



355 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

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Dear Ocean Palms Families,

The New Year is a great time to reflect on the past year and plan for new and exciting things to come. We hope that everyone has enjoyed their time off to rest, recharge and reconnect with family and friends. Goal setting is an important part of the expectations we have for children at OPE. We are excited about the progress our students are making this year, meeting their academic goals and are very grateful for the support we have received from our families. In the New Year, we will continue to encourage and inspire children to always work to their personal best, both socially and academically. We hope that 2021 is a positive and prosperous year for everyone. Again, we are so grateful to have a community that always puts children first.

Over the next few weeks, January 11th - February 5th the iReady winter testing window opens. Students will take the adaptive assessment over three sessions during their class' scheduled time. This assessment provides an opportunity for students to show how much growth they have made since the beginning of the school year. Students have been working hard to reach their goals. We look forward to celebrating and setting new goals in the near future as they continue demonstrating their mastery of standards. Students are encouraged through individual goal setting, classroom goals, and school-wide incentives. This update on progress will allow students to see how close they are to achieving their annual typical year's growth and their stretch growth. Students who meet a percentage of their annual goal will earn additional SWAG tags. We are proud of students for giving their best efforts to reach their academic goals. Students who do not meet their goals during the Winter diagnostic will have another opportunity in the Spring! Copies of your child's assessment data will be sent home after the assessment window closes in February.

Congratulations to our teacher of the year Mrs. Jenny Fitch, and our rookie teacher of the year Ms. Lyndsey Smith. We are so proud of them and appreciate their dedication to the students they serve. We are thankful for their commitment to building relationships with students and our OPE community. These two incredible ladies will be recognized for their accomplishments on Wednesday, January 27th at this year's Virtual Teacher of the Year banquet.



Mrs. Fitch

Ms. Smith

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tiffany Cantwell
Principal

January

- 4 – Classes Resume
- 5 – Health Screenings Grades K & 1
- 6 - Early Release Dismissal Times
PreK at 12:40 and (K-5) at 12:55
- 8 – Health Screenings Grade 3
- 11 – PTO Virtual Meeting (9:00)
- 13 - Early Release Dismissal Times
PreK at 12:40 and (K-5) at 12:55
- 14 – SAC Meeting (3:15-4:15)
- 18 – Martin Luther King Day / No School
- 20 - Early Release Dismissal Times
PreK at 12:40 and (K-5) at 12:55
- 25 - Second Quarter Ends**
- 1/25 – 2/12 Jump Rope for Heart
- 27 - Early Release Dismissal Times
PreK at 1:30 and (K-5) at 1:45**
- 29 – Teacher In-service Day / No School
- 30 - TFW Work Out Sessions on the front
playground to socially distance
(2:00-3:00) and (3:30-4:30)

February

- 8 – PTO Virtual Meeting (9:00)
- 8-12 – Kindness Cards on Sale \$1 each
- 12 - Report Cards published on Home
Access Center (HAC)
- 15 – President's Day - No School
- 17 – Random Acts of Kindness Day and
Kindness Cards Delivered
- 18 – SAC Meeting (3:15-4:15)

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Character Counts

Recognition for All Pillars

Kindergarten	Mattingly Maryak, Reese Mayer, Ellie Muston, and Kayleigh Schott
1 st Grade	Henry Blaylock, Maria Dumitrascu, Juliette Farrell, Andrew Martinos, Gavin Pacifico, and Orion Pike
2 nd Grade	Corbin Greene, Elijah Heineman, Ace Jackson, Jack Marciani, Anna Sellers, and Juliette Werba
3 rd Grade	Maahi Ailawadhi, Kayla Frock, Emma Gallagher, Maddox Garcia, Alice Kormann, Sophie Liu, Hayden Roberts, and Jillian Sabsevit
4 th Grade	Zoe Brown, Logan Cherry, Alexa Crowley, Luciana Fitzgerald, and Harper Webster
5 th Grade	Karly Farese, Tillman Fried, Evie Prediletto, Konnor Rodriguez, Jack Smith, and Alexander Stolzenbach-Fahrenkrog



