

# HAWK NEWS



Southern Oaks Middle School Newsletter

Sept 1, 2018



## Hawk Hello !

“Student planners have arrived and all students now have their student planner. Teachers will make comments in the student planner once a week. Please be reading your child’s planner starting this week.”

On August 29, SOMS held its first PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) Pep Rally known as the Hawk Hello! In the picture below, teachers and students competed against each other in a game of musical chairs along with PBIS questions. The students won.

The 8th Graders cheered the loudest at the rally and one the coveted Golden Hawk, now residing in the main office. (The Golden Hawk is pictured above with Assistant Principal Minarchick.)



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Every Student Future Ready.

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## Updates to the School

Last year we had the roof replaced, the whole outside of the school painted, the school deep cleaned, a decorative planter placed in the front of the school and all new security fencing put in. Now all guests must be buzzed into the main office.

This summer we replaced air conditioning pipes with new copper pipes in the buildings. This will help the AC run more efficiently and keep the moisture out of the ceiling. We have a snazzy new reader board sign in front of the school. We will be replacing cracked concrete pads in front of the gym and by the villas between now and November. We are also going to add some more new signage before the holidays.

Next on our list: We need to replaced the two benches in the front of the school. They have been patched and patched and are rusting out and cannot be repaired. We will be conducting fundraisers to replace them.

## Dads Take Your Child to School Day Sept 26

St. Lucie Public Schools (SLPS) will be celebrating **Dads Take Your Child to School Day on Wednesday, September 26, 2018.** Dads Take Your Child to School Day is a statewide initiative of the Florida Department of Education to encourage fathers and male role models to become involved in the education of their children as a means for increasing student achievement. Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, foster fathers and other male role models are invited to take their children to school on September 26. The Dads Take Your Child to School Day event is designed to highlight the significant role a child's father or male role models can have in enhancing a child's educational experience.

**Our Dads Take Your Child to School Day will start from 8:30-9:30 in the front of the school.** We will have a deejay, donuts and breakfast items, juice, coffee and a chance for Dad and Student to take a picture together. (We print the pictures and they will get mailed home in a paper frame.) Teachers will come out and also mingle with families. If you are a grandparent, foster parent, sibling or mother who is coming in place of a father, that is great! We welcome all family.

# Did You Know? St. Lucie County Schools:

- B Rated School District with No Failing Schools
- Ranked 22nd Among Florida's Districts (Top Third) Based on Academic Achievement
- Number of A Schools Increased From 5 To 8 This Year
- Number of A and B Schools Increased By 40% Over the Last 2 Years
- 90.1% Overall Graduation Rate and Ranked 5th in Florida
- Highest Ranking District on the Treasure Coast Based on Graduation Rate
- Named One of SLC's Best Places to Work
- Identified as a District of Distinction for Creation of Progress Monitoring and Intervention Data Dashboard
- Accredited by AdvancedEd
- Home to Rigorous Academic Programs and 32 Career and Technical Academies

## Parent Volunteer Opportunities

### Looking for Volunteers

Please contact Ms. Hargadine at 772-785-5658 or email: [bridgette.hargadine@stlucieschools.org](mailto:bridgette.hargadine@stlucieschools.org) if you would like to help out.

Mrs. Skinner, our PTO president will coordinate with you to assist in any of these projects.

Sept 26 9:15-9:30 AM Dads Take Your Child to School Day

Oct 31st Hawk Harvest Dance (To Attend, you must have no referrals)

Nov. 8th Election Day Every grade level will create booths on civics education and student elections will take place.

Dec. 8th Parents Day Out 8 to 1 PM Bring your student for a day of fun on Saturday, Dec 8th, while you go shop for the holidays.

Jan. 25th In-School Dance No Referrals for the 2nd 9wks. and Perfect Attendance from an. 8th to the 18th.

April 3rd Cyber Safety with Counselor Lane and the Deans

April 26th 8th Grade Dance

## USE OUR REMIND APP!

Principal Hargadine has a remind "class" for students and families to access using the phone app "Remind." Download a copy of "Remind" at your favorite app store.

We have started a new application for parents to receive notifications about the school and its activities using REMIND. It is also a great way to text me (Principal Hargadine) a question and receive quick information from the school. "I am usually pretty quick about being able to respond on text." Ms. Hargadine says.

