



Where **Everyone Loves it Here!**

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# EMMA LOVE HARDEE PIRATE PRESS

## **GUIDANCE UPDATE**

Perseverance is our theme for April at Emma Love Hardee Elementary School. Perseverance is all about working hard and refusing to give up, even when the going gets tough. Research has shown that this character trait helps children develop the resilience they need to overcome challenges and achieve their goals. Strategies that help students develop perseverance include: teaching a growth mindset, setting realistic goals, and encouraging a positive mind.

## **SCHOOL DISMISSAL**

- School dismisses at 2:10 pm; Wednesday at 1:10
- Sailor Club dismisses at 2:45 pm; Wednesday at 1:45

Changes for dismissal must be made before 1:40 by calling the school or sending in a note with your child. Remember to accompany your child inside the front office when dropping them off tardy.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATE**

For the month of April teachers across all grade levels are wrapping up their instruction and will transition into a review of material in preparation of the FAST PM3 assessments. During this review period, teachers will be spiraling all of their ELA state benchmarks. Remember, all students will take their Progress Monitoring #3 FAST test for ELA (English Language Arts) at the beginning of May. This is your time to shine, Little Pirates! You and your teacher have worked super hard this year, and now it's time to show what you know! 4th and 5th grade students will also be taking their FAST Writing assessment on April 3rd. We know you'll do great!

## **P.E. UPDATE**

Thank you to all of our Little Pirate Families for their donations and support for the American Heart Association. We exceeded our school goal! The total money raised was over \$13,000. In return, ELH received \$1,350 in "thank you" money from the American Heart Association to be used for PE equipment.

Don't forget to continue wearing your tennis shoes to PE everyday!



Visit the ELH website at  
[www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Domain/9](http://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Domain/9)

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

**3rd Grade:**

**Lincoln Wimmer and Elizabeth O'Neal**

**4th Grade:**

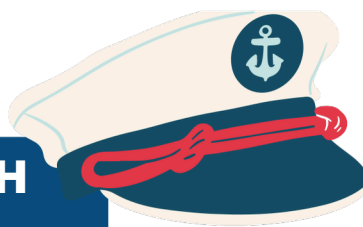
**Vincent Anderson and Carlynn Randolph**

**5th Grade:**

**Linda Sowden and Morgan Thompson**

**Bus Star Joseph Canale**

\*Names are drawn monthly. Students also receive ice-cream with the principals. Students have opportunities to receive Pirate Praise around campus by demonstrating the school wide expectations: Respectful, Responsible, Prepared and Safe.



# AHOY!

**NON-INSTRUCTIONAL  
EMPLOYEE OF THE  
MONTH**

Mrs. Newbold

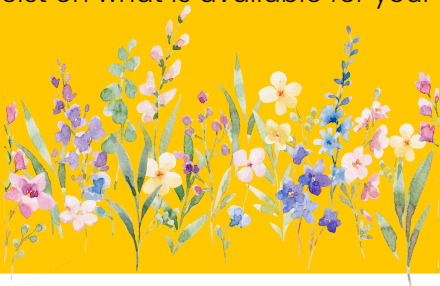


**INSTRUCTIONAL  
EMPLOYEE OF THE  
MONTH**

Mr. Johnson

## HEALTH ROOM UPDATE

April is here with warmer weather! Please be sure to send your little pirates to school with a water bottle to stay hydrated. Spring is still blooming and pollen and other allergens may affect our Little Pirates with potential seasonal allergies. Parents, if your child is experiencing watery eyes, scratchy throats, sneezing, coughing with runny noses it could be seasonal allergies but can also be recognized as Flu or COVID symptoms with or without fever. There are several over-the-counter (OTC), non-drowsy allergy medications that help with allergy symptoms such as Children's Allegra, Claritin, etc. – just check with your local pharmacist on what is available for your child.



## CALENDAR EVENTS



April 1st- 3rd Grade Awards

April 2nd- 4th Grade Awards

April 3rd- FAST Writing Test- 4th and 5th Grade

April 9th- 4-H Speech Contest

April 23rd- Progress Reports Available

April 25th- DARE Graduation

April 28th- SAC Meeting

April 29th- 2nd Grade Get the Scoop Night

## ATTENDANCE REMINDER

### Attendance Quest Challenge

We are excited for our attendance challenge: The Attendance Quest. Classes can earn prizes for great attendance. The winner of each grade level will receive an end of the year luncheon with the principals. Below is our leaderboard with the classes in the lead!

**3rd Grade**- Mrs. Hebert, Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Foster's, Mrs. Smith's Class Class (all tied with 50 days straight)

**4th Grade**- Mrs. Blandino's Class (60 days straight)

**5th Grade**- Mrs. Chafin's Class (50 days straight)

*ELH Mission Statement:*

*Establishing a positive collaborative culture that promotes and fosters teaching and learning among the community of learners.*

