



GATOR GAZETTE



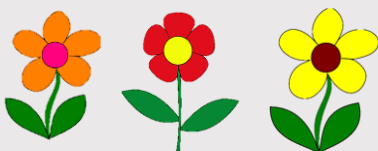
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SPRING SPIRIT WEEK

Hello Glades Gators! Last month we had a spirit week right before spring break. I am going to tell all of you all about that fun-filled week! On Monday, March 22nd it was Sports Day! Many of our gators wore a variety of different jerseys and sports attire from dozens of different teams. Whether it was collegiate team, pro team, or your own team everyone looked amazing! On Tuesday it was hat day! Our hallways here were filled with hats of all types. There were crazy hats, baseball caps, and tons of other types of headpieces. On Wednesday, it was Way Back Wednesday. We travelled back in time to different eras. Whether it was the 80's, the 70's, or even the 60's, our gators were looking marvelous. On Thursday, the last day of school, it was personality day! We got to see each of our student's personalities by the prop they got to bring to school. This week was truly special, and I hope everyone had a fantastic spring break!

*Look at the last page for schedule

BY: ADRIANA INCERA



FSA & EOC DATES

Yes, it is finally that time of the year. It's time for FSA and EOC testing. On April 6th, there is all day advisements. The writing FSA will take place April 6th, to April 9th. From May 3rd to May 10th, the reading FSA will be taken by the students. For the Math FSA, the dates are set from May 10th to the 14th. The Science FCAT is planned on May 17th- 18th, and the biology EOC exam on May 18th. 7th grade students will take the civics exam on the dates May 19th to May 21st. Finally, algebra 1 and geometry students will take the EOC for those subjects from May 21st-24th. Make sure before your testing days, you get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast to help re-energize your body, so you can focus and work well.

*Look at the last page for schedule.

BY: MIYA CHANG



SPRING BREAK

Spring break is a time when us kids get to create some space and relax. This is traditionally a time where students are off for about a week hanging with friends, going on vacation or just chilling. But because of this Covid-19 pandemic, we couldn't have a real spring break last year. This year there is still a pandemic, but there are still ways to do spring break activities. You can still go on vacation with close family, as long as you follow health guidelines. If you don't want to leave your home, possibly a good book or spring cleaning would be a good idea. Though if you're like many people wanting to spend time with friends out of the house, you can get with a small group and go around, talk, or get a coffee. All with the proper face covering of course. As you see, there are still ways to spend spring break but in a safe way.

BY: KAITLYN RODRIGUEZ



PASSOVER

Passover is a Jewish holiday that begins on March 27 and ends on April 4th. This Holiday celebrates the freedom of Jewish people worldwide. Passover commemorates the book of Exodus, a Biblical story that tells how Hebrew slaves were released and granted freedom by God in Egypt. Today, most people celebrate it by eating a large meal with family and other loved ones called a Seder. "Seder" directly translated means "to order" because there is a ritual that is followed during the meal.

BY: JASMINE WILLIAM



EARTH DAY

On April 22, 2021, Earth Day will be kicking off to demonstrate for National Cleanup Day and World Cleanup Day. The fight for a clean environment continues with increasing urgency, as the devastation of climate change become more and more apparent each day. Earth day first started on April 22, 1970, where Americans marched and demonstrated in the streets for a healthy, restrain environment in the massive rallies across the United States. This achievement of the first Earth day gave environmental issues national and even political attention that influence the creation of the US Environmental Protection Agency along with numerous laws that protect our environment today. Millions of people volunteer to strengthen the earth with the fantastic air and an excellent environment. In 2020, Earth day has been around for 50 years with global activity that is to aim to influence people worldwide for a life-changing action to our planet. You can also make a difference in our world if you volunteer. People inspired everyone across the world to not pollute the Earth, but to recycle, reuse, and reduce.



BY: ANDREW PICON

EASTER

Easter is a Christian holiday that many celebrate the belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This easter will be held on Sunday, April 4, 2021. Bunnies and eggs have been a big part of the easter celebration. Kids will be outside collecting eggs filled with candy, toys, and other goodies they received from the easter bunny. After they pick up all the eggs, it's time for the best part. It's time to see what's inside. They check every egg while eating or playing with their goodies they received. Around 95 countries and over 70% of the world's population celebrates easter. This tradition has been around for ages and will continue to grow on future generations.

BY: ANABELLA ANCEAUME

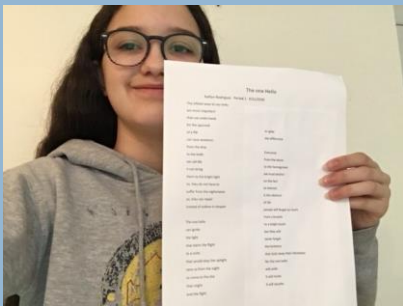


APRIL FOOLS

April Fools' Day is on Thursday, April, one,2021. On this day, all the jokesters and pranksters out there can pull harmless pranks on their friends and family. Then, they yell out April Fools'. This is a tradition practiced all over the world. So, on April Fools' Day go out there and pull some harmless pranks on your friends and family.

