November 20, 2025

THE FOXHOLE FLYER

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Hello VOL Families!

Growing up in Maryland, I cherished the four distinct seasons, with Fall being my favorite. I loved football, sweater weather, my birthday, and especially the vivid color changes. Thanksgiving stood out as my absolute favorite holiday—not just for the food and the Detroit Lions game, but because it was when my dad's family visited from Michigan.

As an adult living in Florida, I still enjoy Fall even without Maryland's seasonal changes, and Thanksgiving remains special. Now, as a parent, I appreciate Thanksgiving for more than traditions; it's a time to gain perspective and reflect on what matters most, especially given the challenges we've faced in recent years. With the holiday approaching next week, I encourage you and your loved ones to take a moment to focus on the positives in your life and recognize how truly blessed you are, regardless of your circumstances.

Scroll down for information about upcoming events, pictures from our History Explorer's Club field trip, and spotlights on some of our outstanding students!

Have a great holiday!

Dr. Serianni
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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Here's a few reminders and suggestions that will help you and your child finish the semester strong:

- **Early is on time, on time may be too late!** Although the official last day of the semester is December 19th, the target end date for the first segment of all courses is December 12th.
- **Don't let DBAs hold you back!** All courses have discussion-based assessment (DBA) requirements. Teacher availability will be limited the last week of the semester, so it's important not to wait until the last week to take DBAs.
- **Check your child's progress in their courses and use the extra time over Thanksgiving to get caught up if needed**. As a parent of a teenager, I understand how difficult it can be to get a student to do schoolwork over a break. However, we expect all full-time VOL student to complete all classes *before* Winter Break. We want all our VOL students to be successful as online learners, but we need your help! Check your child's progress today and help us get them caught up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 🍂🦃**Thanksgiving Break: November 24–28.** Enjoy this time with friends and family. Eat well, laugh lots, and make great memories! 🍰
- All VOL K-5 students are welcome to join us for a fun-filled morning of winter crafts and creativity at our **Winter Wonderland Craft Event** on **Friday, December 5th**. More info below. 🎨
- **"Spotlight on Success: Discover Your Future at the High School Showcase!"**
  Explore programs, meet educators, and find the perfect fit for your high school journey!
  📍 **Volusia County Fairgrounds**
  📅 **Thursday, December 11**
  🕓 **4:15 PM – 7:30 PM**

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT!

Ammar Rahman - 4th Grader

Ammar was nominated by Ms. Spencer. She says “he is a dedicated fourth grader. He takes his education experience very seriously and applies himself 100% to both his independent work and his collaborative classwork. I can always count on him to participate in our Zoom classes, whether it’s ELA, Math, Science, or Social Studies. Ammar contributes to the conversation and offers his strategies as a peer mentor to his fellow classmates. I am proud to be his instructor.”

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT!

Mikaelyn Brown - Senior

Mikaelyn Brown, a senior at Volusia Online Learning, is preparing for a future in healthcare with plans to study nursing at Daytona State College and earn her bachelor’s degree to become a pediatric cardiology nurse. She chose VOL for its flexibility, which allowed her to pursue her passion for race car driving and building while completing her education. Mikaelyn’s favorite memory at VOL is the unwavering support from teachers who went above and beyond to help her succeed. She credits their guidance for helping her overcome challenges and achieve her goals.

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Mackenzie Dann - 8th Grader

Mackenzie was nominated by Mr. Dunaway. He says “I have had the pleasure of teaching Mackenzie Dann for two years, and she is truly a wonderful student. She is an outstanding 8th grader and a dedicated A student who participates actively in a wide variety of activities. As an 8th-grade officer in my History Explorers Club, she demonstrates strong leadership skills and serves as a positive role model for our younger students. Her enthusiasm, responsibility, and kindness make her a valued member of our school community.”

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT!

Delia Pustejovsky - 3rd Grader

Delia was nominated by Mrs. Cange. She says “A special shout-out and rousing round of applause goes to Delia Pustejovsky! Delia is ROCKING 3rd grade! She successfully completed all Segment 1 core and elective assignments, DBAS, and assessments. She actively participates during live lessons and is a model student. Additionally, she completes enrichment activities daily to hone her academic skills: i-Ready Reading, Math, Fluency Flight, and now FRAX Fractions missions. What a SPECTACULAR SUPER STAR STUDENT!”

Winter Themed Crafts

VOL Presents

Pictures with Santa

WINTER Wonderland

K-5 Craft Event

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

10:00 AM - 12:00PM

336 E Highbanks Rd, Debary, FL 32713

This event is open to all VOL Elementary students. Younger siblings are welcome to participate. Parent(s) will need to stay with their student(s) during the event.

Two Ways to Explore for Free!

Free First Tuesdays & Free Night Sky Viewing Festivals
at the Museum of Arts & Sciences

Free First Tuesdays

Volusia County residents get free museum admission the first Tuesday of every month. Just show proof of residency and explore everything from dinosaurs to fine art! (*Planetarium shows not included.*)

- Drivers License
- Any form of Government Issued photo ID with address
- Photo student ID from Stetson University, Daytona State College, Bethune Cookman University, or Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

**Please Note: These are the only forms of accepted ID to participate in FREE First Tuesdays.*

Night Sky Festivals

Bring the family and explore the wonders of the night sky.

- Peer through telescopes
- Enjoy live sky tours
- Attend planetarium shows
- Check out fun hands-on displays

Upcoming Dates

November 14, 2025
January 30, 2026
February 27, 2026
March 27, 2026

Get Your Admission!

The Dinosaurs Are Here! Don't Miss the Fun!

Included with paid admission or free for MOAS Members. Free for Volusia County residents on Free First Tuesdays.

Explore life-like animatronic dinosaurs and step into the shoes of a real paleontologist! Learn how to carefully excavate fossils, uncover ancient secrets, and even create your own dinosaur! This is a prehistoric adventure the whole family will love.

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VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOLS

The Superintendent's Winter Reading Challenge

November 22, 2025- January 5, 2026

Superintendent Dr. Balgobin is challenging all students to read over the Thanksgiving and winter breaks.

- **600 or more minutes earns a 90-minute Jump Pass at Sky Zone.** (jumps socks not included)
- **400-599 minutes earns a 1- hour unlimited play Arcade Card from Family Fun Town.**
- **The top 3 winners at each level will also receive a $50 gift card to Turtle and Bea Book Boutique!**

LOG INTO BEANSTACK TO RECORD YOUR READING!

To be eligible for prizes, students must log at least the noted minutes for the prize level and have no more than 1 flagged entry in Beanstack. Students will only earn one prize.

Need Directions For Logging Minutes?

Scan The Code or Visit The Site Below!

bit.ly/beanstackvcs

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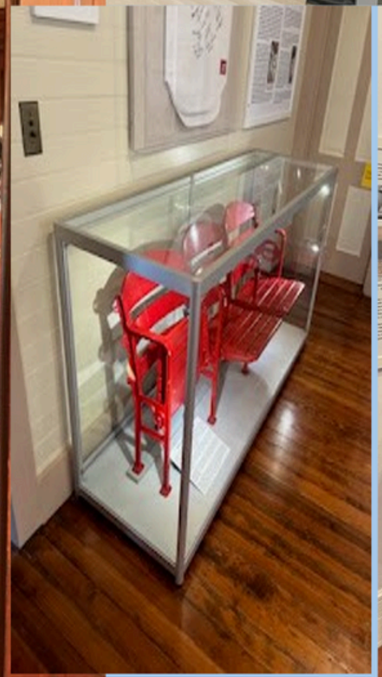
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