Character Counts

Recognition for Citizenship

Kindergarten	Amanda Berrios, Wren Fox, Holden Kerekgyarto, and Max Ringer
1 st Grade	Benjamin Black, Jacob Borrromeo, Sawyer Cook, Rylee Gallagher, Sofia Nafey, and Asher Rowe
2 nd Grade	Knox Cartwright, Kadin Collins, Eli Johnson, Gemma Masitti, Oakley Skipper, and Charlotte Whirity
3 rd Grade	Austin Aragon, Samuel Fountain, Noah Gharacholou, Andersen Jackson, Hayden Keer, Kylie Powell, and Owen Walker
4 th Grade	Gian Cubero-Lopez, William Darling, Cole Levient, and Banks Maryak
5 th Grade	Daniel Adler, Leila Dixon, Ellie Jonsson, Ryan McGill, Trent Player, Campbell Pond, and Annyka Watt

Mrs. Price is a State Finalist



Congratulations to Mrs. Lori Price who has been selected as a state finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). Only three teachers from the state of Florida are selected for this award each year. Mrs. Price will go on to compete at the national level.

The Presidential Award is the highest honor bestowed by the United States government specifically for K-12 science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science teaching. The award recognizes teachers who have both deep content knowledge of the subjects they teach and the ability to motivate and enable students to be successful in those areas. Good Luck Lori! We are rooting for you!

Service Above Self

On Thursday, December 10th, the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach formally recognized PVHS Freshman, Grayson Rigby, as their Local Youth Hero for 2020. Grayson was nominated by Ocean Palms Elementary School in recognition of the depth and breadth of his contributions to Ocean Palms and our community, together with his embodiment of the Rotary's principal motto "Service above Self". Grayson, an accomplished and award-winning author, was also Ocean Palm's Outstanding Youth Volunteer of the Year and placed 2nd overall at the District Level for 2019-2020.

Congratulations to Grayson!





Congratulations to our Top 3 Bees

On December 17, 2020, (17) fifth grade students exhibited a remarkable ability with words at the 2020 Ocean Palms Spelling Bee . Congratulations to the following scholars: Alyssa Abruzzini, Dhanni Ailawadhi, Christian Anderson, Joanna Bales, Ellianna Chase, Sinjin Ciaffa, Leila Dixon, Tillman Fried, Jocelyn Hoffman, Sophie Koppenhafer, Natti Landichio, Ella Pearson, Konnor Rodriguez, Cameron Rogers, Payton Rowe, Jude Scotti, and Bella Sharma.

After seven rounds, Ella Pearson, Sinjin Ciaffa, and Ellianna Chase emerged as the fiercest competitors, spelling words like “leach,” “wrath,” and “corporate,” respectively. However, Ellianna Chase would eventually win with the word “hindmost” in the 11th round. Ellianna will represent Ocean Palms at the district spelling bee in January. Ellianna is the daughter of Paul and Helena Chase, and she is part of Mrs. Happel and Ms. Harmsen’s classrooms. Best of luck, Ellianna, from the entire Otter family!

First Place

**Ellianna
Chase**



Second Place

**Ella
Pearson**



Third Place

**Sinjin
Ciaffa**





HELP US PAVE THE WAY!

Introducing our custom engraved pavers project at Ocean Palms Elementary!

Don't miss your chance to leave a lasting legacy on our campus
by personalizing a 4x8 paver with your family's name
or a shout out to a favorite teacher or staff member.

The cost is \$200 for one paver or \$150 each for two or more pavers.

100% of the proceeds will go to fund the PTO to help with technology purchases,
and as always, donations are tax-deductible.

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Please indicate below how you would like your paver engraved. To order multiple bricks, please submit a copy of this form for each additional brick.

Please PRINT up to 3 lines of text, 11 characters per line

(A space counts as a character).

Note: All text will be capitalized & centered.