To sign up for @SOMSFAMILY notifications on your phone, please visit:

<https://www.remind.com/join/somsfamily>

The app will direct you how to sign up for our school's notifications

# Testing Calendar

## September

2018

### ASSESSMENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 OFF	4	5 CIVICS U <sub>1</sub>	6	7 6 <sup>th</sup> ADV MATH-U <sub>1</sub> 7 <sup>th</sup> ADV MATH U <sub>1</sub> ALG U <sub>1</sub> 6 <sup>th</sup> MATH U <sub>1</sub>	8
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23	24	25	26	27 7 <sup>th</sup> SCI U <sub>2</sub>	28 7 <sup>th</sup> ADV MATH U <sub>2</sub> - CBT	29

**ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW**

**GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...**



**ELEMENTARY STUDENTS**  
read well by the end of third grade



**MIDDLE SCHOOLERS**  
pass important courses



**HIGH SCHOOLERS**  
stay on track for graduation



**COLLEGE STUDENTS**  
earn their degrees



**WORKERS**  
succeed in their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.

# September 2018



Hispanic Heritage Month

Sept 15-October 15

Mondays — 6th Grade PTCs/IEPs  
8:40-9:20

Tuesdays — 7th Grade PTCs/IEPs  
8:40-9:20

Wednesdays — 8th Grade PTCs/  
IEPs 8:40-9:20

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Random Acts of Kindness Day ELA, SS, Math,	7	8 Sat Restoration 8:00-11:00
10 Mustache You a Question Week	11 Mustache You a Question Week	12 Progress Reports Due  Mustache You a Question Week	13 Mustache You a Question Week	14 Mustache You a Question Week	15 Band Crown Jewel at VBHS Saturday Algebra Academy 8:00- 10:30
17 Book Fair	18 School Advisory Council 6-7:30	19 Fall Holiday	20	21	22 Sat Restoration 8:00-11:00 Saturday Algebra Academy 8:00- 10:30
24	25	26 Early Release Day— PD Day Anti Bullying Day  Science: All School Reviewing Scien- tific Method	27	28	29 Saturday Algebra Academy 8:00- 11:30

# The Indian River Lagoon Science Festival is holding satellite events throughout the Treasure Coast.

What do a tour of a world-famous orange juice plant, a paddle through Florida's history, and a plant sale by Florida Master Gardeners have in common? They're all part of five weeks of satellite events leading up to the fifth annual Indian River Lagoon Science Festival! The satellite events celebrate the scientist in everyone with S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) programs and activities for a variety of ages and interests. This year's Indian River Lagoon Science Festival takes place on Saturday, October 27 at Veteran's Memorial Park at the River Walk Center in Fort Pierce.

Check out science related (and inspired) events around the Treasure Coast for a variety of ages below. See full schedule and details, including any registration requirements, at [www.irlsciencefest.org](http://www.irlsciencefest.org).

- Saturday, September 29, 2pm-4pm: Teen Tech at Lakewood Park Branch Library, Fort Pierce. Ages 13-18. Come explore the world of computers, technology, coding and robotics! Call 772-462-6870 for more information.
- Sunday, September 30, 8am-12pm: Ais on the Lagoon Community Paddle and Breakfast, Florida Oceanographic Society and US Sailing Center, Stuart. Paddle the Indian River Lagoon with Florida Oceanographic Society (FOS) and learn about the Ais Indians who inhabited our shorelines centuries ago. Check-in begins at 7:30am at the U.S. Sailing Center in Jensen Beach, with the paddle starting promptly at 8:00am. The group will paddle across the Lagoon to the FOS shoreline for a breakfast of grits and clams. Before heading back, enjoy a brief educational presentation by local historian and Indian Riverkeeper Marty Baum. This event is free, but please RSVP at [www.FloridaOcean.org](http://www.FloridaOcean.org). For more information, call 772-225-0505 ext. 113.
- Thursday, October 4, 6pm-7pm: All Things 3D at Paula A. Lewis Branch Library, Port St Lucie. All ages. Learn how 3D printing works. Design using Tinkercad and watch a 3D print live! Call 772-871-5470 for more information.
- Saturday October 6, 2:30pm: Frightful Coding at Morningside Branch Library, Port St Lucie. Grades K-5. Come create spooktacular creations using Scratch Coding! We will also create a take-home creation to practice your coding skills at home! Call (772) 337-5632 for more information.
- Tuesday October 9, 10am and 1pm: Piper Aircraft Tour, Vero Beach. Ages 10 and up; children aged 16 or younger must be accompanied by an adult. The tours of this aircraft manufacturing facility last approximately two hours. Online registration through Eventbrite is required for these free tours and space is limited. Call 772-299-2820 or email [tours@piper.com](mailto:tours@piper.com) for more information.
- Saturday October 13, 8am: University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Services Master Gardener Plant Sale, St. Lucie County Cooperative Extension Office (8400 Picos Road, Fort Pierce). All ages. Stock up on beautiful new plants for your garden and enjoy a hands-on science demonstration from 9am-11am. Call 772-462-1660 for more information.
- Saturday October 20, 2pm: Contraption Faction at Zora Neale Hurston Library Branch, Fort Pierce. Ages 8 and up. Let's get techie! Boys and girls ages 8 and up are invited to join us for a hands-on exploration of technology. No advanced registration is necessary but space is limited. Call 772-462-2154 for more information.

