



355 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

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Dear Ocean Palms Families,

On Monday, September 21st Mr. Forson sent an email to communicate that there will be a 50-minute adjustment to dismissal on Wednesdays. Starting October 14th through December 16th PreK students will dismiss at 12:40 and students in grades (K-5) will dismiss at 12:55. Please call our front office at 547-3760 if you have any questions regarding dismissal procedures.

We want to thank all the families and staff members who have joined our PTO. Those who joined by September 28th were entered into a drawing to win a parking space and front of the line parent pick up parking pass. The winners of the drawing are Mrs. Carrouth and Mr. and Mrs. Werba. It is not too late to join <https://www.opepto.com/membership/>. We strive for 100% participation!

Our first PTO and School Advisory Council Meetings were each well attended. Topics reviewed were COVID-19 protocols and quarantine procedures. Our School Improvement goals were also discussed and include increasing learning gains for all students in the areas of reading and math, continuing our school wide positive behavior program; and the addition of character counts lessons for both brick and mortar and distance learning students. We also thanked our PTO and the OPE community for their hard work because without all of you we would not have the technology and instructional resources to support our teachers and help our students grow academically. Your support of the PTO and their activities (e.g. our upcoming Otter Run) will assist in the funding of these resources. If you have not joined PTO, please do so to keep our school strong. Your membership supports our quality educational environment.

Our fifth grade Student Ambassadors will be launching our first Community Service Project with Socktober. During the week of October 12th-16th students can donate new socks, throw blankets, and travel size hygiene products that will be donated to the St. Johns County homeless population and the Gabriel House of Care <https://gabrielhouseofcare.org/>. To celebrate our collection we are encouraging students to wear silly socks during our collection week. OPE is also teaming up with Beaches Go Green, PV High, and Nease High School to help clean up the beach at Guana. We hope everyone will join us in their OPE gear on October 10th from 9:00 to 11:00.

Congratulations to our Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Jenny Fitch and our Rookie Teacher of the Year, Ms. Lyndsey Smith. Our School Related Employee of the Year is Mr. Michael Marimpietri. These dedicated otters represent the excellence that prevails at Ocean Palms!

Sincerely

*Tiffany Cantwell*

Principal

## October

2nd - National Custodian Appreciation Day

5th - Virtual PTO Meeting (9:00 a.m.)

7th - Student Ambassador Mtg. (2:00-3:00)

10th - Guana Beach Clean Up (9:00-11:00)

12th - 16th SOCKTOBER Donation Week

12th - 16th Wear Silly Socks all week

14th - NEW EARLY RELEASE TIMES  
(12:40 PreK and 12:55 (K-5))

15th - Virtual SAC Meeting (3:15-4:15)

19th - 23rd School Bus Operator and Bus Attendant Appreciation Week

21st - NEW EARLY RELEASE TIMES  
(12:40 PreK and 12:55 (K-5))

22nd - PreK & VE Otter Run

23rd - Kindergarten Otter Run

26th - First Grade Otter Run

27th - Second Grade Otter Run

28th - Third Grade Otter Run

28th - NEW EARLY RELEASE TIMES  
(12:40 PreK and 12:55 (K-5))

29th - Fourth Grade Otter Run

30th - Fifth Grade Otter Run

TBD - Otter Run Rain Dates

30th - First Quarter Ends Today

## November

2nd, 4th, 5th - Treats for Troops Candy Collections

3rd - No School Student Holiday / Teacher Planning Day

4th - NEW EARLY RELEASE TIMES  
(12:40 PreK and 12:55 (K-5))

11th - Veterans Day / No School

18th - Report Cards Issued

18th - NEW EARLY RELEASE TIMES  
(12:40 PreK and 12:55 (K-5))

# Why your child should have an Orthodontic Check-Up No Later Than Age 7

**Your Orthodontist can spot subtle problems with jaw growth and emerging teeth while some baby teeth are still present:**

- Left untreated crossbites and underbites can cause asymmetrical jaw growth, uneven tooth wear, and trap permanent teeth below the gums.
- Protruding front teeth are more easily chipped and broken.
- Oral habits can cause a narrowing of the palate and contribute to severe crowding and airway issues.
- A bite where the teeth do not meet can create a tongue thrust that results in a speech impediment.
- Crowded teeth are hard to keep clean, can inflame the gums, and be the cause of cavities. If not caught early, crowded teeth can contribute to the need for extraction of permanent teeth later on.

