

# The Owl Oracle

Spring 2019 Edition

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## April Events

4/1 & 4/2

\* 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> FSA  
Writing Testing  
(NO visitors/volunteers)

\*Report Cards  
Available

4/3 & 4/4

\*GRADE 3  
FSA READING

4/8 SAC Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.

4/12 ELF Owls Concert  
10:30 a.m. in the café

4/19 Holiday, no school

4/22-4/26 Spring Book Fair

4/26 \*All Pro Dads,  
8:45 a.m.  
\* C.O.M., 3:00 p.m.  
\*Progress Reports  
available online

## MAY Events

5/1 & 5/2 GRADES 4 & 5  
FSA READING

5/2 ORFF Chorus  
Concert  
6 p.m. in the café

5/6 & 5/7 GRADES 3, 4 & 5  
FSA MATH

5/9 & 5/10 Grade 5  
Science

May events  
continued on  
the next page



## From the desk of Mr. Mitchell

During the month of April, our third, fourth, and fifth graders will be taking state reading and math assessments. Fifth graders will also be taking a state science assessment. You will find specific dates for this testing later in this newsletter. Please keep the front office updated with a current address and phone number. Thank you for making sure we can reach you in case of an emergency. Please help your child develop the habit of checking for his/her backpack, planner, homework, and lunch box, if necessary, prior to leaving the house for school each morning. Thank you for helping them be prepared for the day when they arrive. If Mrs. Shauger or I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## School start time reminder!

School begins at 9:40 a.m.  
Tardy bell rings at 9:45 a.m.  
Breakfast is served at 9:30 a.m.  
Supervision begins at 9:20 a.m. If you need child supervision before 9:20 a.m., please contact our PLACE program at 813-346-0692.



Assessment calendar  
on page 3

## February Citizens of the Month

February's character trait is COURAGE.

*These Owls show bravery and strength of character*

Burrowing  
Owls

Henry W.

Pygmy Owls

Jaso K.  
Landon S.

Eagle Owls

Connor D.  
Maylee M.

Snowy Owls

Aylin L.  
Arianna P.

Spotted Owls

Brody M.

Great Grey Owls

Dylan P.

Elf Owls

Sean M.

Spectacled  
Owls

Darian B.  
Keilah M.

## May Events Cont.

5/13 SAC meeting, 4 p.m.

5/16 & 17 \*Hallam's Wax Museum  
all day in media center

5/17 All Pro Dads, 8:45 a.m.  
*in the media center*

\*5th grade field trip to Busch  
Gardens

5/20 Kindergarten Registration Day

5/27 School Holiday

5/29 Last day of school for students



The PTA would like to thank all the families that participated in the fun run and 5k on Saturday March 2nd. Please check our Facebook page for pictures!

We will be needing volunteers who would like to be part of the 2019-20 PTA board. Please contact [wgespta@gmail.com](mailto:wgespta@gmail.com) and look out for nomination information on our Facebook page.

## March Citizens of the Month

The character trait for March is INTEGRITY.

*Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.*

**Burrowing  
Owls**

Alexa C.

**Pygmy Owls**

Vita S.  
Ayannah J.

**Eagle Owls**

Nathalie R.  
Naomi S.

**Snowy Owls**

Camila P.  
Nicholas C.

**Spotted Owls**

Zeeva K.  
Valeria O.

**Great Grey Owls**

Raven W.

**Masked  
Owls**

Michelle J.

**Spectacled  
Owls**

Carter R.  
Alyssa B.

# Spring Testing Schedule

*Parents: In order to reduce interruptions on testing days, our campus will be closed. Visitors and volunteers will need to adjust their schedule accordingly.*

## FSA TESTING SCHEDULE 2019

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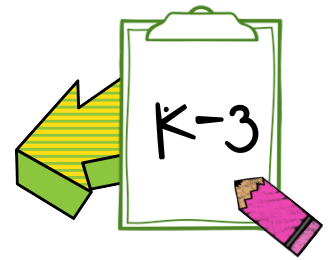
*Please Note: These days are QUIET campus days, which means no volunteers or lunch visitors are permitted on campus. Thank you for your understanding.*

| Date                 | Grade Level   | Test Details                             |
|----------------------|---|--|
|                      |   | <i>*All assessments are paper based*</i> |
| April 1              | 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>                   | Writing – 120 Minutes                    |
| April 3              | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                     | Reading Session 1 – 80 Minutes           |
| April 4              | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                     | Reading Session 2 – 80 Minutes           |
| May 1                | 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>                   | Reading Session 1 – 80 Minutes           |
| May 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>                   | Reading Session 2 – 80 Minutes           |
| May 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> | Math Session 1 – 80 Minutes              |
| May 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> | Math Session 2 – 80 Minutes              |
| May 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 5 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Science Session 1 – 80 Minutes           |
| May 10 <sup>th</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Science Session 2 – 80 Minutes           |





