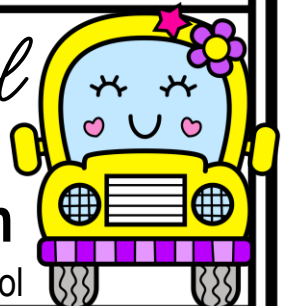
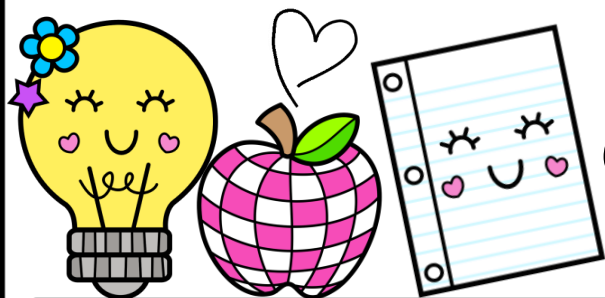


SEPTEMBER

Excellence is up to me; be bold, be brilliant, be "A" Gator!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 NO SCHOOL <i>Labor Day</i>	2 <i>Welcome Back!</i> FAST PM 1 MATH Grade 6	3 Slushie Sales \$2 <i>Open House</i> @5:00PM FAST PM 1 MATH Grade 7 Faculty Meeting	4 Cheer Tryouts 2:30PM-3:30PM FAST PM1 MATH Grade 8	5 <i>Data Activity Treat</i> Crocs Friday \$2 Slushie Sales \$2 Heiken Mobile Bus
8 Suicide Prevention Month (Classroom Presentations)	9 Cheer Club Practice	10 Wear Purple or Teal World Suicide Prevention Day (Resource Booth) Slushie Sales \$2	11 Electives Meeting @2:25PM	12 <i>PBS Store</i> 7 th Grade Math TA Crocs Friday \$2 Slushie Sales \$2
15 7 th Grade Math TA <i>Hispanic Heritage Month Kickoff</i> Start with Hello Week i-Ready Testing Window Begins	16 Who is your Trusted Adult? Civics MA #1 Cheer Club Practice EESAC Meeting @ 2:30PM	17 Student-Led Mental Health Discussions Wellness Wednesday Kickoff Kindness is a CHAIN Reaction! Civics MA #1 Faculty Meeting	18 Rep Your Heritage Every Thursday! Algebra TA Gator Bites @ Lunch	19 Crocs Friday \$2 Slushie Sales \$2 Wear Green Heiken Mobile Bus
22 New Week. New Goals! 	23 NO SCHOOL Teacher Planning Day	24 Shoutout Wednesday Student-Led Mental Health Discussions Wellness Wednesday NJHS Meeting	25 Rep Your Heritage Student of the Month Ceremony @ 9:30AM Cheer Club Practice	26 <i>PBS Store</i> Crocs Friday \$2 Slushie Sales \$2 Biology Unit 1 Exam
29 <i>Let's have a great Gator Week!</i> 	30 	Homestead Middle School Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month Follow us on IG: @homesteadmiddleschool		





Gator News

Stay Informed & Connected

Thank you for an amazing opening of the school year! We are excited to continue building on this positive momentum and look forward to seeing all of our Gator families at **Open House on September 3rd at 5:00 PM**. This month, we proudly celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month** as we honor the rich culture and contributions of our Hispanic community. In addition, students will participate in diagnostic assessments that provide valuable information to guide our instructional decisions, ensuring we meet your child's academic needs and prepare them for continued success.

Love, Judith Gereña-Burges, Principal

Gator Greatness Award

Custodial Team



Congratulations to our custodial team for being recognized with the **September Gator Greatness Award!** 🌱🌟 Your hard work and dedication led our school to an impressive **96% sanitation audit**. We are grateful for your commitment—you are truly an essential part of our success!



96%

♥ *Sanitation Audit*

IB & Values Matter Unite

Our highlighted value for the month of September is **Respect**, which goes hand in hand with our IB Learner Profile **Attribute of Principled**. Principles are core beliefs and moral guidelines that influence your actions. They help to maintain an internal sense of self-worth and respect for yourself. The actions that come from those principles help gain respect from others without anyone needing to demand it. Together, Respect and being principled creates a strong foundation of character and leadership which is how we express Gator Excellence.

History of Hispanic Heritage Month

Every year from September 15 to October 15, we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. It began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and later grew into a month in 1988. The dates are special because many Latin American countries, including Mexico, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Chile, celebrate their independence in mid-September. This month honors the history, culture, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans who have shaped the United States. Join us in celebrating the rich culture, traditions, and achievements of our Hispanic and Latino community!

