18 Spirit Day Book Fair Ends KG Orientation, 8:00-10:00 Pizza With The Principal	19
20	21 Extended Day Appreciation Week Mary Poppins Dress Rehearsal, 2:00	22 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day Earth Day Jenna Shirts KG-2nd STAR Reading Test Mary Poppins Filming, 1:00	23 Positivi-Tee Shirts Mary Poppins School Performance, 8:00 Early Release, 1:30	24 KG-2nd STAR Math Test Kona Ice Mary Poppins, 6:30	25 Spirit Day Mary Poppins, 6:30	26 Mary Poppins, 3:30
27	28	29 Jenna Shirts	30 Positivi-Tee Shirts Early Release, 1:30			



Breakfast K-5

March 2025

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Breakfast Prices:
Students: Complimentary
Adults and visiting children: \$4.00
Prepay at [MySchoolBucks.com](https://www.myschoolbucks.com)

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Monday 3 Mini Corn Pups Glazed Dunkin Sticks 60/cs Pineapple Cup JUICE APPLE 100% CRTN 70/4oz/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 4 Sausage Breakfast Pizza YOGURT STRAW/BAN 48/4oz/cs Diced Pear Cup JUICE ORANGE 100% CRTN 70/4oz/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 5 Chicken Griddle ChocChip Muffin 72/2oz/cs Mixed Fruit Cup JUICE APPLE 100% CRTN 70/4oz/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 6 Bacon Egg & Cheese on a Sweet Bun YOGURT STRAW/BAN 48/4oz/cs Tater Tot Diced Peach Cup JUICE ORANGE 100% CRTN 70/4oz/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 7 French Toast Sticks Strawberry Pop-Tart JUICE APPLE 100% CRTN 70/4oz/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
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