The IRL Science Festival has been made possible through funding from the Smithsonian Marine Station, FAU Harbor Branch, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute Foundation's Specialty License Plate Program, LEGO Education, Sunrise Ford, and the generous support of WGYL 93.7, WJKD 99.7, WPHR 94.7, WOSN 97.1, WTTB 1490, Waste Pro, Indian River State College and ECO Magazine.

Can't get enough of IRL Science Festival events? We're currently looking for event volunteers to assist us with set up, break down, and everything in between on October 26 and October 27. Minimum age for volunteers is 16 years old. More information can be found at <http://irlsciencefest.org/volunteer/>. If you are interested in being an exhibitor, exhibitor registration is open online until October 5 at <http://irlsciencefest.org/hostexhibit/>.

## About the Indian River Lagoon Science Festival

Established in 2014, the Indian River Lagoon Science Festival is a two week-long celebration of science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) that culminates with a large-scale community event. The festival aims to demonstrate that science is meaningful, relevant, and fun, to make science accessible to all residents of the Treasure Coast, and to highlight STEAM resources in the IRL region. The Festival planning committee is made up entirely of volunteer organizers from local governments and research, education and non-profit organizations, and administrative support is largely provided by the Smithsonian Marine Station. A member of the Science Festival Alliance ([www.sciencefestivals.org](http://www.sciencefestivals.org)) since 2013, the IRL Science Festival serves as a leader in promoting science and science festivals across the state Florida. For more information about all Festival partners, sponsors, and scheduled activities, visit [www.irlsciencefest.org](http://www.irlsciencefest.org). #IRLsciencefest

# Here Comes the Bus!!!

St. Lucie Public Schools is excited to announce the adoption of an innovative mobile device app and website entitled, **Here Comes the Bus**.

**Here Comes the Bus** allows you to view the real-time location of your children's school bus on your smartphone, tablet or computer.

To sign up or to learn more about **Here Comes the Bus**, visit <http://www.herecomesthebus.com>. Should you have any questions, please contact [wheresmybus@stlucieschools.org](mailto:wheresmybus@stlucieschools.org)

If you need to contact **Here Comes the Bus**' customer support ([hctb@synoviasolutions.com](mailto:hctb@synoviasolutions.com)), please provide the following information:

- Your first name and last name
- School Code: 77914
- Email address used for your Here Comes the Bus account
- Best number to reach you
- Your child's last name and student ID #
- Description of the problem



## New Emergency Alert App !

SLPS has added an emergency alert button to the *St. Lucie Public Schools* app. The app is FREE for everyone and is available in your favorite app store. Just do a quick search for St. Lucie Public Schools, and download the app today.

The added emergency alert feature allows users to submit anonymous tips to school and district officials anytime, anywhere.

This mass texting software support instantly relays information to authorities and is valuable to the overall safety of students and staff. We invite everyone to download the *St. Lucie Public Schools* app for access to this emergency *See Something, Say Something* emergency alert button.

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- S** - if you see something, say something
- M** - if someone makes suspicious statements, say something
- A** - if you observe suspicious activity, say something
- R** - reach out to law enforcement, your teachers or your parents
- T** - tell an adult without delay, your response can make a difference



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