



355 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Palms Post Issue 9

Dear Otter Families,

Did you hear there was an ELVIS sighting at Ocean Palms? That's right, Mrs. Pharis and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students entertained a large group of fans to music from the 50's and 60's during the "Rock and Roll is Here to Stay" program presented to families on Thursday, March 9. Students dressed in their black leather coats, poodle skirts and polka dots while they sang, danced and rocked out! Elvis and several other rockers even made an appearance! Audience members enjoyed singing and moving to the rhythms as our talented 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students performed several of the Golden Oldies. Great job students and congratulations Mrs. Pharis for a job well done!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in Otterpalooza on March 4th. It was a beautiful event where parents enjoyed an evening of glow-in-the-dark putt-putt golf, a closest-to-the-pin competition, and corn hole games, all on a perfect spring night where the notes of the Sada Davidson Band were carried with the evening breeze. At The Yards, parents could relax among the fire pits and catering by 3 Palms Grille, and enjoy the company of fellow Otter families. Not to mention, the silent auction! From trips to Asheville, to handbags, to teacher experiences and more, parents could bid on various auction items to benefit the school. By the time the last of the desserts were plucked from the tray and the final song was played, the Ocean Palms community raised more than \$50,000 for school improvements, technology, and other educational needs. Thank you to our sponsors who included: The Retreat at Ponte Vedra Beach, SVR Realty, APEX Elite, and NRSG. A very Special Thank You to our Chair - Brittany Darling and Co-chair - Jessica Vaughan for the tremendous amount of work that went into planning this extraordinary evening! To our amazing community, we appreciate your continuous support to help improve our school!

If you missed Otterpalooza don't worry because we have more fun planned with our Spring Festival on Thursday, April 20 (5:00-8:00). This event is sponsored by Lazzara Orthodontics, Fishman Pediatric Dentistry, and Chick-fil-a. As always, the Book Fair will be open for parents and students at the Spring Festival and we have several new activities students will enjoy in addition to some that were brought back based on high demand. Be sure to check out the water balloon schedule so you don't miss your chance to drench your favorite person!

## March

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

28 – Report Cards posted on Home  
Access Center (HAC)

## April

4 – PTO Mtg. (9:00-10:00)

7 - Student/Teacher Holiday/No School

10 – Student/Teacher Holiday/No  
School

**20 - Spring Festival & Book Fair  
(5:00-8:00)**

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

25 – Interims



**Breakfast and lunch menus  
are now online [https://  
schools.mealviewer.com/school/  
OceanPalmsElementary](https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/OceanPalmsElementary) or use  
the QR  
Code to  
access our  
menu  
directly on  
your  
phone.**



# May

- 1-5 – Staff Appreciation Week
- 4 – May the Force Be with You! Star Wars Dress Up Day
- 8 – PTO Mtg. (9:00-10:00)
- 11 – School Advisory Council (SAC) Mtg. (3:15-4:15)
- 12 – Kindergarten End of Year Celebrations
- 15 – PreK & VE End of Year Celebrations
- 16 – First Grade End of Year Celebrations
- 16 – (K-2) STEM Night and Art Show (5:00-6:30)
- 17 – Second Grade End of Year Celebrations
- 18 – Third Grade End of Year Celebrations
- 18 - (3-5) STEM Night and Art Show (5:00-6:30)
- 19 – Fourth Grade End of Year Celebrations
- 24 – Fifth Grade Talent Show (9:00-10:00) and Fifth Grade Fun Day (10:00-1:00)
- 25 – Fifth Grade Clap Out (1:20-1:45)
- 25 – Last Day of School for Students - Early Dismissal 1:30 PreK and 1:45 Grades K-5

It is hard to believe, but the fourth quarter is here. During the last nine weeks of school, teachers in grades (K - 4) will schedule parent-teacher conferences to discuss your child's progress and complete a classroom placement card. The placement card is the parents' opportunity to give input on class placement for next school year. Please know that we do not take requests for specific teachers. Any students' needs or desired teacher characteristics should be outlined on the placement card.

During the fourth quarter students will take their final state assessment. The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is the state required progress monitoring tool that is administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.). The assessment window for students in grades (K-2) opens for Reading and Math on April 17th and the window for grades (3-5) opens on May 1st. We are currently in the process of finalizing our assessment calendar. Once dates are locked in your child's homeroom teacher will be able to share their exact testing dates. Third and fourth grade students will assess both Reading and Math this year while Fifth grade students will take Reading, Math, and Science. The 2023 school year is a calibration year and OPE was not selected as a site location for the fourth and fifth grade writing assessment.

We strongly encourage everyone to visit [Students & Families \(ffast.org\)](#) for detailed information about the state required assessments your child is taking on the computer and to sign up for the Family Portal [Login \(cambiumast.com\)](#) to have direct access to your child's assessment results.

