



355 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

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Message from Mr. Morgan

Dear Ocean Palms Families,

The last few years as an Otter have been wonderful! Serving as the assistant principal has been both rewarding and memorable. I value serving in a school where the teachers care about putting students first. I have enjoyed celebrating with students for meeting academic goals and demonstrating character counts. From seeing students light-up when giving out positive PAWS to being duct taped to a wall when students made growth on iReady assessments, there are so many memories I will cherish forever. I am grateful to Mrs. Cantwell for all the costumes, collaboration, and creativity. Thank you parents for making "The Palms" a place where community extends beyond the classroom. The Ocean Palms family will always have a special place in my heart. I am blessed to be given an amazing opportunity to serve as the new principal of Picolata Crossing Elementary starting November 30. While I am humbly grateful and excited, I will genuinely miss spending time at OPE. Thank you Ocean Palms staff, students, and parents for the past three years. Please welcome the new assistant principal with open arms as you did for me, as you continue to model "everyday everyone everything matters."

Sincerely,

Brian Morgan



Congratulations Mr. Morgan on your new leadership journey! We are extremely grateful to have been able to share the last three years with you. Thank you for giving so unselfishly everyday for the betterment of our kids. Let that passion of loving and educating every student guide you when the days are long. You will be missed by all! Remember once an Otter - Always an Otter!

With love from your OPE Family!

Otter Run - Fitness Fun

THANK YOU to our students, parents, and staff for another successful Otter Run! Our goal was to raise \$40K. Our small and mighty community has come through in a big way raising over **\$50,800.00** We are grateful for everyone's generosity and amazing



support as we continue to navigate through these challenging times. While this year's Otter Run was not traditional that did not stop us from creating a fun experience for all. We would also like to thank our Otter Run committee and staff who made each day of our seven day marathon exciting for the kids: Ashley Black, Isil Sareyyupoglu, Stephanie Fannin, Brian Morgan, Michael Marimpietri, Jonathan Black, Jess Weeks, Faie Pellegrino, Lee Serino, Jennifer Dean, Jerry Blount, and the teachers. Please visit our webpage to see pictures from this year's Otter Run - Fitness Fun days. During the week of November 2 - 6 the prize patrol will continue to delivery items to students and Mr. Morgan and I will dress up like clowns, be silly stringed and pied in the face by students. Pictures will be posted throughout the week on the webpage. <https://www-ope.stjohns.k12.fl.us>

As we approach the season of caring and giving, we appreciate your many examples that are extended to our children and our school. We are very grateful to work in a community that fosters support for our school environment. Thank you to all our Community Partners, our PTO, and to our families. We truly appreciate you and all that you do for our students and staff!

Sincerely
Tiffany Cantwell
Principal



Top 10 Otter Run Classes as of 10/30/20

- 1 - Sheen
- 2 - Dalton
- 3 - Owens
- 4 - Frecks
- 5 - Kessler
- 6 - Seese
- 7 - Salzman
- 8 - Becksmith
- 9 - Price
- 10 - Torrente

November

2nd - Mrs. Cantwell and Mr. Morgan dress as clowns and get Silly Stringed by students

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)

4th - Mrs. Cantwell and Mr. Morgan get pied in the face by students

5th - Individual Student Picture Retakes

11th - Veterans Day / No School

13th - Fifth Grade Class Spelling Bee
(Top 3 winners from each classroom go on to compete in the school Spelling Bee)

16th - 24th Holiday Toy Drive & Canned Food Drive

16th - Art to Remember Orders are due online

18th - Report Cards posted in HAC

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

19th - Virtual SAC Meeting (3:15-4:15)

25th - 27th - Thanksgiving Break/ No School

SOMETIMES KIDS EXPERIENCE BUMPS ALONG THE WAY. EVERY CHILD IS UNIQUE AND SPECIAL, AND SOMETIMES THEY ENCOUNTER EMOTIONS, FEELINGS OR BEHAVIORS THAT CAUSE PROBLEMS IN THEIR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF THOSE AROUND THEM. IF YOUR CHILD HAS DIFFICULTY COPING WITH THINGS OR GETTING ALONG WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS, SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE.