**Schedule an appointment with an orthodontist if your child has:**

- Early or late loss of baby teeth
- Difficulty chewing or biting
- Sucking the thumb, fingers, or other oral habits
- Crowded, misplaced, missing, or blocked-out teeth
- Jaws that shift, make sounds, protrude or are recessed
- Speech difficulty
- Biting the cheek or into the roof of the mouth
- Protruding teeth
- Teeth that meet in an abnormal way or don't meet at all

**Not every child we see will need treatment, but with an early evaluation, you will give your child the best opportunity for a healthy, beautiful smile!**



**Call Us For Your Complimentary Exam!**

**904.79.SMILE (797.6453)**

**ST AUGUSTINE AND ST JOHNS**

**[www.smilesbyGHortho.com](http://www.smilesbyGHortho.com)**



# Otter Run

October 22<sup>nd</sup> - October 30<sup>th</sup>

All Brick and Mortar & Distance Learners will be encouraged to run with their class on the day assigned. Distance Learners can pick up packets from school. Prizes will also be packaged and available for pick up.



## HOW TO DONATE:

1. **DONATION ENVELOPES**- will go home with your student on Monday, October 5th. The envelopes can be used for cash & check donations.
2. **DONATE ANYTIME ONLINE**- by registering your student and sharing the link on facebook! Make it easy and use the QR code below to register your student!

[https://www.getmovinfundhub.com/register?school\\_uuid=5d308dbced2fc](https://www.getmovinfundhub.com/register?school_uuid=5d308dbced2fc)

**Parent Registration Code: 5d308dbced2fc**



## PRIZES:

*All Students who raise:*

**\$25** will receive a Blow Pop

**\$50** will receive a Sequin Key Chain

**\$100** will receive a Neon Monkey Spat Ball

**\$225** will receive a pair of Funky Tie Dye Socks

**\$500 +** will receive a Glow in the Dark Remote Control Stunt Car



## SCHOOL WIDE INCENTIVES:

**10K**- Mrs. Cantwell gets to cut Mr. Morgan's favorite tie off and he must wear it the whole day

**20K**- Silly String battle between Mr. Morgan & Mrs. Cantwell- \*Drawing for kids participation

**30K**- Pie Administration in the face- \*Drawing for kids to participate

**40K**- Mrs. Cantwell & Mr. Morgan dress like clowns for the day

\*Opportunity for kids to participant through drawing, details to come later.



## BENEFITING:

This fundraiser will help maintain a sustainable learning environment for our children. This year's funds will be used to help enhance our school's technology needs and support our teachers.



## RACE DAY SCHEDULE:

Students will run with their class and be spaced out on two tracks with different start/end times. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 parents and volunteers will not be able to participate on campus as in previous years.

October 22nd- PreK

October 23rd- Kindergarten

October 26th- First Grade

October 27th- Second Grade

October 28th- Third Grade

October 29th- Fourth Grade

October 30th- Fifth Grade



Our Get Movin Fund Hub QR code

# OTTER PRIDE!

Please join us in congratulating  
our Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Jenny Fitch  
Rookie Teacher of the Year, Ms. Lyndsey Smith  
and our Employee of the Year,  
Mr. Michael Marimpietri



**Mrs. Fitch**



**Mr. Marimpietri**



**Ms. Smith**

## TREATS FOR TROOPS

OPE will collect UNOPENED candy  
before school on the mornings of  
Monday 11/2, Wednesday 11/4, & Thursday, 11/5.  
The candy will be donated to the Mayport USO  
and sent to our troops.

\*\*\*MAYPORT USO has  
requested the  
chocolate candy and  
non-chocolate candy  
be separated.\*\*\*  
Please use separate  
bags for chocolate  
candy!

**November  
2nd, 4th & 5th**

Thank you to our sponsors!