The screenshot shows the 'Family Portal' registration page. At the top left is the Florida Department of Education logo. The main heading is 'Family Portal'. Below this is a section titled 'Enter your student's information' with a note: 'All fields are required. 6 digit student ID Number in HAC'. The form includes fields for 'Access Code' (with a sub-note '8-Character Unique Code'), 'Date of Birth' (with dropdown menus for Month, Day, and Year), and 'First Name'. A blue callout box on the left provides instructions on where to find the 'Access Code' in the Home Access Center (HAC) under the Registration tab.

Lastly, it is bittersweet to share news that Assistant Principal, Dr. Johnson is pursuing a position in higher education. Dr. Johnson taught at OPE before moving into his administrative role and built lasting relationships with staff and OPE families. While we are saddened by his departure we wish him the very best! Dr. Johnson's last day was March 10.

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

## THIRD GRADE PROGRESSION STATUE



The third grade progression statute is to ensure that students have the necessary reading skills to be successful in grade 4 and beyond, where the rigors of reading in the content areas increase. **According to section 1008.25 (5), Florida Statutes (F.S.), to be promoted to fourth grade, a third-grade student must score a Level 2 or above on the statewide Florida Assessment of Student Thinking – English Language Arts (FAST-ELA).** The following plan describes several ways for students who do not meet this standard initially to be promoted to fourth grade.

If a student does not demonstrate proficiency on the statewide FAST- ELA Assessment during the third progress monitoring (PM3) test, they may attend the district provided Summer Reading Program to ensure they receive additional instruction.

There is also statutory language that prohibits the statewide FAST- ELA from being the sole determiner of promotion and states that additional evaluations, portfolio reviews and assessments are available to the child to assist parents and the school district in knowing when a child is reading at or above grade level and ready for grade promotion. **Students are scheduled to take the Spring ELA Assessment between May 1st – 25th. OPE’s administrative staff will contact the parents of any students who score a level 1 as soon as results are released to the school to discuss next steps.**

### (3-5) ELA/Reading Levels and Scales for FAST 2023

ELA	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Third Grade	240-284	285-299	300-314	315-329	330-360
Fourth Grade	251-298	299-309	310-324	325-339	340-376
Fifth Grade	257-303	304-320	321-335	336-351	352-385

### SJCSD Summer Reading Program 2023

Our district’s Student Progression Plan requires students in grade 3 who score Level 1 on FAST to attend the Summer Reading Program unless they qualify for promotion by good cause exemption 2 or 3. All good cause exemptions are posted on the next page.

### **Dates/Times for the 2023 Summer Reading Program:**

**Location:** Palm Valley Academy (PVA)

**Dates:** June 12 - July 13 (off July 3 and 4 for the holiday)

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Monday - Thursday)

\*Bus transportation is provided

# Third Grade Good Cause Exemptions

**Good Cause Exemptions 1, 4, 5, 6** Students who earn a Level 1 on the FAST for PM3 and meet one of the Good Cause Exemptions outlined below must also attend the 2023 Summer Reading Program. A student only needs to meet the criteria for one of the 6 Good Cause Exemptions.

**Good Cause Exemption #1:** Limited English proficient students who have had less than two (2) years of instruction in an English for Speakers of Other Languages program based on the initial date of entry into a school in the United States.

**Good Cause Exemption #2:** Students with disabilities whose individual education plan indicates that participation in the statewide assessment program is not appropriate, consistent with requirements of s.1008.212, *F.S.*

**Good Cause Exemption #3:** Students who demonstrate an acceptable level of performance on an alternate standardized reading or English Language Arts assessment approved by the State Board of Education. Alternate Assessments: SAT-10, raw score 37 (45<sup>th</sup> percentile) or STAR Reading 986 scale score (50<sup>th</sup> percentile).

## **STAR Enterprise Reading (given as first alternate assessment)**

- **May 15<sup>th</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>**

## **SAT-10 (Student can take the SAT-10 a total of two times)**

- **May 18<sup>th</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>**
- **July 10<sup>th</sup> – July 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Good Cause Exemption #4:** A student who demonstrates through a student portfolio that he or she is performing at least at Level 2 on the statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessment.

**Good Cause Exemption #5:** Students with disabilities who take the statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessment and who have an individual education plan or a Section 504 Plan that reflects that the student has received intensive remediation in reading or English Language Arts for more than two years but still demonstrates a deficiency and was previously retained in kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2 or grade 3.

**Good Cause Exemption #6:** Students who have received intensive reading intervention for two or more years but still demonstrate a deficiency in reading and who were previously retained in kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, or grade 3 for a total of two years. A student may not be retained more than once in grade 3.



# F.A.S.T Assessment Grades (3-5) Only

(3-5) Achievement Levels for the 2022-23 school year only, are provisional and are linked to the 2021-22 reporting scale as required by Florida Law.

For 2023-2024 and beyond, scores will be reported on a new scale after the State Board of Education adopts new student achievement expectations in fall of 2023.