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Character Counts Recognition for Fairness

Kindergarten	Tessa Beard, Athea Dedich, Andrew Knisley, Clara Kormann, Noah Schoch
1 st Grade	Bria Blades, Reid Hilbert, Aurora Lika, Tighe Maltese, Leonardo McIntosh, Nora Webster
2 nd Grade	Harper Ambrose, Emily Edwards, David Ingeniero, Fenton Mitchell, Leah Otto, Johnny Schmidt
3 rd Grade	Holden Fannin, Vanessa Grove, Jamie Jiang, Benjamin Ostapenko, Ethan Powell, Elizabeth Ster, Cole Thompson, Lucy Wonderly
4 th Grade	Colsen Cowart, Jason-Parker Hill, Elijah Scott, Layla Smith
5 th Grade	Riley Edenfield, Mason Kranking, William McBrayer, Lindsey Moore, Ella Pearson, Reagan Webster



Character Counts Recognition for Responsibility

Kindergarten	Mya Bostic, Aniston Bruce, Amelia Hernandez, Harry Wilson
1 st Grade	John Parker Hensley, Jack Lynn, Mackenzie Mann, Capri Maughan, Madeline Spooner, Fay Wyeth
2 nd Grade	Zain Aslam, Clara Bond, Kayla Everitt, Duke Froome, Zoja Ilic, Carter Ruffolo
3 rd Grade	William Carrouth, Caleb Case, Landon Hunter, Braylee Kudlacz, Arvin Lika, Elliot Minch, Arabella Sprague
4 th Grade	Bode Andeer, Jayden Fehniger, Raleigh Hartman, Meredith Kerekgyarto, Austin Fong
5 th Grade	Alyssa Abruzzini, Dhaani Ailawadhi, Hailey Kincaid, Sophie Koppenhafer, Cooper Mayer, Fiona Willits

Congratulations to our Otter Wall of Fame Members!

**The Otter Wall of Fame recognizes students who took
on the challenge of reading all of the Sunshine State
Books and earned all of their SWAG tags!**

<u>Students</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Ace Jackson	2	Hudson Fox	2
Aiden Mutai	2	Johnny Schmidt	2
Ali Pickett	2	Juliette Farrell	1
Anna Sellers	2	Juliette Werba	2
Austin Phillips	2	L.J. Peter	2
Bridget White	2	Leah Otto	2
Brittany Moore	1	Liam Dean	1
Brooklyn Becker	2	Lucas Rendzio	2
Cristina Stolzenbach Fahrenkrog	2	Lucy Moser	2
Connor Dalessandro	1	Lula Bush	2
Ella Miller	2	Michael Drosdick	2
Elle Martinos	2	Oakley Skipper	2
Ellie Farese	2	Reese Clem	2
Ellie Long	2	Ryan Dalessandro	2
Fay Wyeth	1	Ryland Gaskins	2
Greyson Moore	2	Rylee Gallagher	1
Harrison Leepart	2	Toby Rains	2
Harper Ambrose	2	Winnie Moser	K
		Zoya Ilic	2

Holiday Cheer for Otters

With the holidays quickly approaching, we would love to spread some holiday cheer to our very own Otter families in need. This year we are asking for items from an Amazon registry. This has been a great way to give to our families and we are so thankful for your contributions.

The registry is ready! All items will be shipped to the Ocean Palms School Counselor and distributed to our families. We are kindly requesting to have all donations received by December 4, 2020. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and willingness to lend a helping hand. All donations will benefit our Otters at Ocean Palms.

<https://smile.amazon.com/wedding/holiday-cheer-for-otters-ocean-palms-opes-ponte-vedra-beach-december-2020/registry/120U2R80AZYJ1>

Holiday meals for Otters

In addition to the registry gifts, we would love to provide our Otters in need meals for the holidays with gift cards to Publix. Please use this link to sign up. We know this can be a financially challenging time for many and are so grateful for any contributions we receive.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C48AEAD2BA2FE3-holiday>

Thank you for your kind, generous, contributions!



Bus Driver and Bus Attendant Appreciation Week

Here at OPE we love to show our appreciation for others and during Bus driver and bus attendant appreciation week, our Student Ambassadors presented each driver and attendant with cards and a gift to say Thank you for keeping us safe!





Canned Food Drive

November 16th – 20th

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

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!