# Team News



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## Burrowing Owls- Kindergarten

The Burrowing Owls would like to thank all of the families for your support and for coming out to the Hats Musical to watch our students perform! They did an amazing job, and it would not be possible without the support of our families and of course, our wonderful Music teachers, Mrs. Reinhold and Ms. Nickerson!

We hope you all had a fun and relaxing Spring Break! Don't forget to have your child keep practicing with their reading and power words! Even a few minutes each evening adds up to big gains! Our goal for all students by the end of the year is that they are a 2G reader or higher!

## Eagle Owls- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

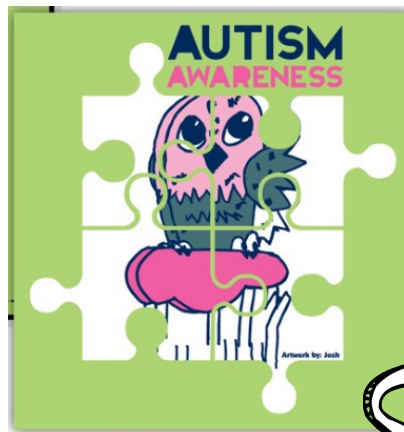
Step into Spring! After returning from our spring break we will focus on our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter curriculum. That will include highlighting how immigrants influenced our culture today and understanding the structures and composition of the earth's surface. Our language arts curriculum will focus on using information from illustrations and words in print to understand characters, plot and setting of a text as well learning how a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts or steps help us to comprehend a text. In module 7 of Eureka Math we will be problem solving with length, money and data. Please continue to record reading minutes in your child's planner as they are working on earning rewards. Thank you for your continued support.

## Pygmy Owls- First Grade

In April, we will be taking a trip to Pioneer Museum. Be on the look-out for permission slips in your child's backpack. The dates will either be April 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>.

Students continue to earn their Reading Steps medals and we are so proud! They earn 1 step for every 15min. They document reading at home. Once they reach 100 steps they earn a medal and a special appearance on the Owls Nest News. Some students have even made it to 200 already and have earned their trophy. Keep reading going daily at home!

## Elf Owls

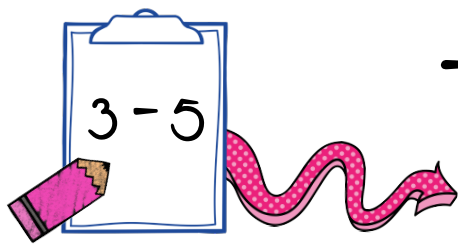


The Elf Owl team wants everyone to know that April is Autism Awareness Month. Thank you to everyone who purchased this year's t-shirt!

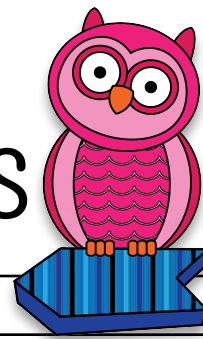


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## Snowy Owls- Third Grade

Happy Spring, Snowy Owls!

We have enjoyed our units on economics, stars and gravity, and Black History Month and can't wait to kick off our new science unit on Energy with our field trip to United Skates to learn about force and motion and how roller skates work!

We have had a lot to celebrate this quarter! Our students are working hard to make reading goals, show improvements on quarterlies, and we've even had many students level up in reading!

We have also been working hard to prepare for our upcoming FSA tests and know our students have been given the tools they need to do their very best! Please make sure that your child gets a good night's rest, eats a healthy breakfast, and gets to school on time for our testing days!

\* April 3 and 4 – FSA Reading Test

\* May 6 and 7 – FSA Math Test

## Spotted Owls- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Happy Spring!

We have wrapped up the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter with celebrating reading chapter books, improving on quarterlies, and Field Day. We are fully prepared for our testing season. Please make sure your child is coming to school on time, getting a healthy breakfast, and a good night's sleep to ensure their best performance and can show all they have learned this year on our FSA tests.

