



355 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082 Palms Post September Issue 2021

Dear Ocean Palms Families,

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone for a successful beginning to the 2021-2022 school year. It is due to the combined efforts of our school staff, parents, PTO, and our transportation department that our growing school can run efficiently and effectively every day. We are pleased to announce our morning car line has been clear each day no later than 8:30 a.m. and we are improving our parent pick up line daily, when the weather cooperates. Please remember students waiting in our parent pick up line must be picked up in carline. Adults cannot park and pick up students as they wait with their peers. For everyone's safety we also ask that you remain in your vehicle and allow us to load your student on the passenger side of your vehicle. Thank you to everyone for displaying their car tags and continually following our safety protocols. All of our school policies and procedures are available for review in our Parent-Student Handbook that was located in your child's blue communication folder at Meet the Teacher.

Communication is key in maintaining an excellent learning environment. We have many effective ways to communicate with families. The Palms Post is our parent newsletter and is sent via School Messenger monthly. If additional communication is necessary from the school, you may receive an email, phone call, or text message through School Messenger. School staff are also available by phone or email.

During our upcoming Curriculum Chats parents will learn about instructional goals, the rituals and routines that have been established, the grading process, and how your child is learning to be an active part of their classroom community. (K-5) Teachers will hold two repeat sessions on their designated night. Please reference the calendar on the right side of this edition of the Palms Post for your teacher's designated day. We are offering two repeat sessions, in an effort to allow for more social distancing and allow for more parking. The first session will be (5:00 – 5:45), followed by a repeat presentation from (6:00 – 6:45). Teachers will also email the presentation and send home any materials for those who are unable to attend. Please note per the Superintendent's email on 8-24-21 all staff and visitors will be required to wear a mask or face shield while on campus. This mandate is effective August 25, 2021 until September 23, 2021. A copy of the email and where to locate COVID-19 information is on page 2. Please do not hesitate to call us with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Cantwell and Lisa Brubaker

OPE Administration Team

August

8/30th - 9/24th iReady Fall Diagnostic Assessment Window (K-5)

30 - PTO Meeting (9:00-10:00) Cafeteria

31 - OPE (K - 2) Curriculum Chat
Session 1 (5:00 - 5:45)
Session 2 (6:00 - 6:45)

Two repeat sessions are held in your teacher's room. Please attend only one.

September

1 - Student Ambassador Mtg. (2:00-3:30)

2 - OPE (3 - 5) Curriculum Chat
Session 1 (5:00 - 5:45)
Session 2 (6:00 - 6:45)

Two repeat sessions are held in your teacher's room. Please attend only one.

6 - Labor Day/No School

9 - Ms. Bell, Mrs. Hopkins, Ms. Kessler, and Mrs. Sheen's Curriculum Chat Night
Session 1 (5:00 - 5:45)
Session 2 (6:00 - 6:45)

Two repeat sessions are held in your teacher's room. Please attend only one.

9 - OPE SPIRIT NIGHT at Trasca & Co Eatery (4:00-7:30)

14 - Interims issued through Home Access Center (HAC) for grades (3-5), hard copies for grades (K-2)

15 - Feeder Pattern Family Night (OPE, LMS, PHS) – no homework tonight and no tests tomorrow

16 - School Advisory Council (SAC) Mtg. (3:15 - 4:15)

20 - Individual Student Pictures

30 - Otter Run
(Schedule TBA)

Dear SJCS D Parents/Guardians,

First, I want to thank you for your support and preparation which led to an outstanding first week of school with your children. Again, this year we find ourselves working in the midst of the COVID pandemic. Although many conditions have changed, we are still in a situation that calls for us to be vigilant in our efforts to protect ourselves and the children we serve. Due to the rate of positive cases that are coming into school, the St. Johns County School District is mandating face masks or face shields for all employees and visitors for the next 30 days. In accordance with Executive Order 2021-175, this temporary mandate does not apply to students. This is effective tomorrow, August 25, 2021 and we will evaluate this mandate at the end of the 30-day period ending, September 23, 2021.

Sincerely,
Tim Forson
Superintendent of Schools
St. Johns County School District

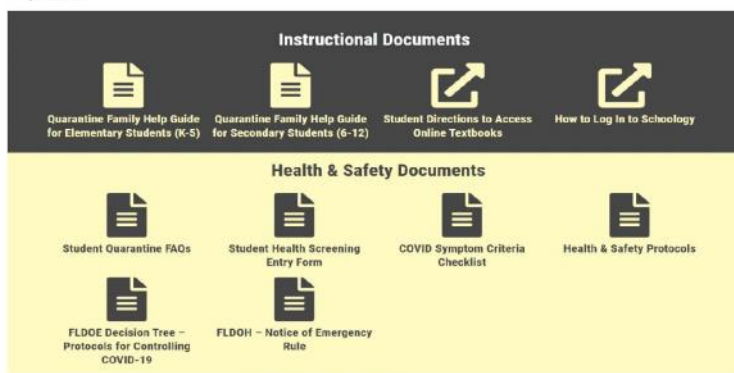
St. Johns County School District
<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/covid-19/>



COVID-19 Dashboard

[View the 2020-2021 COVID Dashboard](#)

Please note: the total number of COVID positive students and total number of quarantined students shown in the August 16 & 17 update are based upon reporting from parents / guardians.