# SAVE THE DATE

## GUANA BEACH CLEAN-UP

**PONTE VEDRA BEACH**

**MIDDLE BEACH ACCESS LOT  
2000 S. PONTE VEDRA BLVD**



**SATURDAY!**

**10/10/2020**

**9 AM - 11 AM**

**BUCKETS & GLOVES PROVIDED**

**BRING YOUR OWN MASK & REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE**

**PRIZES FOR STRANGEST ITEMS(S) FOUND!**

**FREE PARKING FOR VOLUNTEERS IN MIDDLE BEACH LOT ONLY!**



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**FACEBOOK | INSTAGRAM | LINKEDIN**

OCEAN PALMS ELEMENTARY

# SOCKTOBER

SOCK DRIVE



DONATE NEW SOCKS, BLANKETS,  
AND TRAVEL SIZED HYGIENE ITEMS

DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED  
OCTOBER 12 - 16

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE  
GIVEN TO THE ST. JOHN'S  
COUNTY HOMELESS  
POPULATION AND GABRIEL  
HOUSE

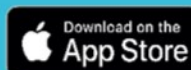






## SKIP THE SCISSORS... USE THE MOBILE APP INSTEAD!

It's the easiest way to earn for your school: just use the Box Tops mobile app to scan your store receipt. It automatically finds participating products and instantly adds Box Tops to your school's earnings online. No clipping required!



### THE OLD BOX TOPS CLIPS



Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip and send them to school.

**Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school.** Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

*\* All valid Box Tops clips submitted per the Program Rules by a Coordinator(s) of (an) eligible, enrolled school(s) will be honored.*

### THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. **Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each for your school.** The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.



Did you know you can earn money for Ocean Palms every time you shop? It's easy and adds up quickly! Just go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose Ocean Palms Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization as your charity and Amazon will give back to the school. Spread the word to your family and friends before the holiday shopping season starts! Thank you for supporting our school.



**ST JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
IN COLLABORATION WITH  
ST JOHNS COUNTY PUBLIC AGENCIES**

**PRESENTS**

# **ACCESSING OUR COMMUNITY'S SOCIAL SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**All parents and guardians are invited to join us  
as we meet with local community agencies to find out  
about the resources and services that are available to  
children and families in St Johns County**

**Join the meeting online via WebEx**

**[https://sjcsd.webex.com/sjcsd/onstage/g.php?  
MTID=e4a9bda82faf38f176ec068e1a987cbf8](https://sjcsd.webex.com/sjcsd/onstage/g.php?MTID=e4a9bda82faf38f176ec068e1a987cbf8)**

**or join via phone by dialing**

**1-844-992-4726**

**and then entering the access code:**

**120 255 4726**

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SMA HEALTHCARE**

**Flagler Health+ CARE CONNECT**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**epic BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE**

**Children's Home Society of Florida**

**SAYS ST. AUGUSTINE YOUTH SERVICES "Path to a Brighter Future"**

**YouthCrisisCenter**

**REGION 12: Serving Volusia, Flagler, Putnam and St. Johns**

**SEDNET**

**The Multiagency Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities**

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM**

**This meeting will  
be held via  
WebEx platform**

**OCTOBER 6, 2020**

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**





# **Canned Food Drive**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Ocean Palms will be holding its annual canned food drive to help families in need have a plentiful Thanksgiving. Donations will be collected November 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Students will have the opportunity to place their donations on their grade level's table in the main hallway. The grade level with the most donations will win a popcorn party!**

**All non-perishable food is welcome, but here are some suggestions:**

- **peanut butter and jelly**
- **canned vegetables and soups**
- **canned beans and/or meats**
- **canned fruits and snacks**
- **canned soups and soup mixes**
- **cereal and breakfast items**

**The food donated to this drive will benefit local families in need. Thank you for your support! Together we can make a difference!**



# FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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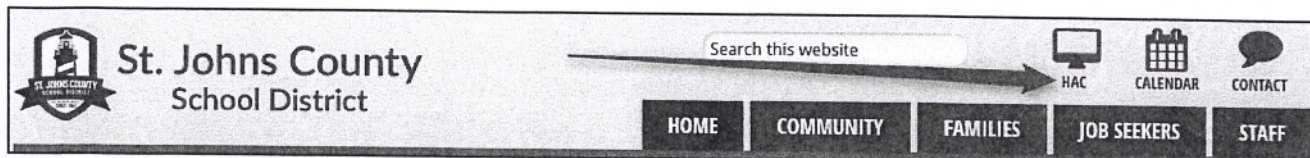
# St. Johns County School District

## Parents: New Home Access Center Account "HAC"

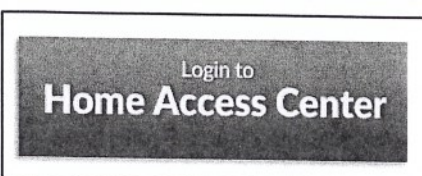
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To register for a Home Access Center Account, "HAC", please follow the below instructions. Please note, only the **Parent or Legal Guardian** of the student can register for a HAC account and the student must be in compliance with Immunizations and Registration requirements as per District Policy. Only one account is needed per family.

