

# SHARK TALES

## Message from the Principal, Mrs. Axson



Just a reminder that we will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>.



Our school is participating in the Kids Heart Challenge, and it's time for you to sign up your student to become part of the Lifesavers League. We have our kick-off on 1/23/26, so get a head start by downloading the AHA Schools app for iPhone or Android, search for our school and sign up to receive your wristband! Then, start helping kids with special hearts by making or receiving your first donation, and you'll start earning thank-you gifts. You're on your way to completing Finn's Mission!

[http://www2.heart.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=12400&pg=company&company\\_id=534063](http://www2.heart.org/site/TR?fr_id=12400&pg=company&company_id=534063)

## WALL OF FAME

### Wall of Fame Word: PEACEMAKER

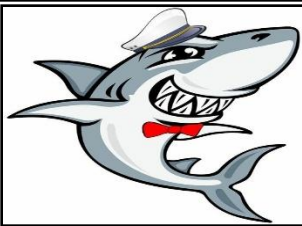
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Maldonado - Jacob Blanco  
Booe- Crystal Malave  
Montanez - Paxton Fry  
Amerling - Leilani Samuels  
Dillingham - Sofia Mercado  
Dube - Payton Smith  
Kucharek - Emma Klinger  
Crawford - Saleena Husein  
Moon- Miah Mejia  
Egert - Sadie Allen  
Fish - Jose Bonilla

The 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School is coming soon!

Next Friday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, it will be the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. We are celebrating by dressing up like we are 100 years old, or you can put 100 things on a shirt and wear it!



Please have your child write or draw something they enjoy doing when it is cold outside. Have them turn it in to Mrs. Axson AS SOON AS THEY GET HERE to earn something special. 😊 Don't tell others, as it is a secret to see if they are reading the newsletter.



# NEWSLETTER!



We have plants growing!



Title 1



Please take a moment to complete our annual Title I Parent Survey. Please complete the paper copy that went home today, or you can complete the survey online by clicking the links below. If you have any questions, please call the office and we will be glad to help. The survey links are:

For English:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cJx5FTLBu06xAkjDueUvEiAPdg910-5NudG3Z2mHdSJUNUFENFFVNVNIWkwxMkYzNI-ZDNktRNII5WC4u>

For Spanish:

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**KONA ICE IS COMING!**

**KONA ICE PRE-PAY**

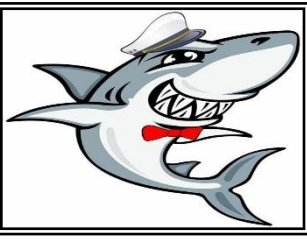
USE THIS CODE:

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**MARION CHARTER SCHOOL**

Thursday 1/22/26, 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

352.804.5662 | [ocala@kona-ice.com](mailto:ocala@kona-ice.com) | [customer.kona-ice.com](http://customer.kona-ice.com)



# NEWSLETTER!

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Please remember to keep your child at home if they are not feeling well. If your child has a fever, diarrhea, or are throwing up, they **MUST** be symptom free for 24 hours **WITHOUT** the aide of medicine before they can return to school.

If you have any questions, please call Ms. Tammy in the front office at 687-2100.

## RESILIENCY SKILL FOR THE MONTH: January

### SELF AWARENESS and SELF MANAGEMENT

Self-awareness is the ability to recognize one's own emotions, strengths, challenges, and values, and understand how these affect behavior. Self-management is the ability to regulate those emotions, thoughts, and behaviors effectively, managing stress, controlling impulses, and motivating oneself to achieve academic and personal goals.

Check out this short video about self-awareness and self-management.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGVt0sgRXPM>

A great story to read to your child about perseverance is "Stand Tall Mary Lou Melon!". Click on the link to hear the story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0PJbx6cUFo>

## Resiliency Skills

The State of Florida has implemented resiliency skills and standards throughout all grade levels. These skills are intentionally designed to impart the value of resiliency in early grades, such as volunteerism, responsibility, and goal setting, and then support students as they demonstrate those concepts in higher grades. The standards embed concepts of civic responsibility through citizenship and mentorship to not only help students understand the value of these ideas but to actively engage in activities and exercises that will prepare them to be upstanding, responsible citizens.

