

# FRIENDSHIP BOBCAT CONNECTIONS



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Happy Spring Break! Thank you families, for making time to connect with teachers during our scheduled Parent/Teacher conferences also known as "Explain it to me" nights. It is so important that we work together to support your children in their learning. While the format was different, staff appreciated the opportunity to connect and celebrate successes with families. We are now on the home stretch towards the end of the school year. As we enter into the last 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the school year, we want to continue to encourage attendance at school; make every day and every minute count! Your students have been working hard towards meeting their grade level learning targets daily. The next few weeks will be busy as we begin FSA testing and continue preparing students for the next grade level. Let's continue working together to finish this school year strong!

**The key to success is parent involvement and a strong home/school partnership. We ask that you support your child's learning at home in the following manner:**

- Ensure your child attends school daily and arrives on time. School begins promptly at 7:50 am and ends at 2:30 pm for all modes of learning (in-person and Volusia On-line).
- Review homework/assignments/classwork daily and read with your children nightly.
- Encourage your children to do their personal best each day. Set academic and behavior expectations for your children.
- Communicate with your child's teacher as needed to stay current on their progress.

*We are committed towards providing high quality, positive educational experiences where each student will be empowered to reach their highest potential academically, behaviorally, and socially.*

All COVID-19 health and safety protocols and procedures continue to be in place. Please continue to visit our school's website for information and follow us on our school's social media (**Twitter: @FriendshipVCS and #FESForward and Facebook: VCS Friendship Bobcat**) to see all the great things happening at our school!

*Dr. Eidie Velez,  
Principal*

### Kindergarten Roundup

Kindergarten Roundup registration will begin Monday, March 29, and will be done through the VCS website: [www.vcsedu.org](http://www.vcsedu.org). The first 100 kindergarteners registered will receive a free backpack!

**When:** April 1, 2021

**Time:**

**Place:** Friendship Elementary

- To help parents understand the work their child will be doing throughout the school year.
- To explain your expectations of their child.
- To share information about how parents can support their child's learning.



Please call the school to RSVP by Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 386-575-4130 or visit our school's website to RSVP.



Application for the  
2021-2022  
Volusia County Schools  
Voluntary Prekindergarten  
opened on  
March 8, 2021.  
For more information,  
please go to:

<https://www.vcsedu.org/VPK>

## IMPORTANT DATES

**March 19:** No School  
Teacher Duty Day

**March 22:** Spring Holiday  
Begins. Classes resume  
March 29<sup>th</sup>

**May 31:** Memorial Day  
Holiday

**June 4:** Last Day of School  
for students

**June 8:** Last Day for  
Teachers

**Only 6 Early Release  
Wednesdays during 20-21  
school year:**

December 2, 2020

January 6, 2021

February 3, 2021

March 3, 2021

April 7, 2021

May 19, 2021

VPK-Kindergarten dismissed  
at 1:25pm

1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. dismissed at  
1:30pm

## TUTORING

**ESOL Tutoring:**

Every Tues. & Thursday  
2:45pm to 3:45pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Tutoring:**

Every Tues. & Thursday  
2:45pm to 3:30pm

**Kindergarten Tutoring:**

Tues./Wed/or Thurs.  
2:45pm to 3:30pm

**\*Tutoring is by invitation only.  
All students must be picked up  
on-time by 3:30pm**

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## FSA Testing Dates:

Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
- April 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> for ELA Reading	- April 6 <sup>th</sup> for ELA Writing	- April 6 <sup>th</sup> for ELA Writing
- May 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> for Math	- May 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> for ELA Reading	- May 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> for ELA Reading
	- May 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> for Math	- May 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> for Math

**\*All FSA Testing for Volusia Live students will take place at their zoned school.**

## A Message from our Attendance Office

Attendance is a critical key component in the educational success of all students. Attendance counts when students **are present all day with no early checkouts or late arrivals.**

**5 tardies** are equal to **one full day** absence

**5 early checkouts** are equal to **one full day** absence

**10 or more** absences result in family notification letters & school social worker involvement.

We ask that early checkouts are conducted in the office by no later than 2:15pm or by 1:15pm on early release Wednesdays



## CLUBS & CONTACTS

### Virtual Book Club/Mrs.

#### Crawford:

Every Wednesday virtually via TEAMS 5:00pm to 6:30pm

### FFEA CLUB/Mrs. Shank:

Will meet on the following dates from 2:35pm to 3:00pm: 1/15/21; 2/12/21; 3/5/21; 4/9/21; 4/30/21; 5/14/21; 5/28/21

