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Dear Ocean Palms Families,

Last week, our Student Ambassador Leadership Team, under the direction of Mrs. Fodor, Mrs. Pellegrino, Ms. Smith, Ms. Kessler, and Ms. Weeks, honored our first responders with a special delivery of health snacks, recyclable k-cup pods, and reusable water bottles donated by Beaches Go Green. Our first responders are heroes in our community and I am proud of our students for expressing their gratitude and taking the time to recognize them.

On Saturday, January 30, students and families teamed up for a sweat-inducing fundraising workout, led by Coach Phil Squatrito from Training for Warriors (TFW). From sprints, to squats, to planks, this family friendly workout was filled with high fives and positive reinforcement. We want to thank Jennifer Werba, Stacy Rendzio, Coach Phil Squatrito, Jo Hynes, the Hynes Home Team and all the families who participated for making this event possible.

It is hard to believe it is already time for our annual "Parent Needs Assessment" survey. Each year we ask our parents and staff members to participate in a district survey that helps us prepare for the next school year. We hope you will take a few minutes to complete this short survey to let us know how we are doing. The grade level with the highest number of parent participation will win a popsicle party! **The survey will be open Monday, February 1 and close on Friday, February 26.** <https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=92L2885K>.

During the month of February we are celebrating the Character Counts Pillar of Caring. We are challenging students and staff to complete random acts of kindness all month. Our Student Ambassadors will be selling Kindness Cards the week of February 8-12 in the cafeteria for a dollar each as a way to "pay it forward" and demonstrate the act of caring with a kind word. The Student Ambassador Team voted to donate the proceeds earned from this event to the JT Townsend Foundation.

We are also excited to announce the American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge has started and will run through February 11. Students will be learning about their hearts, participating in healthy activities, and raising money for the American Heart Association during PE. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 this year. Information was sent home in your child's blue communication folder.

It's never too early to start planning for your fun Literacy Day outfits! Beginning March 1 students will celebrate Literacy Week and Dr. Seuss' Birthday. Check out the daily themes on page 11 of this edition of the Palms Post. **GET READY and GET CREATIVE!**

Sincerely,

Tiffany Cantwell

Principal

February

Character Counts - Caring

- 4 – Rosa Parks Day
- 5 – Report Cards available in HAC
- 8 – PTO Meeting (9:00)
- 8-12 – Kindness Cards on Sale \$1 ea.
- 9 – Yearbook pictures Make up day
- 15 – President's Day - No School
- 17 – Random Acts of Kindness Day and Kindness Cards Delivered
- 18 – SAC Meeting (3:15-4:15)

March

Character Counts - Trustworthiness

- 1 - 5 Celebrate Literacy Week - Plan for fun dress up days!
- 8 – PTO Meeting (9:00)
- 11– District Battle of the Books
- 14 – Daylight Savings
- 17-19 Spring Break Long Weekend
- 30 – Individual Spring Picture Day

**March 1st
Box Tops
Collection
Deadline**

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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 packets will be delivered to classrooms on Wednesday, February 17th. Our Fifth Grade Student Ambassadors have elected to donate the proceeds to the JT Townsend Foundation.

Kindness Calendar

2021



1 Say one encouraging phrase to a classmate like, "you're amazing!"	2 Do one act today to show that you are a great role model.	3 Write thankful messages on sticky notes and put them in the custodial office.	4 Give at least 5 people a genuine smile.	5 Vote on an idea in class and do one random act of kindness!
8 Tidy your classroom to lighten the workload for the custodian.	9 Help a classmate clean up their area.	10 Say "thank you" at least twice today.	11 Give two teachers a compliment.	12 Create a Kindness quote as a class and post it in your classroom.
15 Presidents' Day Do one thing today to help the environment.	16 Discuss a person in history that was kind and explain why.	17 Take time to really listen when a classmate is speaking.	18 Use the word "please" every time you request something.	19 Tell someone you are happy to see them today.
22 Invite someone to join you in playing a game at recess.	23 Use the phrase "Can I help you?" sometime today.	24 Ask someone about their day.	25 Help someone before they ask for help.	26 Show integrity- do something kind when no one else is looking.



