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Henry D Perry Education Center

September 2025

From Your Principal,

Dear Henry D Perry Education Center Families,

The beginning of the school year has already been marked by teamwork, planning, and dedication. Over the past few weeks, our departments have been meeting and conferring to determine the best ways to serve our students. These conversations reflect the commitment of our teachers and staff to meet students where they are, identify their needs, and create opportunities for success. In addition, the administrative team has remained actively engaged, visiting classrooms, supporting instruction, and ensuring that learning is fully underway in every corner of our school. The energy, collaboration, and professionalism I have witnessed so far assure me that this year is off to a strong start.

As I have walked through classrooms and listened to teachers and students at work, I have also observed the careful preparations being made as we enter testing season. State-mandated assessments are beginning, and our students have been engaging in targeted lessons and practice to prepare for these important milestones. Attendance is essential at this time, not only on test days themselves, but also during daily instruction. Every lesson provides critical practice and review that will help our students perform to the best of their abilities. I ask for your continued partnership in making sure our Gators are present, focused, and ready to do their very best.

September also provides us with important opportunities to celebrate, reflect, and grow together. We are proud to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to honor the culture, history, and achievements of Hispanic and Latino communities that strengthen our school and enrich our society. On September 8th, International Literacy Day, we celebrate the gift of reading and the power of education to open doors for every student. In addition, on September 10th, World Suicide Prevention Day, we reaffirm our commitment to supporting the mental health and well-being of all learners. At Henry D. Perry Education Center, we are dedicated to both academic excellence and the social-emotional growth of our students, ensuring that every Gator feels valued and supported.

As we move forward through this month, let us continue to build on the momentum of a strong beginning. With clear goals, consistent attendance, and the encouragement of our community, I am confident that our Gators will achieve remarkable success in the classroom and beyond.



Warm Regards,
Kristin Baltazar, Principal

Mission

The mission of Henry D. Perry Education Center is to prepare all students for post-secondary success through college and career readiness.

Vision

Our vision is to inspire our diverse community of learners to meet and exceed their potential in an ever-evolving society.



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Gators In Action

Writing Wednesdays

At Henry D. Perry Education Center, writing is not just an English class skill, it is part of every subject, every week. Each Wednesday, students engage in meaningful writing tasks that strengthen their skills and deepen their understanding. In every classroom, writing looks different: a science reflection, a math explanation, a social studies response, or a literary analysis. No matter the subject, writing helps students process their learning and express their ideas clearly.

We invite parents and families to support this effort at home by encouraging students to write regularly. Together, we can make writing a consistent and powerful part of every Gator's learning journey. Here are a few easy ways parents and families can encourage writing outside of school:

- **Reflect Together** – Ask your child to write two sentences about what they learned in class that day.
- **Make Lists** – Have them create a to-do list, shopping list, or goals list to practice practical writing.
- **Respond to the World** – Encourage them to write a short reaction to a news story, song, or TV show.
- **Write Letters or Notes** – Suggest writing a letter to a friend, family member, or even to their future self.
- **Keep a Journal** – Provide a notebook for daily or weekly reflections, doodles, or free writing.

Staff of the Month

September's Character Trait: Tenacity

Persistent in giving his/her personal best.

- Kia Greene - Brace Advisor
- Mae Young - Teacher

Students of the Month

September's Character Trait: Cooperation

Working with others to accomplish a common purpose.

- Middle Schooler - Jayden Gibson
- High Schooler - Laila Marcelus
- Off Campus (Park Lakes) - Braylan Flores



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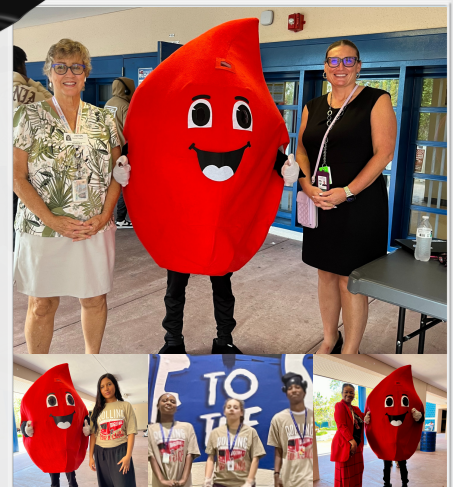
Ready to Learn: Gators Getting Scheduled for Success