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Email: _____

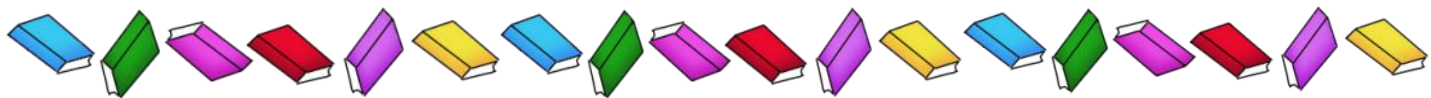
Total Due: _____

Mail or drop off completed order form(s)
and check, **payable to OPE PTO** to:

Ocean Palms Elementary c/o Jennifer Werba
355 Landrum Lane
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Forms and Payment must be received by FEBRUARY 1, 2021 for a Spring Install Date

If you have any questions please contact: Jennifer Werba, jennifer.werba@gmail.com/646.242.4669



THE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Attention third, fourth, and fifth grade students! Are you interested in being a part of OPE's Battle of the Books team? If you are, you need to read at least 12 of the 15 SSYRA books and pass the quizzes on booktaco.com with at least a 70%. Please let your teacher know when you have met these requirements and then you are ready to take the book challenge.

Book Challenge dates for the Battle of the Books team:

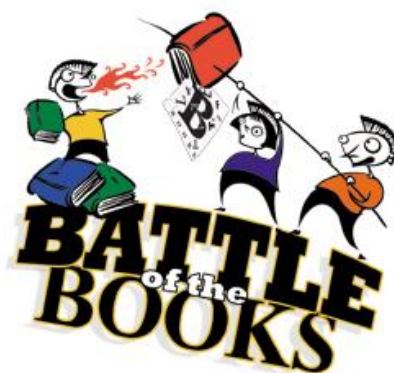
Grade 3 – January 6th at 10:20

Grade 4 – January 6th at 12:45

Grade 5 – January 8th at 8:35

Run-off January 11th at 9:10 if needed

The Battle of the Books team



Kindness Cards

All Kindness Cards come with a fruit by the foot packet and can be purchased outside the library the week of February 8th –12th for \$1.00 each



Kindness cards and a fruit by the foot packet will be delivered to classrooms on Wednesday, February 17th. Proceeds will be donated to a charity designated by OPE Fifth Grade Student Ambassadors and published in the next edition of The Palms Post.



Yearbook Cover Winners!



**Kendall R. - Front Cover Winner
5th Grade Ms. Kessler's Class**



Yearbook Cover Winners!



**Ella P. - Back Cover Winner
5th Grade Mrs. Gray's Class**





Yearbook Cover Winners!



**Evangelina B. - Grade Level Page Winner
4th Grade Mrs. Garner's Class**



Yearbook Cover Winners!



**Giuliana F. – Grade Level Page Winner
3rd Grade Ms. Reid's Class**



Yearbook Cover Winners!



**Noah S. - Grade Level Page Winner
2nd Grade Mrs. Frecks' Class**



Yearbook Cover Winners!



**Taylor M. - Grade Level Winner
1st Grade Ms. Owens' Class**



Yearbook Cover Winners!



**Jake W. - Grade Level Winner
Kindergarten Ms. Jette's Class**

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January 30th
2:00-3:00 OR 3:30-4:30

\$15 per person! Kids
3 & under are FREE!

50 People Per
Session

Choose the time that works best for your family, and come ready for a fun family cardio workout! We'll be raffling off giftcards to Starbucks, TFW, and more! Event and raffle tickets can be purchased with this form or at the door.

Name (parents) _____

Email address _____ Phone # _____



Number of event tickets at \$15 each? _____ for a total of \$ _____

Are you bringing kids under 3? If so, how many? _____

What time are you attending? 2:00 _____ 3:30 _____



Raffle tickets are \$2/each or 3 for \$5!

How many raffle tickets would you like? _____

Bring a water
bottle!

TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to Ocean Palms PTO
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355 Landrum Lane, PVB, FL 32082

Questions?
Reach out to Jennifer Werba
646-242-4669



JANUARY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

				1 NO SCHOOL
4 CHICKEN QUESADILLA MAX MAX CHEESE STICKS & CHOICE OF MARINARA SAUCE FRESH BROCCOLI DIPPERS MIXED VEGETABLES PEARS VARIETY OF MILK OR BOTTLED WATER ALA CART ZAXBY'S CHICKEN BASKET	5 CHEESE OR PEPPERONI CALZONETTE CHICKEN NUGGETS W/CHOICE OF GARLIC BREADSTICKS FRESH BROCCOLI DIPPER BAKED BEANS MIXED FRUIT VARIETY OF MILK OR BOTTLED WATER ALA CART MINI CORN DOGS	6 PEPPERONI PIZZA CHEESE PIZZA CORN BROCCOLI DIPPERS SLUSHI VARIETY OF MILK OR BOTTLED WATER ALA CART CHICK FIL A	7 HOT DOG CHICKEN NUGGETS W/ CHOICE OF GARLIC BREADSTICKS GREEN BEANS FRESH BROCCOLI DIPPERS APPLE SAUCE VARIETY OF MILK OR BOTTLED WATER ALA CART NACHO CHEESE BOATS KETCHUP,MUSTARD,MAYO	8 CHEESEBURGER BBQ CHICKEN W/CHOICE OF GARLIC TOAST BAKED FRIES FRESH BROCCOLI DIPPERS PEACHES/ 100% FRUIT JUICE VARIETY OF MILK OR BOTTLED WATER ALA CART PAPA JOHNS PIZZA KETCHUP,MUSTARD,MAYO
11 MACARONI & CHEESE W/CHOICE OF GARLIC TOAST COOL BOX GREEN BEANS FRESH BABY CARROT DIPPER PEARS VARIETY OF MILK OR BOTTLED WATER ALA CART ZAXBY'S CHICKEN BASKET	12 NACHO LIL BITES HOMESTYLE CHICKEN SANDWICH CORN FRESH CARROT DIPPER MIXED FRUIT VARIETY OF MILK OR BOTTLED WATER ALA CART MINI CORN DOGS KETCHUP,MUSTARD,MAYO	13 PEPPERONI CHEESE CHEESE PIZZA PEAS FRESH CARROT DIPPER SLUSHI VARIETY OF MILK OR BOTTLED WATER ALA CART CHICK FIL A	14 CHEESEBURGER MINI CHEESE RAVIOLI W/CHOICE OF GARLIC TOAST BAKED FRIES FRESH CARROT DIPPER APPLE SAUCE VARIETY OF MILK OR BOTTLED WATER ALA CART CHIX TENDER BASKET KETCHUP,MUSTARD,MAYO	15 HOT DOG MAX CHEESE STICKS W/CHOICE OF MARINARA SAUCE BAKED BEANS FRESH CARROT DIPPER PEACHES/ 100% FRUIT JUICE VARIETY OF MILK OR BOTTLED WATER ALA CART PAPA JOHNS PIZZA KETCHUP,MUSTARD,MAYO
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COVID-19 FAQ Regarding Quarantined Close Contacts

The CDC has released new guidelines regarding quarantine time frames for **asymptomatic close contacts**. Although 14 days is considered the gold standard, there are options for close contacts to end quarantine earlier than 14 days.

What are the current options to reduce the quarantine time for my student?

- **Option 1: NO TESTING - 10 day quarantine**

If asymptomatic, end quarantine after completion of day 10 and return to school on day 11.

- **Option 2: PCR TEST on Day 6 or later**

If an asymptomatic close contact gets tested by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test on DAY 6 or later and receives a negative result, **he/she may end quarantine and return to school after completion of day 7.**

***Note: The PCR test is different from the rapid antigen test. PCR test results are averaging 3-5 days.**

Where is PCR testing available?