## Level 1 (257-303):

Inadequate: Students who score in Level 1 demonstrate an inadequate level of mastery of the B.E.S.T. Standards for their grade. To be prepared for the next grade, they are highly likely to need substantial support.

## Level 2 (304-320):

Below Satisfactory: Students who score in Level 2 demonstrate a below satisfactory level of mastery of the B.E.S.T. Standards for their grade. To be prepared for the next grade, they are likely to need substantial support.

## Level 3 (321-335):

On-Grade-Level: Students who score in Level 3 demonstrate on-grade-level mastery of the B.E.S.T. Standards for their grade. They may need additional support to excel in the next grade.

## Level 4 (336-351):

Proficient: Students who score in Level 4 demonstrate proficiency in the B.E.S.T. Standards for their grade. They are likely to excel in the next grade.

## Level 5 (352-385):

Mastery: Students who score in Level 5 demonstrate mastery of the B.E.S.T. Standards for their grade. They are highly likely to excel in the next grade.

# HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**1.8 MILLION**  
words per year  
and is more likely  
to score in the  
**90th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**282,000**  
words per year  
and is more likely  
to score in the  
**50th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to  
**8,000**  
words per year  
and is more likely  
to score in the  
**10th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests



# Character Counts Recognition for Caring



Kindergarten	Sophie Armel, Brynn Blankenship, Saylor de Castro, Emma Delgado, Nicholas Koteski, Maggie Palmer, Addison Terwilliger
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Noelle Joyce, Aleks Koteski, Reese Michaels, Palle Nielsen, Korin Pietrick, Aurora Shapiro, Olivia Spanton
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Blake Becksmith, Annalise Bridges, Rhys Henning, Chloe Kinnucan, Anthony Moussa, William Perry, Caliana Storer
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Penelope Bengan, Carter Drew, Eliana Feldman, Sophia Frecks, Jaeleigh Grappin, Austin Jackson, Parker McMillen, Joy Merrill
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Harper Ambrose, Rodrigo Estrada Cardona, Kayla Everitt, Ajna Kapxhiu, Brooklyn Lanese, Austin Phillips, Theodora Tsiplakos, Amelia Weller
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Sophiana Decastro, Aviana Farrell, Benjamin Kennedy, Jacob Pike, Kathryn Rudder, Elizabeth Ster, Jay Tiedeberg, Kassidie Wacker



# Character Counts Recognition for Respect



Kindergarten	Ethan Blair, Joseph Carletta, Caroline Hanback, Sebastian Hernandez, Rowan McLaughlin, Victoria Smith-Duran, Joseph Perry, Tanner Stein
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Ryan Brignac, Conor Brown, James Buscemi, Jonathan Gonen, Harper Mundy, Matthew Peruchi, Olivia Piltin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Nathn Bagunu, Ethan Blair, Alex Brown, Rose Dauchy, Benjamin LeGout, Paityn Rollins, Rocky Woeppel
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Shiloh Bales, John Thomas Brunet, Artem Kushniruk, George Mackenzie, Mackenzie Mann, Alexandria McClellan, Orion Pike, Madeline Spooner
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Addison Blankenship, Knox Cartwright, Keelan Kelly, Elliana Long, Fenton Mitchell, Mia Pardee, Oscar Wyeth
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Austin Aragon, Kaiden Baughman, Aidan Erchel, Noah Gharacholou, William Harty, John Wilson Hilley, Taelyn Lawton, Michael Lesso, Benjamin Ostapenko



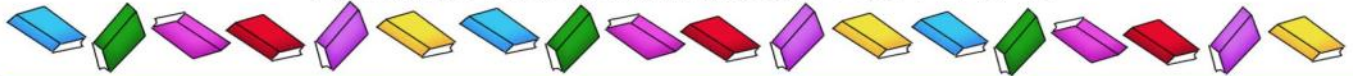


These students made it through the final qualifying rounds to make our 2023 Battle of the Books Team! We want to wish them GOOD LUCK! As they go on to compete at the district level on Tuesday, May 28th. Thank you to Mrs. Schoer and Mrs. O'Hara for preparing our team for the district competition.

## Congratulations to OPE's 2023 Battle of the Books Team

- ◆ Lucy Kate Bridges  
(Winter) grade 5
- ◆ Ryan Dalessandro  
(Frein) grade 4
- ◆ Angelina Lobos  
(Happel) grade 5
- ◆ Amaia Cubero-Lopez  
(Capobianco) grade 3
- ◆ Evan Serang  
(Horton) grade 5
- ◆ Ella Wall  
(Horton) grade 5
- ◆ Juliette Werba  
(McVeigh) grade 4