BY: STEVEN BLANCO

WRITES OF SPRING WINNERS



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

This year, 2021, St. Patrick's Day was on Wednesday, March 17. Students wore green shirts and jeans to celebrate this holiday. St. Patrick's Day celebrates Saint Patrick, hence the name. St. Patrick was the patron saint of Ireland, and the holiday has evolved into a celebration of Irish culture. We wear green on St. Patrick's Day because tradition and folklore say that leprechauns pinch anyone they see, but wearing green makes you invisible to them. Four-leaf clovers have been associated with Ireland because of St. Patrick's use of



them to explain holy trinity. It has also been said that Ireland grows more four-leaf clovers than anywhere else, although there really is no good way to measure that. St. Patrick's Day is a day of joy and tradition, and it is fun to celebrate every year.

BY: LUCAS GARRIGA



FSA TESTING TIPS

Here are a few tips and tricks to help you be better prepared for FSA testing!

1. Use all your resources to help you study and be prepared for your upcoming test.
2. Make sure to get a good night's rest the day before.
3. Have a delicious and nutritious breakfast the morning of your test.
4. Bring a sweater in case you get cold.
5. Bring a snack or lunch to eat after your test.
6. You might also want to bring a water bottle to stay hydrated.
7. Arrive early on test day.
8. Last but not least, make sure to stay positive. 😊

BY: BRECELIS VALDES

WRITES OF SPRING

The writing had to be so detailed that the person reading it would be able to feel like they were there with the person when celebrating the tradition. The submissions were accepted between November 5, 2020 and December 15, 2020. The submissions could be fiction or nonfiction. Some of the types of writings that were accepted in this contest include short stories, interviews, short essays, poems, "How-To" guidelines, and short speeches. The writing could not include personal information of the contestants such as their name, grade level, school, and contact information. The winners of this contest would have their tradition performed by the graduates on April 9th and the winners were invited to watch their writings come to life; this event will be held online due to covid. Only 120 winners were to be selected and there were no more than 15 winners per grade level. Within our creative writing class, 4 of the students that submitted their writing won. The winners for this contest are Natalia Rodriguez, Kaitlyn Rodriguez, Miya Chang, and Arlex Pandal.

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EOC AND FSA DATES/SCEHDULE

Glades Middle School FSA, FCAT & EOC Testing Calendar- April/May 2021



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 5-Block A Schedule 1-3-5 Welcome Back from Spring Break! 	April 6-Period 2 & Advisement FSA English Language Arts-Writing Session PHYSICAL students, 6-8 grade levels will take the writing session.	APRIL 7-Block A Schedule 1,3,5 FSA English Language Arts-Writing Session ONLINE Students 6th grade and students with accommodations	APRIL 8-Block B Schedule 2,4,6 FSA English Language Arts-Writing Session ONLINE Students 7th grade and students with accommodations	APRIL 9-Block A Schedule 1-3-5 FSA English Language Arts-Writing Session ONLINE Students 8th grade and students with accommodations
APRIL 12-Block B Schedule 2,4,6 FSA English Language Arts-Writing Session ONLINE 7th grade students who are English Language Learners- ELL				
May 3-Block A Schedule 1-3-5 FSA English Language Arts-READING PHYSICAL Students	MAY 4-Block B Schedule 2,4,6 FSA English Language Arts-READING PHYSICAL Students	MAY 5-Block A Schedule 1-3-5 FSA English Language Arts-READING ONLINE Students	MAY 6-Block B Schedule 2,4,6 FSA English Language Arts-READING ONLINE Students	MAY 7-Block A Schedule 1-3-5 FSA English Language Arts-READING and MATH
MAY 10-Block B Schedule 2,4,6 FSA English Language Arts-READING & MATH	MAY 11-Block A Schedule 1-3-5 FSA MATH	MAY 12-Block B Schedule 2,4,6 FSA MATH	MAY 13-Block A Schedule 1-3-5 FSA MATH	MAY 14-Block B Schedule 2,4,6 FSA MATH
MAY 17-Block A Schedule 1-3-5 FCAT Science 8th Grade PHYSICAL & ONLINE	MAY 18-Block B Schedule 2,4,6 FCAT Science & BIOLOGY EOC EXAM	MAY 19-Block A Schedule 1-3-5 CIVICS 7th Grade- PHYSICAL Students	MAY 20-Block B Schedule 2,4,6 CIVICS 7th grade- ONLINE Students	MAY 21-Block A Schedule 1-3-5 CIVICS 7th grade- ONLINE Students
MAY 24-Block B Schedule 2,4,6 EOC EXAM ALGEBRA I & GEOMETRY PHYSICAL STUDENTS	MAY 25-Block A Schedule 1-3-5 EOC EXAM ALGEBRA I & GEOMETRY PHYSICAL STUDENTS	MAY 26-Block B Schedule 2,4,6 EOC EXAM ALGEBRA I & GEOMETRY ONLINE STUDENTS	MAY 27-Block A Schedule 1-3-5 EOC EXAM ALGEBRA I & GEOMETRY ONLINE STUDENTS	MAY 28-Teacher Work Day

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Spring Spirit Week March 22-25

Monday, March 22	Tuesday, March 23	Wednesday, March 24	Thursday, March 25	Friday, March 26
SPORTS DAY 	HAT DAY 	WAY BACK WEDNESDAYS 	PICTURE DAY 	Happy Spring Break!
Sports Day 	Hat Day 	Way Back Wed. 	Personality Day Spring Picture Day! Bring your own props to take personality pictures. (Sunglasses, football, ballet slippers, basketball jersey, etc.) 	No School Have a fun and safe Spring Break!

Make sure to dress appropriately! Students dressed with inappropriate clothing such as cut offs, short skirts, mini shorts, transparent leggings, extreme ripped jeans, and shirts with inappropriate language will be sent home.