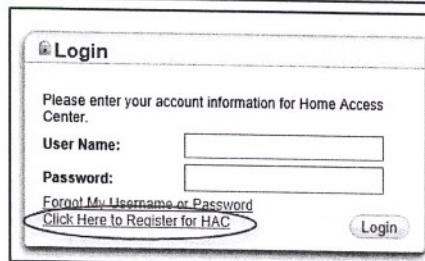
Navigate to the St. Johns County School District website at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>. Across the top of the homepage, you will see the HAC Icon. Click to enter HAC.



On this page you will find an overview of the Home Access Center, FAQ's and the log in prompt. To login, click the blue "Login to Home Access Center" box.



If you already have an account, you can log in using your user name and password. If you need to register for a HAC account, "Click here to register for HAC".

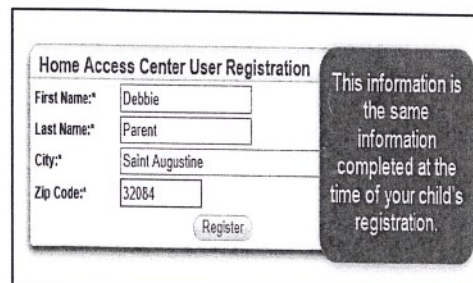


Fill in all fields completely:

**First Name and Last Name:** Enter the information that was given at the time of your child's registration. If your first name is Elizabeth and you wrote down "Liz", use "Liz".

**City:** Be sure to completely spell out the City such as "Saint Augustine", "Saint Johns", "Hastings", etc. (Do not abbreviate)

**Zip Code:** Use the 5 digit Zip code for your home address



After entering the above information, select the "Register" button

Once your account has been located, please create a user name. It is recommended that you **use your current email address as your user name**. Next, create challenge questions and answers, finally click "finish". Your account is now ready for use.

**Home Access Center User Registration**  
Please enter the username you wish to use when logging in to Home Access Center. An email will be sent to the email address the district has on record for you with further instruction on creating your new Home Access Password.

Username:

Compose 2 challenge questions and provide appropriate answers

Questions	Answers
My Favorite Vacation Spot?	Jamaica
Color of my first vehicle?	Blue



**The DEN-Morning and Extended Day Program 2020-2021**  
**Kim LaMondie, Coordinator 904-547-4150**

- ☺ Registration Fee \$75 (non-refundable)
- ☺ Before (7:00am-8:00am) \$100/month
- ☺ After (dismissal-6:00pm) \$250/month
- ☺ Before and After \$300/month
- ☺ Wednesday Only \$60/month

(Prices subject to District Approval)

Start Date_____
Reg Fee_____
Program_____
Check #_____

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Nickname

Male\_\_Female\_\_ Birthdate\_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher\_\_\_\_\_ Bus# \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Nickname

Male\_\_Female\_\_ Birthdate\_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher\_\_\_\_\_ Bus# \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren) Resides with: Mother\_\_\_\_Father\_\_\_\_Both\_\_\_\_Other\_\_\_\_  
Relationship

Mother/Guardian's name\_\_\_\_\_ Mother's email\*\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's address\_\_\_\_\_ Employer\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Phone HM\_\_\_\_\_ Cell\_\_\_\_\_ WK\_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian's name\_\_\_\_\_ Father's email\*\_\_\_\_\_  
Father's address\_\_\_\_\_ Employer\_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Phone HM\_\_\_\_\_ Cell\_\_\_\_\_ WK\_\_\_\_\_

**CUSTODIAL RIGHTS:** Parent permitted to remove the child

Mother: \_\_Yes\_\_No Father: \_\_Yes\_\_No Stepmother: \_\_Yes\_\_No Stepfather: \_\_Yes\_\_No  
If "No" is answered above on the natural parents, school papers must be on file with the school

Child's Physician\_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

**ALTERNATIVE CHILD PICKUP/EMERGENCY CONTACT APPROVED LIST:**

I hereby give Ocean Palms permission to release my child(ren) to the following persons:

Name_____	Relationship_____	Phone_____
Name_____	Relationship_____	Phone_____
Name_____	Relationship_____	Phone_____

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND/OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_





# **PAINT THE OTTER ROCKS!**



For a reservation of \$30, congratulate your favorite student, wish them a happy birthday (or "half" birthday), show appreciation to your favorite teacher or staff member, or just let everyone know how much you love Ocean Palms Elementary School!