## SPRING BOOK FAIR SCHEDULE 2023



### OPEN - Thursday, April 20th (5:00-8:00) at the Spring Festival

	Fri. 4/21	Mon. 4/24	Tues. 4/25	Wed. 4/26	Thurs. 4/27
8:40 - 9:00	Frecks	Worz	Gomez	Korn	McAfee
9:00 - 9:20	Sheen	Daniels	Wiley	Frein	Nannetti
9:20 - 9:40	Conroy	Blaich	Peterson	Garner	Reiser
9:40 - 10:00	Flowers	Reid	Webster	Stoever	Fitch
10:00 - 10:20	Winter	Becksmith	Owens	Pazar	Crouch
10:20 - 10:40	McVeigh	Kuhn (10:25-10:45)	Lerner (10:25-10:45)	Seiden	Sebestyen (10:25-10:45)
10:50 - 11:15	McCall (10:48-11:12)	Salzman	Seese	Happel	Jette
11:20 - 11:40	Rosberg	Pekerol	Mutai	Dalton (11:28-11:48)	Ely
11:40 - 12:00	Ghiglia	Bhide	Lewis		
12:18 - 12:38	Cullum	Dipola	Nichol		
12:22 - 12:42	Sawyer	Capobianco	Karmeris		
12:50 - 1:10	Hopkins			1:30/1:45 Early Dismissal	
1:30 - 1:50	Roberts	Raiff			

## OPE Where Kindness Counts

Fifth grade Ambassador club sold kindness cards to students to benefit the community. Students could purchase kindness cards for their friends, which included messages such as “You’re Otterly Fabulous!” with candy. These were later distributed to the classrooms.

In the meantime, the Ambassadors were also working on painting piggy banks and writing notes to children at Wolfson Children’s Hospital. Then, using some of the proceeds from the kindness card sales, they filled the piggy banks for the children, so they could use the money to purchase books, fidgets and other toys from the Wolfie Wagon—a traveling toy and treat shop in the hospital. The Ambassadors donated approximately \$500 from the fundraiser for this endeavor.



With the remaining proceeds, these fifth-grade student Ambassadors opted to dedicate funds to their First Responders Project and other upcoming service projects.

Finally, the Ambassadors, as not to forget anyone, made DIY toys out of old T-shirts for a local pet shelter, Love Me True Rescue. It was a series of kind endeavors that connected OPE students to their community.

## Children’s Access to Art Program (CAAP)

Thank you to our CAAP Chair, Amy Parent and Co-chair, Stacie Disbennett for breathing like back into this wonderful program. Thank you to all of our volunteers who are enriching our students’ lives and providing them with creative outlets. We would love to showcase more CAAP projects so be sure to take pictures. In February, Mr. Jones presented a lesson to Mrs. Ely’s kindergarten class. The children created a valentine to take home and a second one valentine that was delivered to Ronald McDonald House in Jacksonville by Ms. Cox on behalf of the class.





# Senior Volunteer of the Year 22-23

## Mrs. Sharon Kehoe

Ocean Palms Elementary School is proud to celebrate its own personal crusader against childhood hunger: **Mrs. Sharon Kehoe**. Mrs. Kehoe is the coordinator of the local Blessings in a Backpack project. Blessings in a Backpack is a national nonprofit program that gives food security to at-risk children on the weekends. However, this program is 100% funded through donations and volunteers. Without Mrs. Kehoe, this program would cease to exist in our community, and many children would suffer serious consequences from such a loss.



Mrs. Kehoe is the **OPE 22-23 Senior Volunteer of the Year**.

Without fail for **13 years**, this remarkable woman has planned meals, organized volunteer teams and work locations, fundraised purchases, and delivered food backpacks to **195 students** in need at local schools. Currently, Mrs. Kehoe logs about **6-10 hours weekly** on this project alone. Other schools that have benefitted from Mrs. Kehoe's attention include: Landrum Middle School, Palm Valley Academy, Valley Ridge, and PVPV/Rawlings.

Mrs. Kehoe, a former pediatric nurse and senior health executive by way of Buffalo, New York, is unstoppable in her life's work! During the Covid-19 restrictions, she could not assemble volunteers to help with Blessings in a Backpack. Therefore, she and her husband, Mr. Ken Kehoe, singlehandedly kept the program up and running. Her selfless dedication, to include a willingness to plan family time and vacations around her Blessings in the Backpack school year schedule, is extraordinary. The short and long-term impacts of Mrs. Kehoe's contributions on SJCS students' socio-emotional health and physical wellbeing are immeasurable!

What fuels Mrs. Kehoe's commitment and passion for the underprivileged long into her retirement is the deep, abiding belief that childhood hunger needs to be eliminated. On many occasions, Mrs. Kehoe has been heard motivating volunteers with the poignant words: "Kids don't choose to be hungry." This beautiful, caring wife to Ken is also the loving mother of five children and grandmother to eight grandchildren. Her family remarked that her entire life has been about volunteering and service to others. They said, "Whether it be children, women, impoverished, or anyone who just needs a helping hand, she does so unconditionally and without a second thought." Ocean Palms Elementary is honored to have a person as rare as Mrs. Kehoe in our midst. Her lifelong call to duty and unparalleled acts of kindness are a legacy for others to strive for and follow.