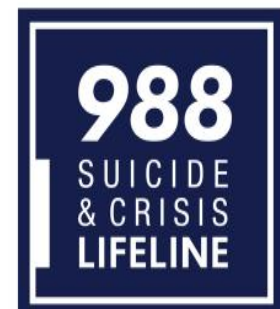


## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

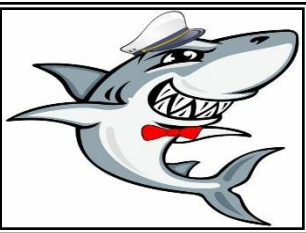
**BE HERE! ON TIME! EVERY DAY! ALL DAY!**

Our school mascot, Captain Clark the Shark will be visiting classrooms with the best attendance in the school each week! Ms. Wells will also be giving out \$5 Shark Bucks every day to a student in each grade level if they were here on time.

**This Week's Winner: Ms. Montanez's Class**



Text-A-Tip Hotline  
352-877-2838



# NEWSLETTER!

## COIN WARS FUNDRAISER

We are going to have a schoolwide coin war starting Tuesday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, to help raise funds for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Epcot.

### How it works:

- To earn "POSITIVE" points for their class, students can put pennies and dollar bills in their class's jar.
- To earn "NEGATIVE" points for another class, students can put nickels, dimes, and quarters in another class's jar.

The class with the highest positive total will win Popcorn and a Movie on Friday, February 13.

## Student Handbook

Please take time to read our Student Handbook located under the PARENTS section on our school website at:  
[www.marioncharter.org](http://www.marioncharter.org)

## INFORMATION HIGHWAY –

PARENTS, WE WANT TO KEEP YOU INFORMED. SCHOOL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON:  
[www.marioncharter.org](http://www.marioncharter.org)  
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK  
CONNECT TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS DOJO

### Upcoming Field Trips:

Wednesday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade to St. Augustine

Please make sure that you have completed the Volunteer Background screening process through Raptor so that you can chaperone on field trips and volunteer for field day.

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MT E2NTplbi1VUw>

### Important Dates:

Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>- NO SCHOOL!  
(Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>- KONA ICE MONEY DUE

Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>- KONA ICE DAY

Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>- 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School and Kid's Heart Challenge Kick Off!

Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>- EARLY RELEASE DAY



Just a reminder that NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES are allowed in the classrooms per our school policy. Children must turn in their phones and/or Smart watches in the office for safe keeping and at the end of the day, they may come pick them up at carline time.

# COIN WARS

## FUNDRAISER

**JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 6**

**WATCH YOUR COINS  
“CHANGE” INTO  
POPCORN AND A MOVIE!**

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- To earn “NEGATIVE” points for another class, students can put **nickels, dimes, and quarters** in another class’s jar.

The class with the highest positive total will win Popcorn and a Movie on Friday, February 13.



✦ PARTICIPATION IS SCHOOLWIDE, BUT PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE EPCOT TRIP.

✦ Please reach out to Mrs. Edworthy if you have any questions. ✦



# MCS Lunch Menu -January 2026



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daily Milk Choices: White 1% Milk Chocolate FF Milk	NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	1 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	2 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
*Menu options are subject to change without notice*	5 NO SCHOOL TEACHER WORK DAY	6 NO SCHOOL TEACHER WORK DAY	7 Chicken Empanada Roasted Broccoli Potato Smiles Fresh Fruit	8 Chicken Alfredo Roll Sweet Peas Crunch Carrots Fruit	9 Chicken Bites Mixed Vegetables Celery Sticks Fresh Fruit Fruit Juice
	12 Cheesy Macaroni Chicken Bowl Breadstick Roasted Carrots Pickles Fresh Fruit	13 Cheese Dip Walking Tacos Fiesta Beans Mixed Vegetables Fresh Fruit	14 Spaghetti Breadstick Mixed Vegetables Green Beans Fresh Fruit	15 Chicken & Rice Roll Black Beans Roasted Broccoli Fresh Fruit	16 Cheese Pizza Crunchy Carrots French Fries Fresh Fruit
	19 NO SCHOOL! Martin Luther King Jr. Day!	20 Beef Walking Tacos Cheddar Dip Fiesta Beans Mixed Vegetables Fresh Fruit	21 Chicken Quesadilla Breadstick Mixed Vegetables Roasted Carrots Fresh Fruit	22 Mandarin Orange Chicken with Noodles Roasted Broccoli Cucumber/Tomato	23 Cheese Pizza Crunchy Carrots Zucchini Fresh Fruit
	26 Tortellini w/ Sauce Breadstick Mixed Vegetables Crunchy Carrots Fresh Fruit	27 Pork Taco Nachos Corn Fiesta Beans Mandarin Oranges	28 Chicken Empanada Roasted Broccoli Potato Smiles Fresh Fruit	29 Chicken Alfredo Roll Sweet Peas Crunch Carrots Fruit	30 Cheese Pizza Mixed Vegetables Celery Sticks Fresh Fruit Fruit Juice



# Free Autism Testing for all Ages!



## Program

- ✓ Free autism screenings
- ✓ Open to children, teens, & adults
- ✓ No income or insurance required
- ✓ Putnam and adjacent counties

**Schedule today!**

**CALL** ➞ 352-475-3900

Sponsored by Common Thread International, Inc. at The Melrose Center and the FLDOH through the Cinotti Grant Program in Partnership with UF CARD, and Emmanuel Project.