Student Health Screening Entry Form

Please assess your child daily for the following symptoms and answer the contact questions.

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Uncontrolled cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Muscle aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Is your child currently awaiting COVID-19 test results?
- Does your child live in the same household with someone positive for COVID-19? **If yes, please keep your child home and notify the school nurse when test results are received. Further instructions will be discussed at that time.**
- Has your child had close contact with someone who in the past 14 days tested positive for COVID-19? **If yes, your child must quarantine for 7 days from the last date of contact with the positive individual. The quarantine period may be shortened if a negative COVID test result is obtained on day 5 or later from exposure to the positive case.**



We offer a huge thank you to our PTO. PTO's financial contributions are considerable and their volunteer efforts immeasurable. To kick start the year PTO has purchased site licenses for Brain Pop, Raz Kids, Study Island, iReady Reading, iReady Math, and class sets of Sunshine State books. In addition to their monetary donation, our PTO has spent hours stuffing back to school folders and providing breakfast and lunch for the OPE staff during pre-planning. We truly appreciate all those who stand at our side supporting our school!



Starting August 30th through September 24th students in grades (K-5) will take their first i-Ready Diagnostic in math and then reading. iReady is a computer adaptive test that matches the difficulty of test questions to the ability of each student. The diagnostic starts each student at a difficulty level that includes their chronological grade level. As students answer questions correctly, the test becomes more difficult. As students answer questions incorrectly, the test becomes easier. In both scenarios, the test adapts to find the precise ability of each student in the quickest, most efficient way possible.

This means no two students will take the same test. Just as every student has a different ability level, every student will have a different test experience. Students will see material teachers haven't covered. This is an intentional design of the adaptive assessment. Students may see above and below grade level material. Every student will receive a challenging test. The Diagnostic is designed for students to get about 50% of the questions correct and 50% incorrect to help identify their precise abilities on a range of skills.

A student's assessment score is not based on the number of items he or she answers correctly. A student's score is determined by adjusting after each item to determine his or her proficiency level. Assessment results will be reviewed with you during your beginning of the year parent-teacher conference.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

**WEAR YOUR OPE GEAR
EVERY FRIDAY!**

October

Character Counts - Responsibility

- 1 – Otter Run (Rain Date)
- 4 – PTO Meeting. (9:00-10:00)
- 15 – First Quarter Ends
- 18 – Teacher Planning Day/No School
- 21 – School Advisory Council (SAC) Mtg. (3:15-4:15)
- 22 – Fifth Grade Spelling Bee: Classroom Competitions
- 25-29 – Fall Book Fair & Red Ribbon Week
- 26 – Report Cards posted on Home Access Center (HAC)
- 28 – Fall Family Night (5:30-7:30)

November

Character Counts - Citizenship

- 1-4 Candy Donation/Drive for Troops
- 1 – PTO Mtg. (9:00-10:00)
- 4 – Individual Student Picture Retakes (optional)
- 8-15 – Canned Food Drive
- 10 – Feeder Pattern Family Night (OPE, LMS, PHS) – no homework to-night and no tests tomorrow
- 11 – Veterans Day/No School
- 12 – Health Screenings for students in grades K, 1, & 3

GROWTH MINDSET AND SWAG TAGS

Growth Mindset and SWAG Tags

At Ocean Palms we explicitly teach Growth Mindset and the power of the word "yet" because we know students reach their goals at different times. The ability to connect the power of the word "yet" to reduce the negative associations with failure, is one of the first steps students can take to develop a sense of personal growth. Students who embrace a growth mindset belief they can learn more if they work hard and persevere. They take on challenges and learn from them, increasing their abilities and skills.

Rather than focus on the finish line teachers will celebrate each students' progress toward their individual goals with SWAG tags. Throughout the year students can earn SWAG tags for good character, reading Sunshine State Books, and reaching 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100% of their Annual Typical Growth on iReady in reading and math.

Each student is provided with a breakaway lanyard to proudly display their student ID and SWAG tags daily. At the end of the school year, students will have opportunity to throw water balloon(s) at staff members at our Water Balloon Barrage. Each student will have the opportunity to throw (1) balloon. Additional balloons can be earned for meeting typical and stretch growth goals on iReady. Students have the potential to earn a total of (5) balloons.

iReady Reading	iReady Math
1 Balloon = Annual Typical Growth Goal	1 Balloon = Annual Typical Growth Goal
1 Balloon = Annual Stretch Growth Goal	1 Balloon = Annual Stretch Growth Goal
1 Balloon = Based on effort toward reaching individual goals	

Example SWAG tags below:



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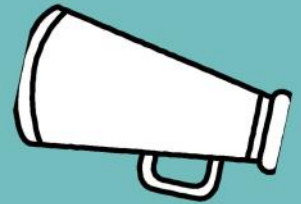
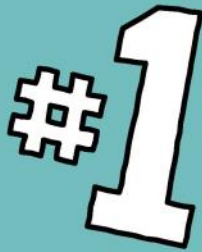


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SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT



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REGISTER TODAY for the all new Membership Toolkit!