- Please visit the [clinic website https://www-ope.stjohns.k12.fl.us/clinic/](https://www-ope.stjohns.k12.fl.us/clinic/) for a list of testing locations.
- **Make sure results can be provided within 24 to 48 hours.** If the results are likely to take longer than 48 hours, it may be better to quarantine through day 10 and return to school on day 11, if no symptoms.
- **CHILDREN WITH A KNOWN PENDING TEST RESULT SHOULD NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL**

If my student has a negative PCR test result, obtained on or after day 6 following exposure, what is the next step?

Call the St. Johns County Department of Health at (904) 506-6081 to check if the result has been reported electronically to them. If the result is reported, the Department of Health (DOH) will call the school to clear your student to return, assuming your student is asymptomatic.

If you were notified of a negative result, but it is not reflected in the DOH system, a copy of the result must be provided directly to the Health Department. The school nurse will not accept copies of negative PCR lab results as clearance to return.

Clearance to return to school can only be done by the DOH.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
HEALTH SERVICES
STUDENT SYMPTOM CRITERIA CHECKLIST**

Due to the nature of communicable illnesses and during this time of COVID-19 Pandemic, in addition to symptoms of commonly occurring illnesses, any student presenting with the following symptoms will be sent to the school nurse for assessment. Parents will be contacted regarding student pick-up.

Symptom criteria from the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics states students who meet the screening criteria below should be sent home for further medical evaluation.

TWO OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Chills
- Muscle aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New decrease in smell or taste
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea

OR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Uncontrolled cough
- Shortness of breath

Your child must be evaluated by a healthcare provider and must present a clearance note to return to school. Contact your healthcare provider or the Department of Health regarding your child's symptoms.

Per CDC and AAP guidelines, if your child is not medically evaluated, he/she must remain at home for at least 10 days from the first day symptoms appeared AND 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medications AND improvement of symptoms.

If you decide to not have your child medically evaluated and choose to keep him/her home for the 10 day recommendation, you must send a written note stating such with your child upon their return to school.

For any additional questions about your child's care contact Department of Health, St. Johns at (904) 209-3250.

Grades and Attendance Records are Online

REGISTER TODAY!



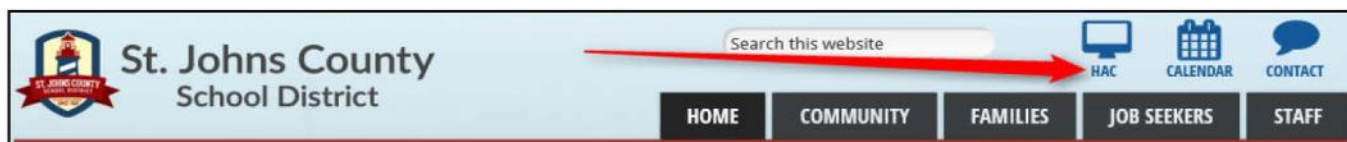
St. Johns County School District

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.

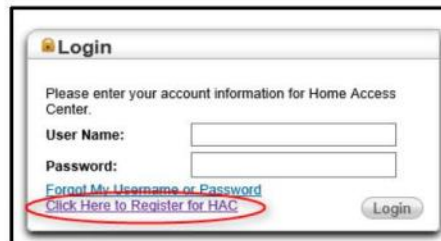
Navigate to the St. Johns County School District website at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>. Across the top of the homepage, you will see the HAC Icon. Click to enter HAC.



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.

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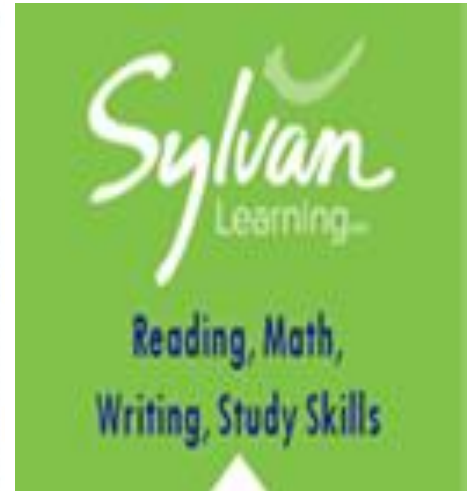
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