# ¡Evaluaciones gratuitas de autismo para todas las edades!



## Programa

- ✓ Pruebas gratuitas de autismo
- ✓ Para niños, adolescentes y adultos
- ✓ No se requiere ingreso ni seguro
- ✓ Putnam y condados cercanos

**¡Agenda hoy!**

**LLAMAR** ➞ 352-475-3900

Patrocinado por Common Thread International, Inc. en el Melrose Center y el FLDOH a través del Programa de Becas Cinotti, en colaboración con UF CARD y Emmanuel Project.

# Meeting New Furr-ends with HSMC

Are you in 4th to 9th Grade and want a 4-legged friend by your side? Do you want to relax and play with cats in a quiet room? We have treats, toys, cat nip, and more for your furry friend. Come join us at Meeting New Furr-ends!

4th to 6th Grade: 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Scan to  
Sign Up:

7th to 9th Grade: 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Questions?

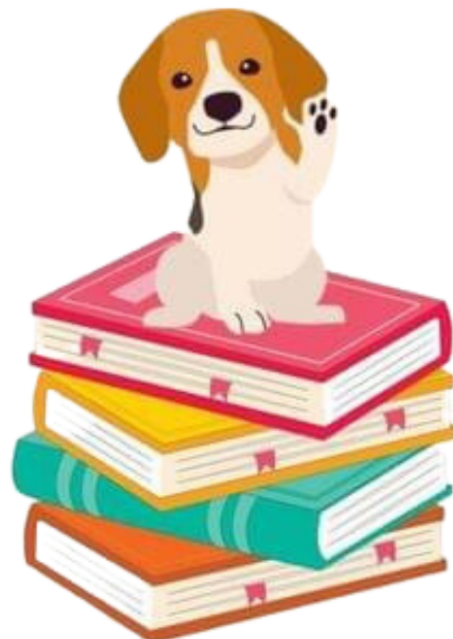
Email [apritchard@thehsmc.org](mailto:apritchard@thehsmc.org)

Call (352)873-7387 ext 205



# DOGGONE GOOD READING

FIRST TO FIFTH GRADERS  
ARE INVITED TO COME  
READ AND PLAY WITH  
SHELTER DOGS AT THE  
HUMANE SOCIETY OF  
MARION COUNTY! SELECT  
SATURDAYS ONLY.





**Humane Society of Marion County**

# SPRING CAMP



**MARCH 16TH-20TH**  
8:00AM-4:00PM

**Admission \$225**

Extended Hours: 7:30am-  
5:00pm for an extra \$25

**Children in 1st – 5th Grade are  
welcome for camp!**  
Join us as we learn all about  
reptiles, amphibians, mammals,  
aquatic animals, and birds!

**SIGN UP HERE**



**GAMES. ANIMAL INTERACTIONS. MOVIES.**

**MORNING SNACK, LUNCH, AND  
AFTERNOON SNACK WILL BE  
PROVIDED.**

**3001 SW COLLEGE RD  
OCALA, FL**

**Questions? Email: [apritchard@thehsmc.org](mailto:apritchard@thehsmc.org)  
or Call (352)873-7387 ext 205**



# 8 Habits of Healthy Kids<sup>®</sup>

## Healthy kids:



Spend at least 1 hour a day being physically active

Spend less than 2 hours a day watching TV and playing video and computer games



Eat at least a total of 5 fruits and vegetables everyday

Snack on healthy foods and less junk food and sweets



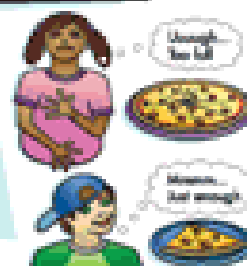
Drink or eat at least 3 low fat dairy foods a day

Drink at least 2 glasses or bottles of water a day instead of soda



Eat less fast food and make healthier fast food choices

Eat smaller amounts - bigger is not better



# How can I help my child **SUCCEED** in school?



Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Ask your children about school and encourage them to talk about their day.

Do not talk negatively about your child's teacher or school.

Read with your child **every** night.

Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is ready for school each day.

Help your child with his/her homework **every** night.

Teach your children to be responsible for their actions and their schoolwork.