We have "caught" students showing above and beyond work habits!

## Great Grey Owls- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Greetings Great Greys! February has quickly passed, and we wanted to bring your attention to some exciting things we have coming up in March for the fifth graders.

First, all fifth graders should be working on preparing for the FSA Writing test that will be on April 1<sup>st</sup>. They can do this by reviewing old writing, reviewing their writing journals and participating in all classroom writing activities.

Also in ELA please continue to have students focus on reading nightly and encourage them to read from a variety of genres. Ask your student about their power goal and see how you can help them master it!

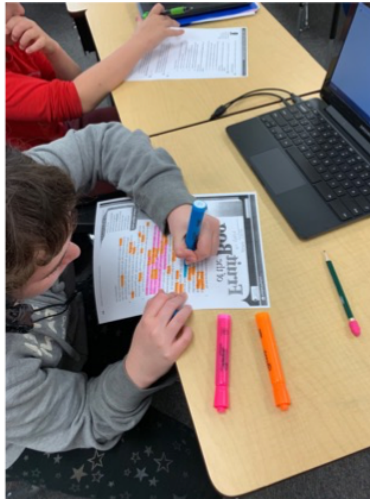
Students are continuing to work hard in STEM! In math we started Module 5, which is all about finding the volume and area of shapes. As we get closer to FSA, we will be doing some in-class review, but students can also do Zearn, Khan Academy, and Fast Math to prepare at home. In science we just wrapped up learning all about Matter, including mixtures vs. solutions and physical vs. chemical changes. Please make sure to review these concepts at home. After Spring Break we will be starting a unit on Energy. STEM Fair project presentations have been happening in our classrooms this month and the school competition will be March 29<sup>th</sup>!

Finally, we'd like to remind students and parents that we are working to raise money for our End of the Year activities for 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We thank you in advance for your support!



# 4th Grade Reading & Writing

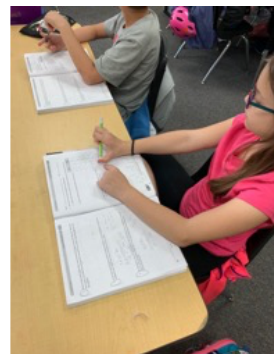
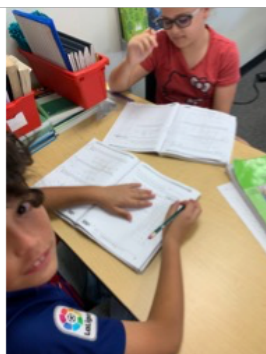
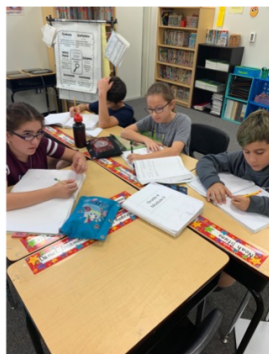
In class, in writing camp, or even at lunch, 4<sup>th</sup> grade students  
can't stop reading and writing!



*Students using anotation strategies to deepen their understanding of a text.*



*Students working through the stages of the writing process... Planning, drafting, revising and editing!*



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## Music Notes

We are finished with our grade level concerts for the year. Each one was a huge success! Thank you, parents, for your support of music department!

We have a few more concerts this school year:

- The Elf Owl Spring Concert with Dolatoswki, Paxton and Landgraf's students will be April 12 at 10:30 in our cafeteria.
- Elf Owl Spring Concert with Garrett's students will be April 26 at 10:30 in our cafeteria.
- Our Chorus and Orff Ensemble Spring Concert is May 2 at 7:00 PM in our cafeteria.



## Counselor's Corner

At this busy time of year, many students experience some anxiety about test-taking.

Here are some tips:

- 1) Do your best! You don't have to be perfect, just work hard to show what you know.
  - 2) Breathe! Yes, you do need to remind yourself to take those breaths and slow your heartrate down.
  - 3) Use Positive self-talk. "I can do this", "I've got this", "I am ready".
  - 4) Take care of your body by getting enough rest, exercise, and drinking water instead of sugary drinks.
- We believe in you, believe in yourself!