# Adult Volunteer of the Year 22-23

## Mrs. Jennifer Werba

Ocean Palms Elementary School is proud to announce **Mrs. Jennifer Werba** as our Outstanding **Adult Volunteer of the Year**. Generous with her time and expertise, Mrs. Werba has served OPE for **over eight years** in variety of volunteer positions including School Advisory Committee, Spring Family Night Co-Chair, New Playground Co-Chair, TFW Workout Chair, Otterpalooza Helper, Pavers Chair, and Fifth Grade Celebration Chair. She has also donated hours to test proctoring, books fairs, room parent activities, STEM nights, Otter Runs, and teacher appreciation events. From August 2021 to now, she has logged well over **150 hours** of volunteer time.



Two years ago, Mrs. Werba assumed the leadership role of **OPE PTO President**. She has dedicated much time and effort toward the viability and mission of this critical school-support organization, especially school and community relations. During her tenure, the PTO made substantial membership and financial gains that have benefitted all OPE stakeholders. Currently, the PTO has over 300 members and 33 business partners. Additionally, this year, the PTO added more faculty members to its membership roster than any other year in OPE history. However, it is Mrs. Werba's humility that endears her most to the OPE family. Mrs. Werba believes strongly in the process of collectively putting together a diverse group of people to collaborate and work for common causes. She reaches out to new OPE families and makes all feel welcomed and valued. Along with her outstanding PTO board, she has worked tirelessly at identifying the everyday needs of OPE teachers and students as she maintains that "a lot of little projects made a big difference." One of the little projects that made a big difference was the delivery of printers to every teacher's classroom in September 2022. Some additional projects include the purchase of 80 laptops/4 carts, printer toner, picnic tables, kindergarten bench, field striper, breakaway bases, PE Cart with supplies for Teacher Led PE, fan misters, umbrellas for staff car line duty, staff holiday gift cards, additional Otter Rock, STEM equipment, and tents for outdoor events.

Ocean Palms Elementary School owes its greatest debt of gratitude to Mrs. Werba and PTO members for the playground renovation project, a costly campus improvement project that has taken about 4 years to initiate and complete in two phrases. During Phase 1, they replaced the old Pirate Ship playground structure that was approximately 17 years old and had significant maintenance challenges. Mrs. Werba and Mrs. Stacy Rendzio pursued several sponsorships to help off-set the \$140,000 cost. Then they negotiated with the vendor to lower the cost of the install. Determined to move forward for the benefit of OPE children, they installed the new structure in the summer of 2020— during the slow-down of the pandemic! What makes this project so special is they build a robust playground that all children can play on. By installing a ramp, sensory pieces along the ramp, and the Rocking Otter Float, every child can enjoy the playground. Phase 2, financed with allocated funds from the fall OPE Otter Run and designed by PTO members Sierra Boyce and Caryn Drew, was installed at the end of February 2023. Phase 2 included replacement of the 3-slide playground structure that is 26 years old. The new structure has 3 double swings and new rubber mulch. Lastly, Mrs. Werba's congeniality and gifts extend outside the OPE family footprint. In addition to caring deeply for her Ponte Vedra Beach community, this Atlanta, Georgia native is a loving wife to and mother to three children: Jake, Juliette, and John Edward. She is a member of the Sawgrass Country Club and is involved in youth and adult tennis leagues.

# Youth Volunteer of the Year 22-23

## Miss Serenity (Evie) Smith



While many other middle schoolers are charging home as soon as the LMS bell rings, **Miss Serenity (Evie) Smith** is working hard in the 100 Hallway of Ocean Palms Elementary School. Her frequent and loving dedication to the OPE kindergarten teachers and students have caused her to be nominated as the **OPE Youth Volunteer of the Year**.

Evie signs in at OPE almost daily to tackle any tasks the kindergarten teachers require. Evie reads with students, organizes supplies, cubbies, desks, computer stations, and book boxes. She also staples and collates papers, creates teaching manipulatives, sets up lessons, and assists children with class learning. Certainly, Evie has greatly enriched the lives of kindergarten teachers and students with her high energy, flexibility, and kindness. Her efforts have been appreciated and noticed by many! Since August 2022, Evie has recorded over 44 hours of volunteer time. She is OPE's most reliable youth volunteer. Her efforts have benefitted 7 teachers and approximately 150 students.

Evie, a seventh grader, desires to live a life of service. In addition to being an inspiration to small children, she hopes to serve in the military someday. Her Landrum Middle School teachers commented that Evie is always smiling, giggling, and friendly. She extends a helping hand to others and always does so with a smile on her face. Evie's mother said she was surprised when she gave Evie the choice of independent time or volunteer time, and Evie chose to spend her afternoons at Ocean Palms Elementary. This speaks greatly of Evie's caring, selfless spirit. Certainly, Evie is an excellent model of what we hope all young adults would give to our community. Evie believes in volunteering, and she often tells others how much she loves her small OPE friends! Her family members say Evie consistently works to be a strong role model for her younger sister, Pepper, whom she adores. However, what we know at Ocean Palms Elementary is Evie's humble and gentle displays character are vital and impactful to all in our school community!