### Girls Scouts/Mrs. Kelley:

Every other Wednesday: 3:00pm to 4:30pm  
Jan. 13, 27; Feb. 10, 24;  
March 10, 17; April 7, 21; May 5, 19; June 2

### Chorus Club/Mr. Leder:

Every Wednesday 2:30pm to 3:30pm and on Early Release Wednesdays 1:30pm to 2:30pm

### Safety Patrol/Mrs. Watson

Feb. 2; March 9; April 13; May 18

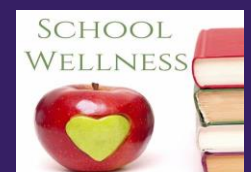
### Science Club/Mrs. Rosenberg

Friday's 2:45pm to 3:45pm  
February — 5, 12, 19, 26  
March — 5, 12, 19  
April — 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**All students must be picked-up on-time. For more information on joining a club, please contact club sponsors directly via email**

## Wellness Policy

SB Policy 521 can be viewed on our school website



## SchoolChoice



Volusia County Schools offer parents and legal guardians the opportunity for their child to apply for and attend a school outside their regular attendance zone through the Controlled Open Enrollment process. The controlled open enrollment process allows a parent from any school district in the state to

apply to enroll his or her child and transport his or her child to any public school that has not reached capacity. The Volusia County School District cannot guarantee placement at a specific school due to factors such as over-crowding, program placement, class size, etc. For more information please visit: <http://bit.ly/3uqaL3Z>

## Counselor's Corner



Our School Counselor Mrs. Dean is dedicated to developing our students into great citizens. She is our ambassador for social emotional learning. Mrs. Dean teaches tolerance, anti-bullying, kindness and self-esteem. She is also available to assist our families needing community resources and general assistance. If you need her services, please contact the main office and ask for Mrs. Dean.

## Pedestrian & Bike Safety

All bike riders must wear a helmet to and from school as required by state law. Bikes must be locked in the bike rack. No scooters are allowed. Follow rules from School Crossing Guards.



## iReady Spring Break Challenge!

5 Sessions of iReady Math & 5 Sessions of iReady ELA.

The class with Biggest % Time on Task Wins a Pizza Party!



## YEARBOOKS ON SALE!

Please visit our school website  
Click: "on-line school payments" tab.



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## USDA Extends Free Meals Program Through End of VCS School Year, June 4, 2021

All students attending in-person classes in Volusia County Schools will receive their breakfast and lunch meals at no charge. Additionally, a free, weekly curbside meal service will be provided for children not attending in-person classes. For children not attending in-person classes, families may register weekly for the free curbside meal service. Families pick up those meals each Tuesday from 6:30-7 a.m., with the last pickup day scheduled for next June 1, 2021. Meals provided through the curbside service are free and are bundled with five breakfasts and five lunches.

Registration is required and must be completed weekly between Tuesday morning and Thursday night for the following Tuesday's pickup. Please visit "[Registration Link](#)"

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNQJCbxHPpu94E74oO67fVgcS8ShISzf7UZl4yG4vthHwvQ/viewform> to register for meals.

Parents can register to pick up meals at any participating curbside school, regardless of which school their children attend.

Parents must show their ID when picking up meals, as well as a form of ID for each student requesting meals. Current student ID cards or birth certificates are acceptable. All parents, regardless of where their children attend school are encouraged to apply for free or reduced meal benefits for this school year. Families may access the meal benefits application here:

<https://www.vcsedu.org/schoolwaycafe/free-and-reduced-meal-applications>

## TITLE I

Friendship is a Title 1 School. Title 1 funds help to support various school programs and purchase of academic materials. Title 1 is determined by free and reduced lunch eligibility. Please make sure to complete the 20-21 application on-line today at:

(English)

<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application> or

(Spanish)

<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>

Stay connected with us



**@FriendshipVCS**  
**#FESForward**

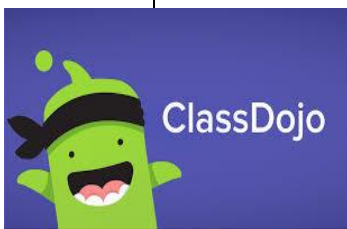
CONGRATULATIONS TO  
FRIENDSHIPS 2022 TEACHER  
OF THE YEAR



MRS. KELLEY



**VCS Friendship Bobcat**



**Friendship Elementary School**



Friendship Elementary School  
Home of the Bobcats

# KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

When: Thurs, April 1st @ 9:00 AM

Who: Student's entering Kindergarten  
for the 2021-2022 School Year

Why: Expectations for Kindergarten

**RSVP: [bit.ly/FESKinder](https://bit.ly/FESKinder)**