

355 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL· 32082 Palms Post Issue 8 - March 1, 2021

Dear Ocean Palms Families,

February was filled with activities to help our students build confidence, skills, knowledge and friendships. Students participated in the Kids Heart Challenge, the Kindness Card project and the Staff vs. Student Battle of the Books. Our goal continues to be finding ways to help our students grow as leaders.

Students took part in the Kids Heart Challenge with Coach B! They learned about heart health and practiced individual, partner and long jump rope skills. Not only did students raise \$4,543 but over 80 students joined the endurance club by completing 1, 2, or 3 minutes of jump roping.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Ambassadors were busy during the month of February spreading kindness and encouraging others to do the same. Student Ambassadors discussed the value of being kind, ways to pass kindness forward and organized the Kindness Cards initiative. They researched various charities and voted to donate all proceeds from the Kindness Card sales to the J.T. Townsend Foundation. All students celebrated "Kindness Month" by completing the activities listed on the February Kindness calendar and buying Kindness Cards to spread cheer. This event raised over \$1,000! Speaking of spreading kindness... a member of our community heard about the Kindness project and vowed to match the amount raised. WOW, OPE Otters, their families, and our community practice kindness everyday!

In preparation for the District Battle of the Books, students competed against staff in the OPE Battle of the Books challenge. It was an impressive battle but in the end the younger crowd took the prize! Nice job students, best of luck at the District competition on March 11th.

Lastly, we want to thank the many parents who completed the Needs Assessment survey. We are so grateful for the strong team OPE continues to build between our school and the community. Your input and feedback help us to always progress toward being the best we can possibly be. Thank you!

Sincerely, *Tiffany Cantwell and Lisa Brubaker* OPE Administration Team

### Character Counts - Trustworthiness

1-5 Celebrate Literacy Week -Plan for fun dress up days!

- 8 PTO Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- 11 District Battle of the Books
- 14 Daylight Savings
- 17-19 Spring Break Long Weekend
- 25 SAC Meeting (3:15-4:15)
- **30 Individual Spring Picture Day**

#### April

Character Counts - All Pillars

- 2 Student / Teacher Holiday
- 8 Third Quarter Ends
- 9 Teacher Planning Day

12-16 Third grade FSA Reading and fourth and fifth grade FSA Writing Assessment Window

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

19-23 Otterpalooza Spring Auction More information coming soon!

19 - Report Cards posted on HAC at 12:00 p.m.

22 - Earth Day

26-30 Spring Book Fair

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:

<u>I Am Not Going to Get Up Today</u> - "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!



### **KIDS HEART CHALLENGE**











#### **Ambassadors Show First Responders Gratitude**

Ocean Palms Elementary School students, both past and present, as well as organizations throughout the community collaborated on a special project to thank area first responders. Seventy-five special "thank you" gifts were sent to four fire stations and sheriff offices in the area.

From reusable water bottles, to snacks to create a to-go snack bar, to reusable bags and gift cards to local eateries, these heroes were recognized for their dedication to our community.

In addition to the current 5<sup>th</sup>-grade student ambassadors, two Ponte Vedra High School students, both former ambassadors, also helped lead the cause. Belle Benson inspired the cheerleading squad at the high school to donate snacks for the responders. Additionally, Grayson Rigby helped assemble the gifts and deliver them.

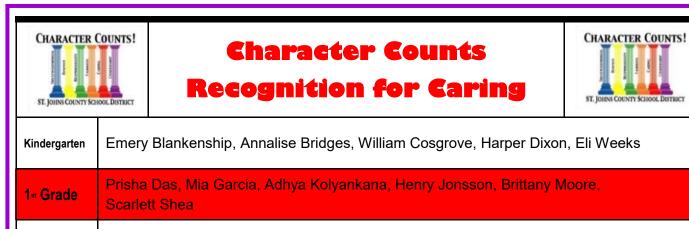
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2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Sophia DeJesus, Nayelie Dickey, Hudson Fox, Lucy Moser, Bridget White, Manikanta Yegnamurthy
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Adah Bales, Juliana Childers, Sophiana DeCastro, Maggie Henderson, Dillon Lee, Addison Moore, Liam Singer
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Kiki Debrueys, Lavezz Harry, Alex Leivent, Skyler Rivkin, Kammy Whirity
5 <b>⊪</b> Grade	Joanna Bales, Leila Dixon, Mila Koljonen, Aubrey Moore, Cooper Whirity, Max Wyeth

