



SMOKE SIGNALS



A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR TOMOKA FAMILY

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VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019-2020

After a detailed analysis of all instructional minutes, it has been determined that VCS is able to absorb the lost time of the three Hurricane days within the existing schedule. If there are any future storm events that cause the loss of instructional time, the designated November days (November 25 and November 26) will be used to make-up the minutes, if the event occurs prior to those dates.

October 14 (Monday)..... Teacher Duty Day/Student Holiday
November 11 (Monday)..... Veterans Day Holiday
November 25 (Monday) Thanksgiving Holiday Begins
December 2 (Monday)..... Classes Resume

****November 25 and 26 will be used as makeup days for inclement weather if needed****

VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOL EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

October 2nd
October 16th
October 23rd
October 30th

**No Early Release:
October 9th**

Upcoming Dates

- ◇ **Tuesday, October 1:** Fall Picture Re-Takes
- ◇ **Wednesday, October 2:** National Walk & Bike to School Day
- ◇ **Wednesday, October 23:** Report Cards Distribution
- ◇ **Monday, October 28:** PTA General Meetings are held at 5:30pm, SAC Meeting to follow at 6:30pm.
- ◇ **The Orff Xylophone Ensemble** practices on Tuesday and Friday Mornings from 7:10 – 7:45am.
- ◇ **The Stomp Percussion Ensemble** practices on Friday afternoons after school until 3:45pm.
- ◇ **The 4th and 5th grade Chorus Practices** on Tuesday afternoons after school until 3:45pm.
- ◇ **The 3rd grade Chorus Practices** before school on Thursday mornings from 7:10-7:45am.



PTA NEWS

The Tomoka Elementary PTA would like to welcome everyone back to school! We have a lot of events planned for the upcoming school year and hope that all of you will be able to participate and/or have the opportunity to volunteer at one (or more) of the events. Read your Smoke Signals each month and check us out on Facebook to get updates on what's happening with the Tomoka PTA!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PTA Reflections Contests

Does your child enjoy art, music and dance or have an interest in writing, producing films and taking photos? If so, your child will have fun unleashing their inner artist with PTA Reflections.

This year's theme is "Look Within." Look for an entry form and guidelines in your child's Thursday folder in the coming up weeks. Reflections projects are due in the front office by Thursday, November 7th. If you have any questions please contact Tomoka's PTA chair, Ann-Marie Bethea at ambethea@hotmail.com

PTA Membership

Join the Tomoka PTA!
Individual memberships are \$8
Business Sponsor memberships are \$12.

Tomoka T-Shirts

Tomoka T-shirts and Polos are available. Performance or Cotton T-shirts are \$10 and Performance Polos are \$15. Pick up an order form in the front office and drop your order form along with a check/cash in PTA's Red Box. Your t-shirt will be given to your child's teacher and sent home with your child.

2018-19 FSA Scores

If you have not already picked up your child's 2018-2019 FSA Scores (3rd-5th grade) they are still available in the front office. Thank you!