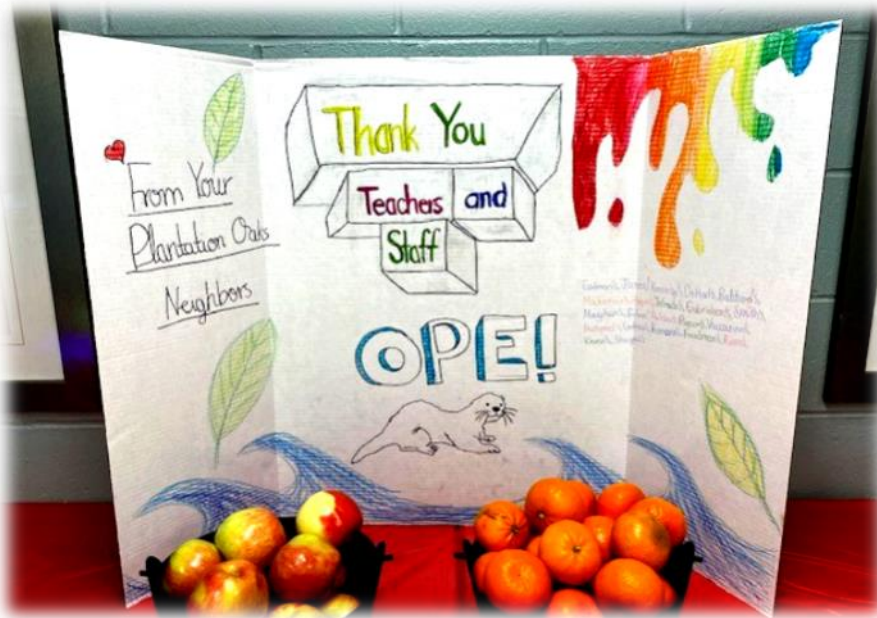
All non-perishable food is welcome, but here are some suggestions:

- **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!

Thank you Plantation Oaks!

The OPE staff was treated to a surprise box lunch, assorted fruits, sweets, and drinks from our Plantation Oaks Neighborhood. Lunches included Publix subs, wraps, and salads. Our staff would like to send a special thank you to the following families: Eastman, James, Kennedy, Dehart, Baldwin, MacKenzie, Harper, Iofredo, Gabrielson, Smith, Maughan, Peters, Fletcher, Pierson, Vaccarino, Hummel, Golman, Romano, Freedman, Russo, Kleven, and Shugrue.



Attention **OPE** Parents & Families!

**Your child's Artwork is ready to be viewed online at our
the OPE Art to Remember website below:**

<https://arttoremember.com/school/W7T536>

- * Art to Remember is a creative fundraiser that transforms your child's artwork into adorable keepsakes. This website allows you to easily find your child's artwork and make purchases of your choice!
- * A percentage of the money earned will also go right back to Ocean Palms Elementary School.

**Art to Remember order forms will also be sent home soon in your child's
take home folder.**

I hope you enjoy seeing your child's first art project of the school year! Please take advantage of this early online access!

Thank you,

Lauren Rodriguez

Art Teacher

Ocean Palms Elementary



**ALL OPE online
orders MUST
be placed by
Nov. 16th!**

**Fundraiser Funds raised will go to
towards the OPE Art Department
and to OPE school projects!**



DECK THE CHAIRS

**The Seawalk Pavillion - Jacksonville Beach
November 21st thru January 2nd**

Our fifth grade Ambassadors are working hard again this year collecting and painting recyclable items to complete their 2nd annual Beaches Go Green Recycled Light Up Art Installation for Deck the Chairs.

For 2020, our Ambassadors are combining the art portion of their 7th annual “Thank You First Responders” project, which takes place in January, with Deck the Chairs to create an extravaganza of red, white and blue for this very “green” installation. This year’s art portion of the project honoring our First Responders will be the biggest and brightest yet!

The Ambassadors wish to thank the talented *Lauren Rodriguez*, art teacher, and *Isil Sareyyupoglu*, parent artist, for designing our firefighter otter and police officer otter; as well as *Chris Chaney*, PTO President, and maintenance manager, *Mike Marimpietri*, for their carpentry skills. Staff members who serve as mentors to the Ambassadors will finish construction on the build and install the lights on site at Deck the Chairs. The project will also be storm proofed on site in order (*fingers crossed*) to survive the winter weather at the beach.

OPE families are invited to visit Deck the Chairs at The Seawalk Pavillion, between 1st Street North and the Beach in downtown Jacksonville Beach, starting Saturday night, November 21st. Deck the Chairs runs live every night through January 2nd. The Ambassadors will also be inviting our local First Responders, as well as our OPE parent First Responders, to visit the installation which was created in their honor.

We are hopeful to have the installation returned to the front grounds of Ocean Palms at the conclusion of Deck the Chairs, where it will remain on display until the Ambassadors complete their “Thank You First Responders” project later in January.



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<https://www.facebook.com/OceanPalmsPTO>**



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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.

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You Shop. Amazon Gives.

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 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.