RAIN  
OR  
SHINE

BROUGHT TO YOU BY LAZZARA & OPE PTO

# OPE SPRING FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH, 5 PM TO 8 PM

Please join us for a fun evening at OPE with a Water Balloon Challenge, Game Truck, Human Foosball, Hamster Balls, Bungee Run, Slide, Face Painting, Candy Walk, Tikiz, Music & The Book Fair



Please scan the QR code to Buy Food & Tickets

Book Fair Sponsored By

Food Sponsored By



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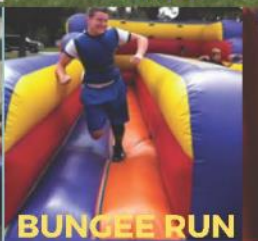
Special Treats Available For Sale By



All orders due APRIL 13TH food must be pre-ordered



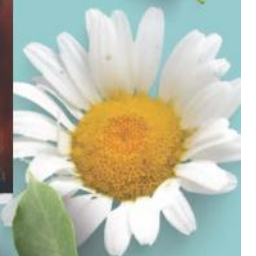
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HUMAN HAMSTER BALL

BUNGEE RUN

HUMAN FOOSBALL





# WATER BALLOON CHALLENGE

5:30-6:00 – Becksmith, Coach B, Pantano, Pharis,  
Proietto, & Webster

6:00-6:30 – Brubaker, Ely, Nichols, Pazar, Sebestyen,  
Seese, & Stoeber

6:30-7:00 – Daniels, Dipola, Fitch, Frecks, Frein, Garner,  
Sawyer, & Korn

7:00-7:30 – Cantwell, Kalapp, Peterson, Richmond, Reiser,  
Smith, & Wiley

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?



**WHAT'S  
HAPPENING**



**We encourage everyone to follow our PTO's Instagram and Facebook pages for hot off the press information and fabulous footage of our school events!**

**OPE's Website - <https://www-ope.stjohns.k12.fl.us>**

**PTO's Website - <https://opepto.membershiptoolkit.com>**

**PTO's Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/OceanPalmsPTO/>**

**PTO's Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/opepto/>**





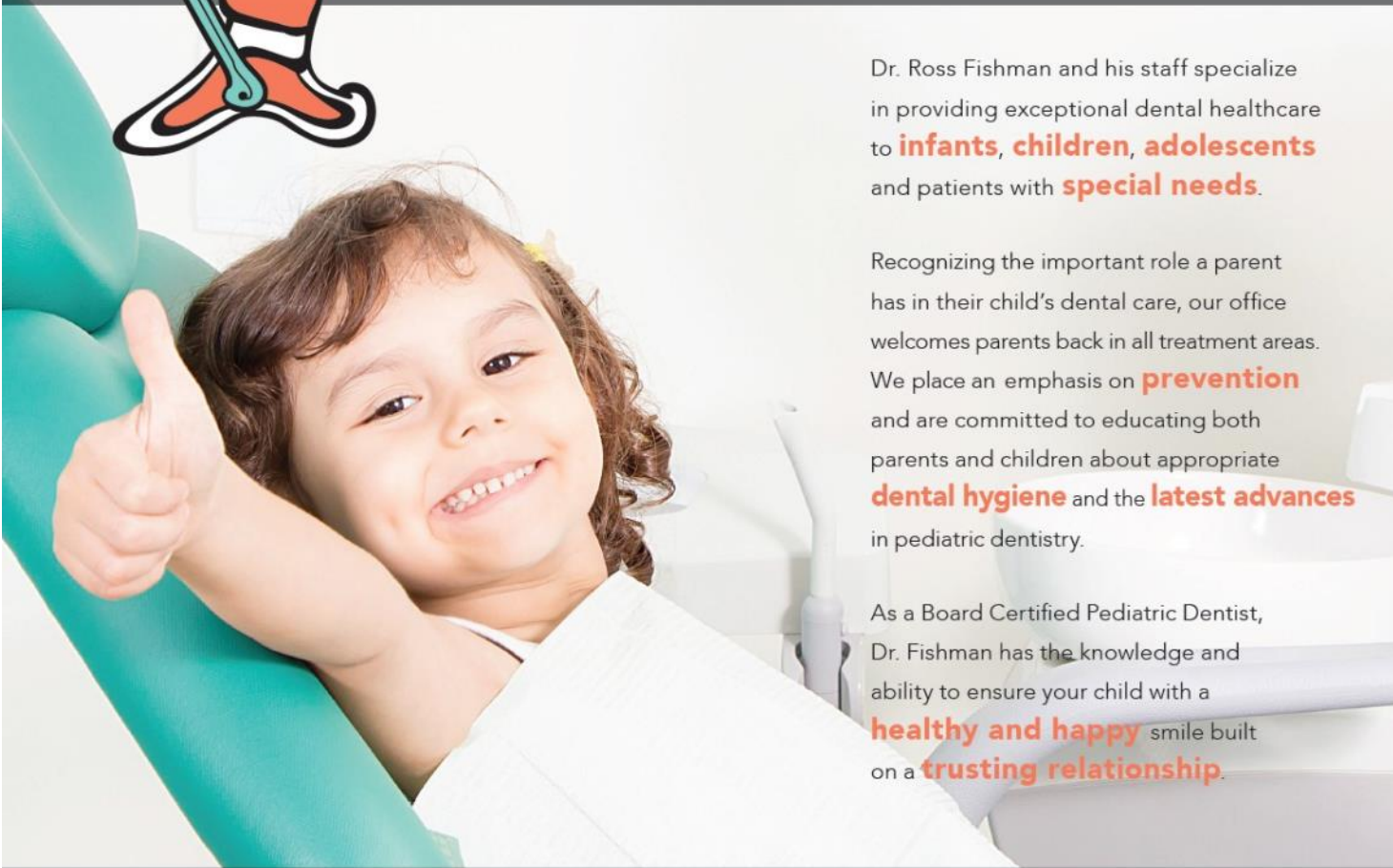
Do you want your child to be excited to visit the dentist?