## **HOW DO I SIGN UP?**

All reservations are made online via the SignUp Genius link. *Please select carefully as we have two rocks available - one at the Bus Loop and one at the Car Loop.* Some school dates are not listed as the rocks will be decorated for school events. Payment can be made through SignUp Genius or by sending in a check to Ocean Palms Elementary PTO. Please keep in mind that your date is not confirmed unless we have received your payment.

Reservations are processed on a first come, first serve basis. The earlier you make your reservation, the more likely you are to secure your desired date(s). Additionally, remember that there are approximately 180 school days per year, and that OPE has over 600 students registered. Please understand if the date you requested is unavailable.

## **WHEN CAN I PAINT THE ROCKS?**

You may paint your designated rock from 3:30-6pm on the day you have reserved. When booking your date please keep in mind the day that you paint will be the day before the event you're celebrating. For example, if your child's birthday is Tuesday, September 22, then you would reserve Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> to paint. If you would like your message visible on a Monday, you would need to paint on Friday.

## **ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON DECORATIONS?**

What is painted on an Otter Rock MUST be in good taste and MAY NOT contain any foul language, discriminatory, religious, and/or political statements/symbols. Profanity and obscenities are not permitted. You may only promote a business if they are a Corporate Partner with OPE.

Character Counts here in St. Johns County. All messages should be affirming! Designs should have a caring and nurturing message. All wording and symbols must be positive.



### WHAT SUPPLIES DO I NEED TO PAINT THE ROCK?

You may use spray paint or regular paint – it's up to you! You will need to use your own paint brushes. Painting tip: Bring a piece of chalk to write any letters/words before painting! An Otter Rock Borrow Bin is available in the school building with a selection of paint. Help yourself to what's in the bin or feel free to donate any leftover paint you may have for the next person. You will be able to enter the school and the employee at the Front Desk will be able to retrieve it for you. We recommend purchasing spray paint to do a base coat and then paint for the letters and details.

Families, groups or organizations must furnish their own labor, paint and supplies to paint a rock. Any paintbrushes used must be washed at home.

ONLY the rock can be painted. Painting on sidewalks, driveways, fences, etc. is prohibited. Any damage or destruction to the surrounding areas or buildings will deem the family, group or organization financially responsible for cleaning and repair costs. This means that ALL PAINT SUPPLIES MUST STAY NEAR THE OTTER ROCKS. We recommend using plastic drop cloths to protect the mulch, stones, driveway and curb while you are painting.

Bring a large trash bag to take home all items/supplies after the painting is complete. You will not have access to water on site to rinse off brushes. You will need to properly discard all painting supplies at home and not on school grounds. Used paint cans are not to be placed in campus trash bins or dumpsters. Please dispose of paint cans properly off campus.

### WHAT IF IT'S RAINING WHEN IT'S TIME FOR ME TO PAINT?

There will be no refunds, even due to the weather. Unfortunately you may have to hold an umbrella if it is raining. If you are unable to paint the rock on schedule according to your reservation (due to a conflict in your schedule, forgetfulness, weather, school closure, etc.), please contact Stephanie Marciani ([shmorse@yahoo.com](mailto:shmorse@yahoo.com)) to see about switching to a new date. Please MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### SHOW OFF YOUR ARTWORK!

Make sure to email a picture of your painted rock art to [shmorse@yahoo.com](mailto:shmorse@yahoo.com). Your photo will be added to our "Rock Collection" gallery! ***By emailing a photo that includes children, parents must understand that they are giving their permission for the photo to be posted on the PTO website and/or on social media sites.***

We look forward to seeing all the creative Otter Rock decorating, and we thank you for your support of the OPE PTO!

For any questions, please email Stephanie Marciani at [shmorse@yahoo.com](mailto:shmorse@yahoo.com).



**NEW DATE**  
**Tuesday, April 20, 2021**  
Please email  
**OTTERPALOOZA@gmail.com**  
for more info!

EST.



2020

# OTTERPALOOZA

TO BENEFIT OCEAN PALMS PTO



**LIVE BAND - FOOD TASTINGS - AUCTION**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 20TH, 6:30 - 10:30PM**  
**PONTE VEDRA CONCERT HALL**  
**OTTERPALOOZA@GMAIL.COM**

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