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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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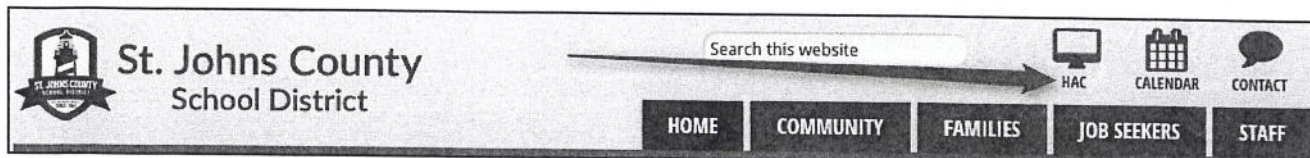
St. Johns County School District

Parents: New Home Access Center Account "HAC"

Last Modified 5/31/2018

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.

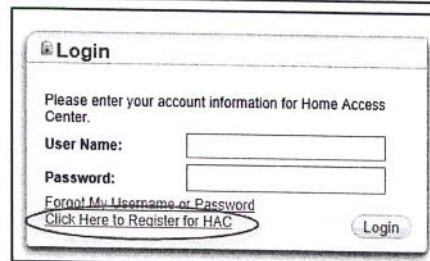
Navigate to the St. Johns County School District website at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>. Across the top of the homepage, you will see the HAC Icon. Click to enter HAC.



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".

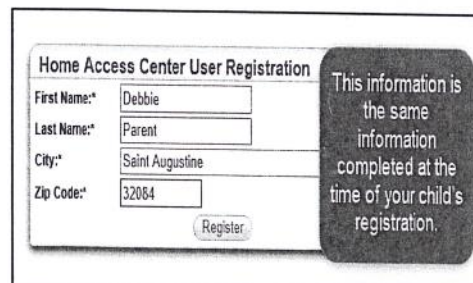


Fill in all fields completely:

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".

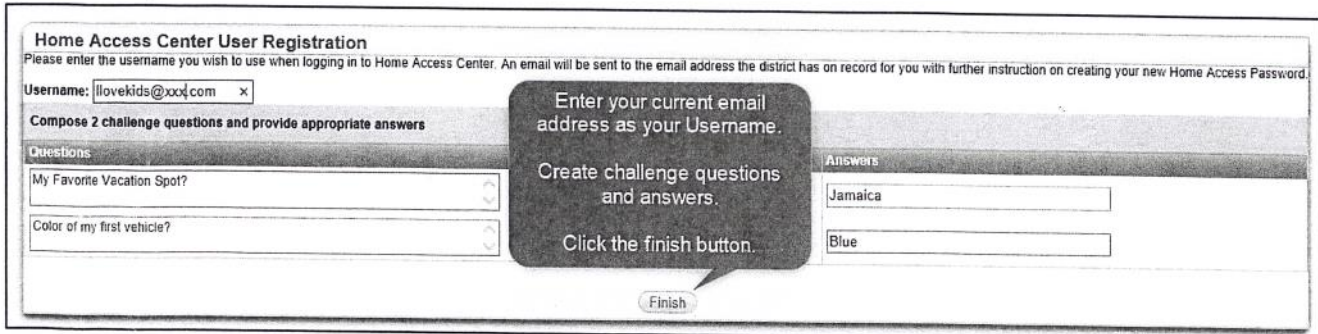
City: Be sure to completely spell out the City such as "Saint Augustine", "Saint Johns", "Hastings", etc. (Do not abbreviate)

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.





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 21st 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) 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. 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.

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

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TO BENEFIT OCEAN PALMS PTO



LIVE BAND - FOOD TASTINGS - AUCTION

TUESDAY, APRIL 20TH, 6:30 - 10:30PM
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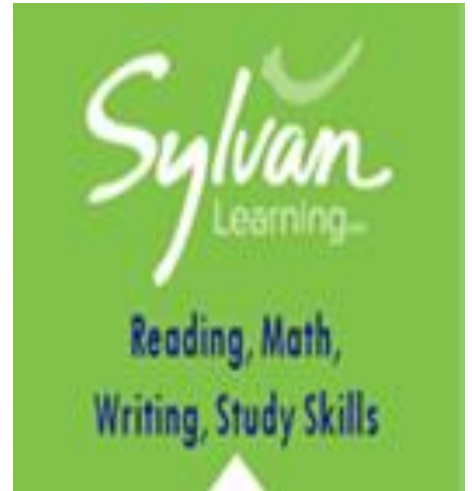
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