## Fishman Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Ross Fishman and his staff specialize in providing exceptional dental healthcare to **infants, children, adolescents** and patients with **special needs**.

Recognizing the important role a parent has in their child's dental care, our office welcomes parents back in all treatment areas. We place an emphasis on **prevention** and are committed to educating both parents and children about appropriate **dental hygiene** and the **latest advances** in pediatric dentistry.

As a Board Certified Pediatric Dentist, Dr. Fishman has the knowledge and ability to ensure your child with a **healthy and happy** smile built on a **trusting relationship**.



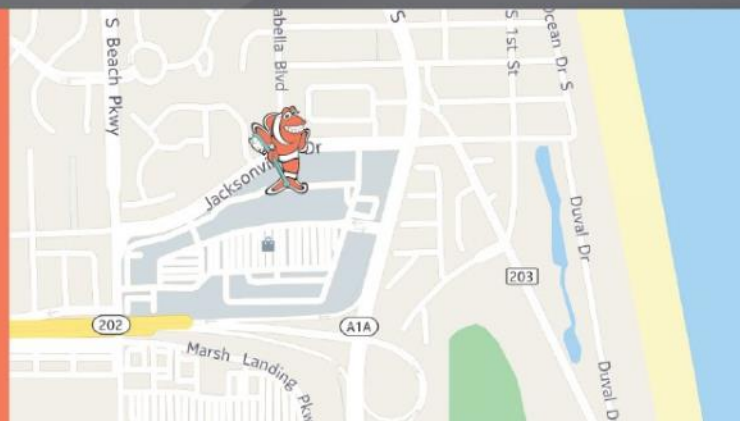
[fishmanpediatrics.com](http://fishmanpediatrics.com)

See for yourself what other parents are saying about us.

Schedule your child's appointment today:

**(904) 247-4097**

552 Jacksonville Drive, Jacksonville Beach







# Ocean Palms Partners Rock!



## Please Support Our 2022-23 Partners In Education

### Diamond Partners



### Platinum Partners



### Gold Partners



### Silver Partners



# LEAVE A LEGACY AT OPE

Custom-engage a 4x8 paver with your child's name, a special message or a tribute to a favorite teacher!  
Personalized pavers line the walkway to the front office.



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# HELP US PAVE THE WAY

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# ♥ Welcome to Kindergarten



## **Ocean Palms Elementary Invites you to Register for Kindergarten**

**Registration opens online March 1, 2023.  
Learn more about your home zoned school  
by going to our website.**

**<https://www-ope.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>**

**School Tour Dates – July 31 & Aug 1**

**A sign up genius link for school tours will be sent to  
registered families at the beginning of July.**

**Please contact us if you have questions!**

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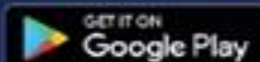
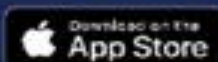
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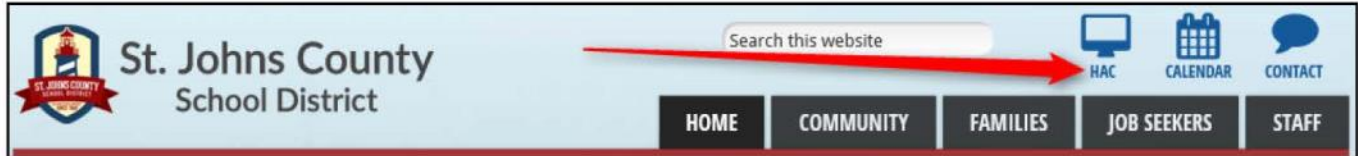
# St. Johns County School District