### **OPE Students Have AMAZING CHARACTER!**



### Character Counts

### **Recognition for Respect**



Kindergarten	Aiden Bagunu, Everett McMillen, Landon Sharp, Abby Wonderly		
1 <b></b> ₅ Grade	Ana Alonzo, Sloane Cook, Owen Koppenhafer, Fabiana Rodas, Cade Rosendahl, Hayley Stroud		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Asher Berquist, Addison Blankenship, Charles Chaney, Eli DeCastro, Owen McCaslin, Elaina Roberts, Oscar Wyeth		
3 <sup>,,,</sup> Grade	Madelyn Carrouth, Rosabella Johnson, Michael Lesso, Rocco Milo, Olivia Peacock, Londan Swafford, Terrell Swanson, Dillon Rowe		
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Benjamin Bi-Ji, Will Cavanaugh, Reese Donovan, Ella Puzey		
5⊪ Grade	rade Luke Canon, Ila Crowe, Ellana Harper, Jocelyn Hoffmann, Camden Maddox, Finnigan Melvin		

# NEXT BOX TOPS COLLECTION ENDS MARCH 1, 2021

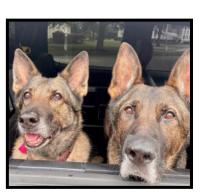
The deadline to submit Box Tops is March 1, 2021. It's easier than ever with the new app! You can still be sure your earnings go to the class of your choice by using the "give credit" (star icon) button after you've scanned.

All receipts must be scanned within 14 days of your date of purchase to be redeemed.

- Did you know that you can send your receipts to OPE's front office and we will scan them for you?
- That's right, if downloading the app doesn't sound appetizing to you, just send us your receipts within 14 days and we'll handle the job for you.

Thanks & happy shopping!









### **Calling all Ocean Palms Furry Friends**

Do you have a favorite furry friend at home? If so, please consider joining us on March 15 for a photo opportunity, "Furry Friends of the Carline" or email Jess Weeks a picture of your furry friend at Jessica.Weeks@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Every morning we see the faces of adorable pets pressing their noses against the car windows at car drop off and pick up. We would love to feature those special friends in a yearbook section titled, "Furry Friends of the Carline".

On March 15th we will be taking pictures of all of our furry friends at the front of the car line during student drop off. All we ask is that you pull to the front of the line to drop your student off and roll down your car window for a quick photo if you would like to participate.

# Fridays are Spirit-Wear Day!



Going on sale NOW is the new Spirit Day t-shirt. Wear your Ocean Palms Elementary "Otters" t-shirt every Friday to show your OPE school spirit! It is an athletic, durable, dry-fit shirt for you and your active student. This fundraiser will help us all finish the year strong. Thank You!

Order your t-shirt(s) today! Orders due by 3/5/2021

#### Only \$20.00 per t-shirt



Detach and return Form with payment to the Front Office

Size	Qty.	Ext. Total	Child's Name	Teacher
Youth XSmall	1.00	\$	11	2
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Youth XLarge		\$		12
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Adult Large	1	\$		P.J.
Adult Xlarge	2	\$		187
Adult XXL	1000	\$	- A	- II
Grand Totals:	Ac.	\$	Wear your shirt on Fridays t	o show your schools

Make checks payable to: Ocean Palms Elementary PTO

Orders due by March, 5 2021

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please return Order Form with Payment to the Front Office, Thank you 📿

### **Spring Testing is Approaching**

What an unprecedented and unique year! Parents, your children have shown resilience and perseverance during the school closures of last spring and the reopening this year. To say we're in awe of your children is an understatement! We are proud that we get to work with such amazing kids each and every day. With Spring testing approaching, it can be a time of anxiousness, but we implore you to have conversations with your children as this is a great opportunity to see their growth in learning. Thank you for encouraging him or her to do his or her best. We look forward to seeing the academic growth of our OPE students this spring.

