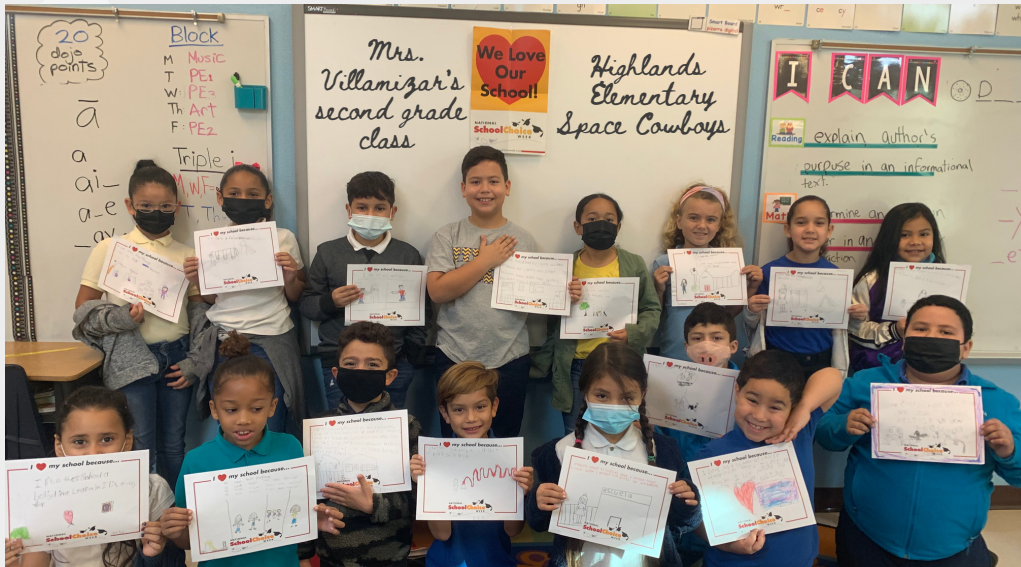


Educational Choices and **INNOVATION**



Osceola County
SCHOOL DISTRICT



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CHOICE SCHOOLS - What's Next?

From November 2021 until the end of January 2022, thousands of parents exercised their right to apply to a Choice school which is the process of allowing families to choose the educational options that best fit their child's academic needs. These applications, submitted within the Choice window, will be part of a lottery process in early February leading to parental notifications being emailed by February 15, 2022. Parents will have until March 1, 2022 to accept the Choice offering.

There is Still Time to Find the Best School for Your Child

If you missed out on the first application window, the school district will open the late Choice application period on February 21, 2022. Visit www.osceolaschools.net/choice or www.myosceolachoice.school to find the best match for your child and apply. Let's take a moment to go over a few steps that will help you make an informed decision about the best fit for your child.

- Make a list of school expectations
- Along with your child compile a list of their interests
- Take the "Find Your Match" quiz by visiting <https://www.myosceolachoice.school/quiz>
- Call the schools suggested by the quiz and ask about magnet programs, extracurricular activities, clubs, etc.
- Request to schedule a school tour
- Talk with your child about their research experience
- Together decide on the best school
- Take the final step and apply

Black History Month - Did You Know?

Did you know February was officially designated as Black History Month by President Gerald Ford in 1976 when he called upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."? The month of February was chosen as it coincides with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Black History Month honors and focuses attention on the accomplishments, culture, and contributions of African Americans to the United States from all periods of U.S. history. Schools across the nation celebrate Black History Month and provide opportunities for students to learn about prominent figures that contributed to U.S. history. To learn more about the leaders who are shaping history today, visit www.cnn.com/2021/02/01/23-black-leaders-who-are-shaping-history-today.html.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

BOGGY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Home of the Manatees



BOGGY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Boggy Creek is an AVID Showcase School, designed to engage the learners and provide them with the critical skills to become confident, independent thinkers and self-directed learners. Students learn to collaborate productively for learning and develop skills necessary to succeed in the 21st Century. Additionally, Boggy Creek is also a Dual Language and Cultural Arts School that encourages students to develop a second language, embody creative thinking, analyze, and appreciate visual art, literature, music, theater, and dance. Boggy Creek provides students with the skills necessary to enter a competitive international workforce while inspiring them to appreciate specific activities that produce sensitivity in the humanity. Students at Boggy Creek become bilingual, biliterate and bicultural individuals equipped to navigate through a culturally diverse world. For more information visit www.osceolaschools.net/bces

Magnet Program:

Cultural Diversity & Linguistic Diversity

Innovative Program:

Dual Language

Enrichment Offerings:

Coding, Robotics, Odyssey of the Mind

College and Career Corner

The School District of Osceola County is collaborating with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, The School District of Palm Beach County, and Broward County Public Schools on the implementation of a college access event highlighting Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

“**No Limits On HBCUs**” is a week initiative with participation from 20 HBCUs from across the country. This initiative will connect students and families from across our state with information about the outstanding post-secondary opportunities available at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Each day, February 7 through February 11th, representatives from participating institutions will be available for one-hour information sessions.

The big **kick-off is on Monday, February 7th, 2022 at 3:00pm with an exciting and interactive virtual program celebrating HBCU's**. All sessions are virtual and free and open to anyone who is interested in learning more about HBCUs. For more information, [visit www.osceolaschools.net/Page/7990](http://www.osceolaschools.net/Page/7990).

"History is a clock that people use to tell their time of day. It is a compass that they use to find themselves on the map of human geography. It also tells them where they are, and what they are . . . where they still must go, and what they still must be."

- John Henrik Clarke-American Historian

Rodeo Day - Student Holiday

Every 3rd Friday in February, Osceola County students are given the day off from school to celebrate Rodeo Day. The first rodeo was held on July 4, 1944 and began as a program by the Silver Spurs Riding Club to raise funds for our country's military during World War II. Admission to the rodeo was the purchase of a war bond and over 1,000 people attended. Henry O. Partin, Osceola County Rancher, donated the rodeo grounds.

The Silver Spurs Rodeo is recognized as the official state rodeo and is the largest rodeo east of the Mississippi River.

This Osceola tradition is a big part of the culture in Kissimmee and St. Cloud and Osceola students are provided with a free admission to the rodeo where they can see cowboy and cowgirl sports such as bull riding, bronco busting, barrel racing, and calf roping.

The 148th Silver Spurs Rodeo weekend in Osceola begins on Friday, February 18th - student holiday (no school) and continues through Sunday, February 20th. Visit www.silverspursrodeo.com to learn about all the events taking place during rodeo weekend.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

February 1st - 28th - Black History Month
February 1st - 28th - American Heart Month
February 2nd - Ground Hog Day

February 14th - Kindergarten Registration Begins
February 15th - Choice Notification Day
February 17th - Random Acts of Kindness Day
February 18th - Rodeo Day - Student Holiday - No School