The first month of the 2025–2026 school year felt like the start of a brand-new season as students at Henry D. Perry Education Center received their schedules and prepared to take the field of learning. Much like athletes preparing for a big game, our Gators approached the return to school with focus and determination, ready to set goals and take on new challenges. Scheduling week represented more than just organizing classes, it symbolized a fresh start filled with opportunities to grow, learn, and succeed. With each schedule handed out came a sense of purpose and excitement for the journey ahead. Just as a strong team builds momentum in its opening plays, the month of August set the tone for a winning year marked by achievement, resilience, and Gator Pride.

“Our Gators stepped up to give back in a way that saves lives.”

The recent blood drive at Henry D. Perry Education Center brought together students and staff in a powerful demonstration of service and compassion. From volunteering their time to rolling up their sleeves to donate, participants showed how small acts of giving can make a life-changing impact. The event was more than just a school activity—it was a reminder of the strength that comes from unity and the difference we can make when we come together for a common cause.

“Students and staff joined forces to save lives and strengthen our community.”



Blood Drive 2025: Building A Community of Care and Commitment

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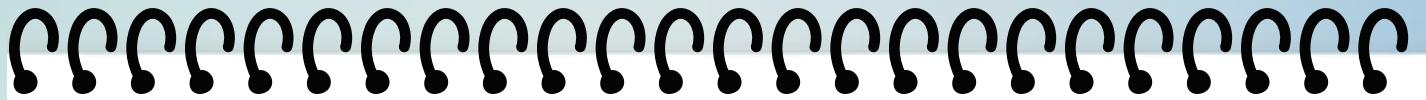


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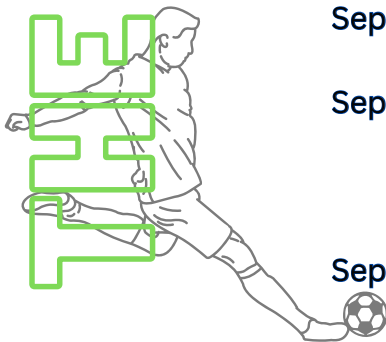
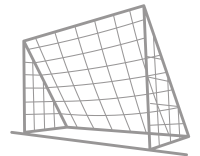
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THE PLAYBOOK
September

- Sep 8 - 9:00a Weekly Staff Check-In (Teams)
- 10:00a Little Learners' Workbook Activities
- Sep 9 - 9:00a ELA Reading Retakes (Grade 12)
- 10:30a Fall Behavior Assembly
- 10:45a Women of Tomorrow Meeting
- Sep 10 - 9:00a ELA Reading Retakes (Grade 11)
- Sep 11 - 9:00a US History EOC (Grades 11&12)
- Sep 12 - 9:00a Biology EOC (Grades 11&12)
- 10:00a Little Learners' Reading Activities
- Sep 15 - 9:00a Weekly Staff Check-In (Teams)
- 9:00a B.E.S.T Algebra 1 EOC (Grade 12)
- 10:00a ESE Meeting
- 10:00a Little Learners' Workbook Activities
- Sep 16 - 9:00a B.E.S.T Geometry EOC (Grade 11)
- Sep 17 - 9:00a B.E.S.T Geometry EOC (Grade 12)
- Sep 19 - 9:00a B.E.S.T Geometry EOC (Grade 12)
- Sep 22 - 9:00a Weekly Staff Check-In (Teams)
- 10:00a Little Learners' Workbook Activities
- Sep 23 - NO SCHOOL
- Sep 25 - 9:00a US History & Biology EOC (Grades 11&12)
- 10:30a SAC/SAF Meeting
- Sep 26 - 9:00a FAST PM 1 ELA Reading (Grades 9&10)
- 10:00 Little Learners' Reading Activities
- Sep 29 - 9:00a Weekly Staff Check-In (Teams)
- 9:00a B.E.S.T Algebra 1 EOC (Grade 12)
- 10:00a ESE Meeting
- 10:00a Little Learners' Workbook Activities
- Sep 30 - 9:00a B.E.S.T Geometry EOC (Grades 11&12)
- 10:00a SAC Meeting
- 6:00p 2025 - 2026 Open House



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