#### Florida Statewide Assessments (FSA)

While there are many details that have not yet been released from the state, we would like to update all families on the information we do have to share. All students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades will participate in the Florida Statewide Assessment Program. When specific dates have been released, your child(ren)'s classroom teacher will share perinate testing information with you. Florida Department of Education does not allow districts to provide a virtual testing option for the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) for the 2020-2021 school year. According to the state Department of Education, "We are not considering remote proctoring or at-home testing for any of Florida's K-12 summative or postsecondary assessments in 2020-21".

If you have any questions related to test administration, please contact Faie Pellegrino at 547-3772 or visit the FSA Portal at <u>www.FSAssessments.org</u>.

### FLORIDA STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM 2020–2021 SCHEDULE\*

English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science		
Dates	Assessment	
April 5–16, 2021	Grades 4–10 ELA Writing Grade 3 ELA Reading	
May 3–14, 2021	Grades 4–6 ELA Reading Grades 3–6 Mathematics	
May 3–28, 2021	Grades 7–10 ELA Reading Grades 7 & 8 Mathematics	
May 10–21, 2021	Grades 5 & 8 Science	

### Florida Statewide Assessments (FSA)

If you would like to review the materials, paper-based practice tests and answer keys are available at <u>http://www.FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/paper-based-practice-test-materials/</u>. For information regarding test session lengths for all Spring 2021 FSA assessments, please visit the FSA Portal at <u>www.FSAssessments.org</u>, click on the Students and Families icon, select the Frequently Asked Questions card, then select the question: "How long are the tests?" **Please review the following policies with your child(ren) before FSA**.

**Electronic Devices** - Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom), even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them. If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated. Calculators are not permitted during Mathematics tests.

**Testing Rules Acknowledgment -** All FSA tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment printed in the student's test and answer book that reads: "I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated." Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by signing below the statement in their test and answer book.

**Discussing Test Content after Testing** - The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states: "Because the content in all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items, passages, and prompts) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, or Instagram." Please make sure your student understands that "discussing" test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.

**Working Independently** - Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. In addition, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.

**Leaving Campus** - If your child leaves campus before completing a test session (e.g., for lunch, an appointment, illness), he or she will not be allowed to return to that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.

**Testing Accommodations** - If your child has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL), please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your child.

# Ocean Palms Elementary 2021-2022 School Year



### **Welcoming the Class of 2034**

### Online Registration begins in March!

Please visit our Registration Webpage for details. http://www-ope.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/

If you have questions, please email vicki.morales@stjohns.k12.fl.us

# PAINT THE OTTER ROCKS!

Reserve your spot today! Click to sign up or email shmorse@yahoo.com for more information.

Celebrate your child's birthday, 1/2 birthday, or a teacher's birthday! Or if your child is a budding artist, let them create their own work of art!







# **Ocean Palms Elementary**

# ONLINE ORDERING ONLY

# COMMPE.PICTAVO.COM

Find your school or enter ID#: 94083



Pay price based on order date: / Pague el precio según la fecha del pedido:

# □\$25.00



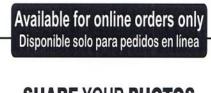
# ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

¡Ordene su anuario hoy!

A limited number of yearbooks have been ordered and may not be available later, so please reserve your copy today. Se ha pedido una cantidad limitada de anuarios y es posible que no estén disponibles más adelante, así que reserve su copia hoy.

No cash, checks, or money orders will be accepted at the school. / ¡Pedidos en línea solamente! No se aceptarán efectivo, cheques ni giros postales en la escuela.





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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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### 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 <u>http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/</u>. Across the top of the homepage, you will see the HAC Icon. Click to enter HAC.

School District HOME COMMUN	HAC CALENDAR CONTACT
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 an 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	Home Access Center User Registration         First Name:*       Debbie         Last Name:*       Parent         City:*       Saint Augustine         Zip Code:*       32084         Register       registration.
After entering the above information, select the "Register" button Once your account has been located, please create a user name. It is rece <b>email address as your user name.</b> Next, create challenge questions and a is now ready for use.	

sername: Ilovekids@xxq(com x Compose 2 challenge questions and provide appropriate answers	Enter your current email address as your Username.	
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My Favorite Vacation Spot?	and answers.	Jamaica
Color of my first vehicle?	Click the finish button.	Blue

#### 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 <u>clinic website https://www-ope.stjohns.k12.fl.us/clinic/</u> 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.













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