2020-2021
Battle of the Books Team

Cooper Mayer
Mrs. Happel's class

Jake Hockett
Mrs. Bomar's Class

Mallory Mayer
Ms. Torrente's class

Reagan Webster
Mrs. Happel's class

Sophie Liu
Ms. Torrente's Class

Alternates:

Courtney Fordham
Mrs. Happel's class

Layla Smith
Ms. Della Porta's class

Leighton Mackenzie
Ms. Kessler's class



**Congratulations
Primary
SSYRA Hall of Fame
Students!**

Pre-K and Kindergarten

**Eli Anderson
Winnie Moser
Zeke Anderson**



Grade 1

**Addyson Johnson
Brittany Moore
Connor Dalessandro
Fay Wyeth
Jack Lynn
Juan Martin Escallon
Juliette Farrell
Liam Dean
Lily Bonham
Mak Akai
Maria Dumitrascu
Rylee Gallagher
Sawyer Cook
Sloane Cook**

Grade 2

**Ace Jackson
Addison Blankenship
Aiden Mutai
Ali Pickett
Anna Sellers
Austin Phillips
Avery Hertzberg
Avery Rogers
Ben Casillas
Bridget White
Brooklyn Becker
Carter Wilson
Charles Chaney
Charlie Perry
Charlotte Whirity
Kinsley Anderson**

Grade 2

**Cristina Stolzenbach
Fahrenkrog
Ella Dedich
Ella Miiller
Elle Martinos
Ellie Farese
Ellie Long
Greyson Moore
Harper Ambrose
Harrison Leepart
Hudson Fox
John Marciani
Johnny Schmidt
Juliette Werba
Kayla Everitt**

Grade 2

**L.J. Peter
Landon Renew
Leah Otto
Lucas Rendzio
Lucy Moser
Lula Bush
Michael Drosdick
Noah Singer
Oakley Skipper
Parker Wittmann
Reese Clem
Rosie Waitcus
Ryan Dalessandro
Ryland Gaskins
Toby Rains**

**Congratulations
Intermediate
SSYRA Hall of Fame
Students!**

**Sunshine State Young
Readers Award
2020-2021
Grades 3-5**



Grade 3

**Crawford Tiedeberg
Drew Patrick Adrian
Jacob Schoch
Jake Hockett
Kenner Chowske
Ronan McCarthy
Sophie Liu**

Grade 4

**Layla Smith
Luke Peacock**

Grade 5

**Cooper Mayer
Dhaani Ailawadhi
Leighton Mackenzie**



FEBRUARY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1 Chicken Quesadilla Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Fresh Veggie Dippers Mixed Vegetables Pears Milk or Bottled Water Ala Cart Zaxby's	2 Cheese or Pepperoni Calzonette / Marinara Chicken Nuggets w/ choice of Garlic Toast Fresh Veggie Dippers Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk or Bottled Water Ala Cart Mini Corn Basket	3 Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Corn Fresh Veggie Dippers Slushi Variety of Milk or Bottled Water Ala Cart Chick FiL A	4 Hot Dogs Chicken Nuggets w/Choice of Garlic Toast Fresh Veggie Dippers Baked Beans Apple sauce Milk or Bottled Water Ala Cart Mini Burger Combo	5 Cheeseburgers Baked Chicken w/Garlic Toast Baked Fries Fresh Veggie Dippers Peaches/ 100% Juice Ala Cart Papa Johns Pizza Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo
8 Macaroni & Cheese w/choice of Garlic Toast Cool Box Green Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers Pears Milk or Bottled Water Ala Cart Zaxby's	9 Nacho LiL Bites Chicken Sandwich Corn Fresh Veggie Dippers Mixed Fruit Milk or Bottled Water Ala Cart Mini Corn Dog Basket	10 Pepperoni Pizza Cheese Pizza Peas Fresh Veggie Dippers Slushi Milk or Bottled Water Ala Cart Chick-fil-a	11 Cheeseburger Cheese Ravioli w/ choice of Garlic Toast Baked Fries Fresh Veggie Dippers Apple Sauce Milk or Bottled Water Ala Cart Chicken Tender Basket	12 Hot Dogs Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Baked Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers Peaches / 100% Juice Milk or Bottled Water Ala Cart Papa Johns Pizza
15 PRESIDENT'S DAY	16 Cheese or Pepperoni Calzonette / Marinara Chicken Nuggets w/ choice of Garlic Toast Veggie Dippers Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk or Bottled Water Ala Cart Mini Corn Basket	17 Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Corn Fresh Veggie Dippers Slushi Variety of Milk or Bottled Water Ala Cart Chick-fil-a	18 Hot Dogs Chicken Nuggets w/choice of Garlic Toast Baked Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers Apple Sauce Milk or Bottled Water Ala Cart Mini Burger Combo	19 Cheeseburger BBQ Chicken w/ choice of Garlic Toast Baked Fries Fresh Veggie Dippers Peaches / 100% Juice Milk or Bottled Water Ala Cart Papa Johns Pizza
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The Wonder League Robotics Competition started in 2015 and has now reached more than 86,500 children worldwide over the last five years. Through a series of story-based missions, the teams develop problem-solving, grow mindset, and creativity skills while learning to code.