POSITIVE REFERRAL RECIPIENTS



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| AnnaMarie Devriese | Aurora Zoeckler | Ryder Vandiver |
| Andrew Grgek | Ryan Yearby | Silas Montanez |
| Cydnee O'Brien | Cydnee O'Brien | Keyvious Newton |
| Kevin Gamble | Tiffany Anderson | Andrew Bodiford |
| Ryder Morales | Jazlynn Lopez | Natalie Moran |
| Abby Brummett | Kentrell Mackey | Carson Young |
| Carter Shaw | J'Lyssa Smith | Anna Anderson |
| Will Bethea | Ka'Winn Harold | Draven Stalk |
| Rani Gupta | Kaitlin Kaiser | Sammy Wilkins |
| Lillian Ransom | Luann Monahan | Riley Ballard |
| Ariella Rosen | Khanya Williams | Finn Zimmet |
| Brooke Hoobler | Chloe O'Brien | Gavin Hatcher |
| Brayden Tarus | Kylah Wilson | Jax Fields |
| Ashlee Rodrigues | Seth Mancuso | Joseph Davis |
| Bryaden Baker | Samantha Stephens | Destiny Lazrovitch |
| Ryan Thomas | Quinlan Nelson | Alex Lacombe |
| Caelin Feeley | Gyanna Nirschl | Ailee Warner |
| William Bartel | Matthew Hauch | Derby Blasius |
| Caleb Shirah | Audrey Brown | Max Fields |
| Jamier Davis | Ryan Cooksey | Miles Singletary |
| Da'quan Miller | Malia Yerby | Addy Simpson |
| Jahvanni Gifford | Gia Culler | Anthony Mead |
| Ryder Hopkins | Demetrius Boston | Kellan Schultz |
| Taytum Butler | Finn Desantis | Bailey Brannen |
| Brooklynne Bagwell | Jacob Hopkins | Karingtin Guillaume |
| Owen Applegarth | Josiah Blasius | Caroline Price |
| Kai McMeeking | Teagan Erwin | Aiden Mims |
| Ben Upchurch | Kali Thompson | Peyton Middleton |
| Thaddeus Rodziewicz | Lelan Chapman | Jumiracle Hargrow |
| Kaya Kinder | Vincent Palmer | Alana Janey |
| Jace Lamoureux | Autumn Poku | Reef McMeeking |
| Matthew Rodriguez | Hannah Barnhill | Liam Pichardo |
| Jake Ginocchetti | Ashlynn Adams | Nora Graydon |
| David Wilson | Leroy Harvey | Makayla Doe |
| Kari Jarvis | Neyamiah Lawson | Emma Zoller |
| Barrett Hillman | Laila Thomlinson | Lucius Stalk |
| Justus Simons | Summer Heinisch | Madelyn Lugo |
| Jason Tucker | Melody Thu | Amilya Crescenzi |
| Abby Jansen | Kinsley King | Aiden Tegrarian |
| Lilee Grvenewalo | Cyrrieh Byrd | Sawyer Pecquet |
| Shayne Belden | Gavin Wetherell | Serenity Ruiz |
| Bradley Wells | Xander Ballash | Jesenia Duque |
| Macie Steinberg | Ariella Rosen | Qumari Williams |
| Shea Applegarth | Henry Buckmaster | Onaje Murray |
| Ali Alyunis | Morgan Vieta | Kevon Martin |
| Cody Allen | Avery Brannen | Antonio Rivera- |
| Yusuf Mahmoud | Mercedes Soto | Pargouzas |
| Joshua Kokoskie | Lucy Barrell | |
| William Price | | |



FREE AND/OR REDUCE LUNCH



If your child has been on free and/or reduced lunch, the 30-day grace period has expired. Please fill out an application if you have not done so already. On 9/25, students without a newly approved application will roll into full-pay status and are no longer eligible for free and or reduced lunches until they submit a new application and receive approval. Breakfast is still complimentary for all students. Families can access the online meal application <https://www.vcsedu.org/schoolwaycafe/free-and-reduced-meal-applications>

Clinic News:

FLU SHOTS

Due to loss of funding the health department has cancelled our Flu Shot Clinic. It has been advised that you see your child's pediatrician to get your child's flu shot this year.

Clinic in Need

The clinic is in need of:

- Boys unopened underwear and boys shorts or pants- Sizes 5-12.
- Items can be brought to the front office. Thank you!

Sick Day Guidelines

24 Hour Rule:

- ◇ **Fever 101.0 degrees or higher** : Keep your child home until his/her **FEVER has been gone without medicine for 24 hours**. Colds can be contagious for at least 48 hours. Returning to school too soon may slow recovery and make others sick.
- ◇ **VOMITING or DIARRHEA**: Keep your child home for 24 hours after the **LAST** time he/she **vomited or had diarrhea**.
- ◇ **Antibiotics**: Keep your child home until 24 hours after the **FIRST** dose of antibiotics for anything like an ear infections or strep throat.

Handwashing Tips

Handwashing plays an important role in preventing the spread of germs. Here are some basic principles of hand hygiene awareness recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

- Wash your hands when they are dirty and before eating. Use soap and warm water for 20 seconds or alcohol based cleaner.
- Do not cough or sneeze into your hands. Use a tissue or cough and sneeze into your upper arm.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth with dirty hands.
- Remember, there is no substitute for good handwashing!

WE NEED CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

- If you are interested in volunteering in the cafeteria to wipe tables and seat students at breakfast, we could use you! The time we need assistance is from 7:15 a.m.-8:00 a.m. We ask that you commit to at least one day a week so we can make a schedule.
 - Kindergarten students could use an extra pair of hands during their lunch time! We need assistance from 10:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m. any day of the week.
- Call the front office at 386-258-4676 for more information if you are interested in either of these opportunities to assist our students.