As an Otter family you will have quick access to the PTO calendar of events, on-time notifications, full membership directory* and so much more!



Once downloaded, follow the prompts:

- Click "Register/Log In" button and click "verify my email"
- Check your email and click on the link provided
- Once verified, log in and complete the registration process
- Join the PTO or update your membership and gain full access!

To learn more, visit
opepto.membershiptoolkit.com

*Full directory for paid members only

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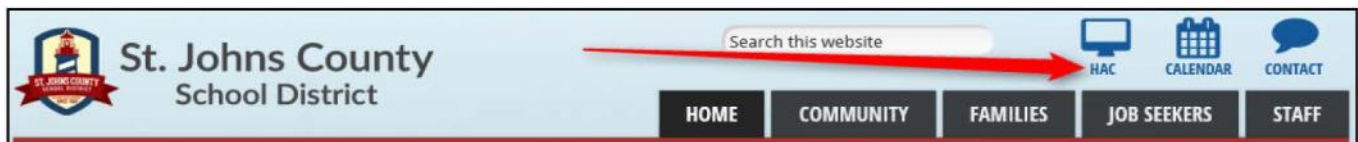
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Parents: New Home Access Center Account "HAC"

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.



TFW AFTER-SCHOOL WORKOUT PROGRAM

COST IS \$249 — PER 8 WEEK PROGRAM*

Join Us for a Fun After School Workout 2nd—5th Grade BOYS & GIRLS @ OPE!

Training For Warriors (TFW) after-school program encompasses signature warm-ups, speed training, strength training, endurance training, flexibility work, nutrition education and games specifically for kids in an outdoor setting.

TFW helps improve confidence and self esteem while having fun! Each class will be 1-hour in length and there will be a total of 16 classes in the session.



Training for Warriors Registration Form

Select an after-school workout session (Monday: 3pm - 4pm & Wednesday 2pm - 3pm):

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Session One

Sept 8th thru Nov 3rd

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Session Two

Nov 8th thru Jan 26th

- No class: Nov 22nd thru Nov 26th and Dec 20th thru Jan 7th

Parent's Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent's Email: _____ Child's Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Emergency Contact Name and Cell Phone: _____

My Child's Medical Concerns: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED:

\$

Return to the OPE front office by Friday, August 27th

- Make checks payable to TFW PVB
- Drop off form at OPE front office or mail to: Phil Squatrito, 402 Mahi Drive, Ponte Vedra, FL. 32081
- Questions? Reach out to Phil Squatrito at (973) 723-7388



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Don't miss your chance to leave a lasting legacy on our campus

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100% of the proceeds will go to fund the PTO to help with technology purchases,

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Thank you for supporting Ocean Palms!

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(A space counts as a character).

Note: All text will be capitalized & centered.



PAYMENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Total Due: _____

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

Ocean Palms Elementary c/o Sierra Boyce
355 Landrum Lane
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Forms and Payment must be received by DECEMBER 1, 2021 for a Winter Install Date

If you have any questions please contact: Sierra Boyce, sierraboyce@hotmail.com/407.733.9033



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Any questions, please contact Kate Reynolds(kreynolds74@att.net)



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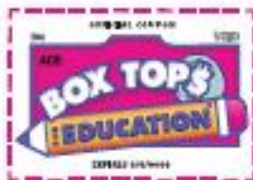
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EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

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





Making Good Choices 2021

October 25- October 29



Daily Safety Focus

Monday 10/25: Internet Safety - Do not give out personal information online. Tell your grownups right away if you see something that makes you feel uncomfortable.

Tuesday 10/26: Personal Safety - Who are your safe adults? Safe adults are people that you trust to get you help when you need it. Do you know your address/phone number in case of an emergency? If not, take some time this week to focus on memorizing them. What safety rules do you have in your family?

Wednesday 10/27: Drug Awareness - It is important to take good care of your body and not put anything harmful in it. Your bodies and brains are still developing.

Thursday 10/28: Biker/Walker Safety - Always wear a helmet when riding a bike. Make eye contact with drivers to be sure they are paying attention and are going to stop before you cross the street. Look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.

Friday 10/29: Water Safety - Never go into water without an adult present. Always swim with a partner. When at the beach, always obey the beach safety flags and swim near a lifeguard.

Monday October 25	Tuesday October 26	Wednesday October 27	Thursday October 28	Friday October 29
Internet Safety	Personal Safety	Drug Awareness	Biker/Walker Safety	Water Safety

Wear **RED** to show you love and respect yourself.



Dress like a **Superhero** to show that you eat like a Superhero



Wear your favorite **Sports Gear** to show you exercise your body.



Dress in your favorite **Pajamas** to show you take good care of yourself by getting enough sleep.



Wear your **School Spirit gear** to show you do your best in school.

