

December 7, 2025

THE FOXHOLE FLYER



PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Hello VOL Families!

As we move into December, I'm reminded of how quickly the year passes and how this season always carries a sense of magic. The holidays bring with them a spirit of anticipation—children waiting for Santa, families gathering together, and all of us finding joy in the little traditions that make this time of year so special.

One of the great traditions we have at VOL is our Winter Wonderland. I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to **Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Horn, Ms. Porcella, and Ms. Perdomo** for their incredible work in transforming our headquarters into a special place for our students. Walking through the halls feels like stepping into the North Pole itself, and the joy it brings to our students is priceless.

As we look ahead to the holidays, I encourage you to take a moment to soak in the wonder of the season. Whether it's the sparkle of lights, the sound of carols, or the excitement of children waiting for Santa, let's cherish these fleeting moments together.

Scroll down for upcoming events, important reminders, and spotlights on a couple of our new staff members! Have a wonderful week!



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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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

- **All full-time VOL students are expected 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 regularly and help them complete any missing assignments.
- 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.**
- 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **"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**
- Join us for our **SAC Meeting on December 14 at 4 pm** and help make a difference. Your voice matters!
- 📢 **Winter Break Announcement** The last day of school before winter break is **Friday, December 19th**. Students will return on **Tuesday, January 6th**.
✨ Enjoy the holidays! Have fun, relax, and spend quality time with family and friends.

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NEW TEACHER SPOTLIGHT!

Heather Overton

I have been in education for almost 20 years in various roles. I taught 3rd grade for many years and then served as a Data Coach, ESE teacher and most recently Staffing Specialist. I am excited to join VOL teaching Driver Education and Peer Counseling, I have been married to my husband Derek for 24 years. He serves as one of the pastors at our church, where I lead a 10th grade girls small group. We have 2 children. Our son, Ethan, is earning his Masters in Biology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Our daughter, Aubrey, is a sophomore studying Communications at Palm Beach Atlantic University. I enjoy running and baking in my free time.



NEW TEACHER SPOTLIGHT!

Elizabeth Rivera

Fun fact: I lived in Colombia for 12 years, which gave me a deep appreciation for its culture and language. I earned my Bachelor of Arts degree from Lehman College, CUNY, where I majored in Spanish and minored in Education. I currently teach Spanish 2 and Spanish 3 Honors. I am married and have four adult children, three grandchildren, and one more on the way. In my free time, I enjoy sewing, leather working, and soap making..





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.

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Logging Minutes?**

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THIS SURVEY SHOULD TAKE LESS THAN 5 MINUTES TO
COMPLETE AND WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION TO
SUPPORT EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!