Last year 4,500 teams from 91 countries tested the limits not only of their robots, but of themselves. 2021 is the second year when Wonder Workshop is partnering with the #1 animated series network in the U.S. - Cartoon Network to bring even more humor, heart, and creativity to the competition.

There are 3 age brackets for the teams: 6-8, 9-11, or the newly added 12–14-year-old. This year, despite barriers and challenges raised by a pandemic, teams from 61 countries came together to help the robot Dash and his friends to restore The Creek!

One team from OPE participated this year in the 6-8 year old category. Maria Dumitrascu, Edwin (Ned) Hnath and David Penna from Ms. Durrance's 1st grade class are "Team Search Turtles". Starting September 14, they solved 5 missions programing the robot Dash to save 2 turtles from a dry creek, restore their habitat and save the entire ecosystem. Collaboration, cooperation, and teamwork were the key skills encouraged throughout the missions.

After successfully completing all 5 missions, Team Search Turtles was invited to participate in "The Invitational Round". The solution to this final challenge must be submitted by February 22nd.

On March 26th, 2021 Wonder Workshop will recognize the final 15 teams -- five for each age group. Special prizes will be awarded to all members of the 5 winning teams in each age group category.

Each team member will receive an official finalist certificate, WLRC finalist t-shirt, and their choice of a Dash, Dot, or Cue robot. The winning team in each age category will receive a \$5,000 STEAM grant grand prize.

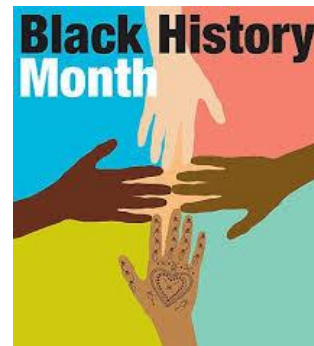
**We wish good luck
and happy coding to
our Search Turtles
team!**



Celebrating Black History Month

Lonnie Bunch, Founding Director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, said in his blog that “there is no more powerful force than a people steeped in their history”, and that there is “no higher cause than honoring our struggle and ancestors by remembering”. In his article, Bunch argues that Black History Month is just as important today as ever before because it preserves the memory of the past as well as the culture of an entire group of people. Moreover, it empowers members of that culture to retain their traditions while continuing to make a positive difference in the world.

Overall, teaching our children about Black History Month and about the many important African American influencers and contributors continues to move our society forward. Essentially, we are raising kids who will one day grow up and contribute to our society, hopefully in a positive way. By teaching them to respect the history, culture, and accomplishments of African Americans, they will be more aware and ultimately more tolerant of everyone within our highly diverse country. <https://www.kidsacademy.mobi/storytime/celebrating-black-history-month>.



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Celebrate Literacy Week

March 1st - 5th

March 2nd is Dr. Seuss's birthday!

OPE has an entire week of activities planned from March 1st to 5th to honor his legacy and celebrate literacy. Join in on the fun and show your Otter spirit by dressing up for the theme of the day.

Monday:

I Am Not Going to Get Up Today - "Nothing's going to get me up. Why can't you understand! You'll only waste your money if you hire a big brass band." The Solution is: Don't worry about waking up early for school, today is pjs wearing ALL DAY for you! **Wear your favorite PJs to school!**

Tuesday:

Fox in Socks - "New Socks. Two socks. Whose Socks? The Solution is: Your Socks!!! Really crazy ones!!! **Wear your craziest, funniest pair of socks in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday! Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!**

Wednesday:

Wacky Wednesday - "It all began with a shoe on the wall. A shoe on the wall shouldn't be there at all." The Solution is: "Nothing is wacky around here but you!" Everything backwards, inside out, upside down, mismatched, and wacky! **Wear your most backwards, inside out, upside down, and mismatched outfits with crazy, wacky hair to match!**

Thursday:

Green Eggs and Ham - "I do not like them, Sam-I-am. I do not like green eggs and ham!" "Try them! Try them! And you may. Try them and you may, I say." The Solution is: You may not like green eggs and ham, but you LOVE your OPE Otter green! **Wear your best Otter green outfit or any other Otter spirit wear.**

Friday:

The Cat in the Hat - "We looked! And we saw him! The Cat in the Hat!" The Solution is: Wear your favorite hat or polka dots or stripes on your clothes. Better yet, become your favorite thing in books— and **dress as a book character!**



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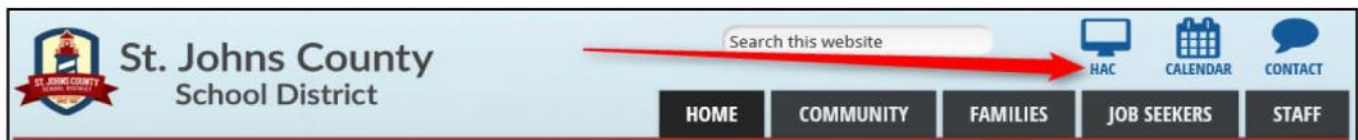
St. Johns County School District

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.

OPE At-a-Glance Grading Overview

Common Formative Assessment (CFA)

Grading Scale: 90-100=A, 80-89=B, 70-79=C, 60-69=D, 50-59=F

- ✓ Cover a strategic “chunk” of information.
- ✓ A CFA provides important information to the teacher about what learning challenges students are facing during the learning sequence.
- ✓ Teachers utilize CFAs to give timely feedback and indicators to students about where they are in relation to the mastery of the current learning standard prior to the summative assessment.
- ✓ Students will not study for CFAs. CFAs include reading passages with questions, workbook exercises, classwork, essay drafts, reflections, exit tickets, project steps and guided notes.
- ✓ CFAs shall be administered Monday-Friday without advance notice. These are not graded materials that require a study guide or study time.
- ✓ Weighted 30% (for grades 3-5).
- ✓ All students on a grade level are given identical CFA’s (grades K-5).
- ✓ Grade recovery is not offered.
- ✓ Students will not be marked lower than 50% when they fail to reach proficiency.
- ✓ Incomplete or missing work is shown in the gradebook as “INC” until the work is completed. At the end of quarter, INC’s will become 50%.

OPE At-a-Glance Grading Overview

Common Summative Assessment (CSA)

Grading Scale: 90-100=A, 80-89=B, 70-79=C, 60-69=D, 50-59=F

- ✓ Covers a unit of study.
- ✓ Example CSA's - tests or final projects.
- ✓ Weighted 70% (for grades 3-5).
- ✓ All students on a grade level are given identical CSA's (grades K-5).
- ✓ Students and parents will receive advance notice and an opportunity to study (when appropriate) before a CSA is administered. CSAs shall not be administered on Mondays.
- ✓ If a grade of 75% or higher is not earned, reteaching/remediation and grade recovery are available (for grades K-5).
- ✓ Grade recovery is shown in the gradebook as a decimal point with the new score (ex. Original score was a 62, grade recovery was an 80, the final score would be 80.62).
- ✓ Students will not be marked lower than 50% when they fail to reach proficiency.
- ✓ Incomplete or missing work is shown in the gradebook as "INC" until the work is completed. At the end of quarter, INC's will become 50%.

NEXT BOX TOPS COLLECTION

ENDS MARCH 1, 2021

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Thanks & happy shopping!



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.

Ocean Palms Elementary 2021-2022 School Year



Welcoming the Class of 2034

**Online Registration begins in
March!**

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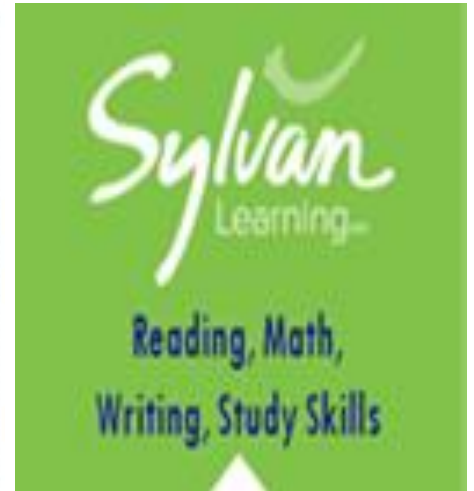
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