



# REAL Academy

To provide a REAL opportunity for academic success

Home of the TIGERS!

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## Wilson's Whimsical Words

As we progress into the second quarter of the year, I hope that your child is doing well in the REAL Academy. The potential to complete two years in one is a unique opportunity for Polk County students to accelerate, and I can't encourage our students enough to take advantage of this time and make the most of each day. Please be reminded that the program our students are using can be accessed at home allowing students to work in the evenings, on weekends, and holidays. Also, beginning after the Thanksgiving holidays, there will be tutoring opportunities one or two afternoons each week after school for students who want to remain and work. Additional information on this will be sent home with your child.

I hope you find our newsletter helpful and informative. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the program or your child's progress. Your involvement is needed and appreciated.

## Guidance Goodies

An important note regarding your child's academic progress. Most of the students work is completed through the Edgenuity online program. It is important to know that your child's performance is not only based on how well they do on the completed work, but also how much of the course work they get completed within a certain timeframe. Students must complete at least 70% of the coursework with a passing grade to receive credit in the course and the goal is completion within a 9 week time frame. At this point, your child should be finished with any courses they started at the beginning of the 1617 school year.

Please contact the school at: 863-413-2838 if you would like to speak with your child's counselor or set up a Parent/Teacher conference.

## Upcoming Events

### November 15

Week of - Grades 4-5 Writing Assessment Round 2

### November 16

Early Release

### November 17

Great American Teach-In

### November 21

Week of - Thanksgiving Break

### November 28

Week of - EOC Retakes, FAIR Testing

### December 5

Picture Day

### December 6

Parent Workshop @ AHS

### December 19

Beginning of Winter Break

### January 3

Return to School

### January 8

Week of - Grades 6-10 Writing Assessment Round 3

## Student Spotlights

**Hector Rosales** from DSC is doing great in his classes, he is a team player and always participates in all that we offer, he is very polite, and a pleasure to be around. Keep up the positive image you are showing us Hector!



## Health and Happiness

### Tips on How to Avoid Holiday Weight Gain

1. Plan a post-meal walk
2. Walk around and talk to people
3. Plan a workout date the next morning
4. Volunteer to help cleanup
5. Stop eating when you are full

Our school picture day is **MONDAY December 5<sup>th</sup>** for all sites. Please help assure your child is in appropriate dress code (preferably a REAL Academy t-shirt) and in attendance on this day. School ID's will also be provided from this picture session. We look forward to allowing the students this opportunity. Once school ID's are given to the student, they should wear them each day as part of their school dress code uniform.

## Assistant Principals Ideas for Success

One of the most important ways that parents can help their students succeed in school is to ensure that their children attend school every day. Students with good attendance often get higher grades and are more likely to be successful in our program. Parents can help their children by encouraging them to attend school on time every day. If your child misses a day of school, please send a note with the student. It's important that our students attend school every day.

## Title I Information

A parent workshop will be conducted December 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm in order to go over Homework assistance with Edgenuity, as well as Financial Planning for parents with a guest speaker from Wells Fargo. Light refreshments will be served! We hope to see you in attendance!

If you would like to begin receiving information through email, please provide an email address to [Cheryl.watford@polk-fl.net](mailto:Cheryl.watford@polk-fl.net)

## Reading Corner

The more often you read with your child, the more successful they will be in reading, in school, and in life! For additional ideas and free downloadable materials to help you enhance your child's learning, visit the following website: [www.bornlearning.org](http://www.bornlearning.org)

We are still accepting book donations to establish a 'library' for our students to have access to a variety of books. (One of the most common genre they are asking about is drawing books). Please contact [Cheryl.watford@polk-fl.net](mailto:Cheryl.watford@polk-fl.net) if you have some books to donate.

**Khamari White** is our student from BMS! Khamari was chosen for being productive on a daily basis and he even takes notes to help him through the course. Way to organize yourself Khamari, keep up the fantastic study habits!



**Juan Campos** from AHS continually works hard in his studies. His attendance is great. He has good focus. Juan will achieve his goal of finishing his time with us at REAL, without a doubt, if he continues on the path that he is on. Keep heading in the right direction!



## Technology Tidbits



What is the difference between a web browser (internet explorer, chrome, etc) and a search engine (yahoo, google, bing, etc)?

If you are sitting in your car, a web browser is like the windshield and the search engine is like the steering wheel :)

## In and Around the Community

**Books Bridge Buses** Three Books Bridge mobile outreach classrooms provide a rich resource for Polk County Schools through a partnership between Title 1 and Library Media Services. These busses visit schools around the county once a week to provide instruction to K-8 students in vocabulary, comprehension, writing, content areas, technology integration, and research and library skills. For more information about this program, <http://www.polk-fl.net/staff/weeklyemail/documents/BrochureforParentCenters.pdf>

**FREE Vision Screening** The first MONDAY of every month from 9am-12:30pm at the Florida Department of Health in Polk County (3241 Lakeland Hills Blvd, Lakeland, FL 33805 863-413-2620) will be providing free vision screening for ADULTS AND CHILDREN. No appointment is necessary. To those who qualify, assistance will be provided for glasses and exams. For more information, please contact 800-817-3595 or visit our website [www.preventblindnessflorida.org](http://www.preventblindnessflorida.org)