## 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".

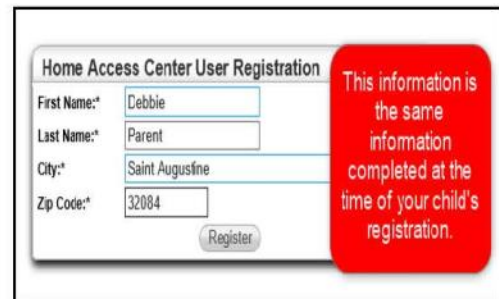


Fill in all fields completely:

**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 St. Johns County School District (SJCSJ) has recently implemented the eSchoolPLUS Family Mobile App for parents/guardians. This mobile app allows parents to see many of the Home Access Center (HAC) features from their mobile phone. This application uses the same login credentials as Home Access Center (HAC).

Here is what the eSchoolPLUS Family app looks like in the app store (Apple or Google):



## eSchoolPLUS Family

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Here are some of the key academic areas displayed by this mobile app:

- Student grades
- Attendance
- Assignments
- Report Card and Progress Reports
- Schedule
- Transportation
- Notifications

In addition, we discovered that some parents were using other untrusted 3<sup>rd</sup> party mobile apps to provide similar data pulled from our system by providing them with their personal HAC credentials. This can be dangerous because, the District has no connection or affiliation with these other vendor apps. By providing them with your credentials, you have granted them access to your child's personal academic data. If this is the case, we recommend you remove the 3<sup>rd</sup> party app from your phone and then change your password in HAC. Then download and use the new eSchoolPLUS Family app (shown above).

## School Messenger

**School Messenger is a rapid phone, text, and/or email notification system provided by our school district to communicate information efficiently. This system will be used for providing information to parents and guardians about safety, attendance, and school events. Please visit <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolmessenger/> for detailed information.**

### How to Opt-in or Opt-out of SchoolMessenger Text Messages

The first step of the process was conducted on 1/4/17 when the District sent an opt-in text message to all parent/guardian and staff phone numbers on file. If you received the opt-in message on your mobile device and responded with a "Y" or "Yes", you should have received a confirmation text message stating, "You're registered 4 SchoolMessenger notifications". No further action is required for you to receive future text messages from your child's school or from the District.

If you **did not** receive the opt-in message on your mobile device and want to receive text messages from your child's school or from the District please follow the steps below:

1. From your mobile device, **Text "Yes" to 67587**. You should then receive a response text message stating, "You're registered 4 SchoolMessenger notifications".
2. Now that you have registered your device to receive text messages, you must verify that your mobile device phone number(s) is on file at your child's school.
  - You can verify that your contact phone numbers are up to date by viewing them in SchoolMessenger InfoCenter.
  - If you need to make changes to the phone numbers listed, please contact your child's school.

If you wish to opt-out of text messaging, simply text "Stop" to 67587.



## Accessing Student Score Reports in HAC – Grades 3-10 FAST Testing

Florida statute 1008.25 requires that test results must be provided to *parents* within two weeks of their student's test attempt.

For the first progress monitoring window (PM1), the statewide Family Portal is not equipped to provide the score information within the required reporting timeline.

To comply with state statute, parents will be given online access to their student's individual score reports in Home Access Center (HAC). We ask that schools inform parents of this process and provide parents/guardians the directions to access the results online (directions below).

Parents/Guardians will login to Home Access Center (<https://homeaccess.stjohns.k12.fl.us/HomeAccess>)

1. Navigate to the "Home" screen
2. Click on the "Student Attachments" tab

A list of available score reports will be displayed. Users will click on the report they would like to view and the file will download as a pdf.

The screenshot displays the Home Access Center (HAC) interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with six icons: Home (a house icon with a red circle containing the number 1), Attendance (a person at a desk), Classes (a folder with a document), Grades (a circular badge with 'A+'), Student Support (a person icon), and Registration (a clipboard with a document). Below this is a secondary navigation bar with five tabs: Week View, Calendar, School Links, Student Attachments (with a red circle containing the number 2), and an unlabeled tab. At the bottom, a list of score reports is shown, with two reports highlighted in a red box: ".FAL21 55 0492 GEOM.pdf 1/4/2022" and ".FAL21 55 0492 G10R.pdf 1/4/2022".

# How to Access the Family Portal



The Family Portal provides a central location for your student's assessment results.

## The Family Portal can be used to

- access your student's results for FAST Progress Monitoring testing.
- access prior statewide assessment results.
- print score reports.

## How can I access the Family Portal?

- **At the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal:**  
<https://ffast.org>
- **Or at the direct link:**  
<https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/>

## What information do I need to log in to the Family Portal?

- Your student's unique 6 - digit access code (found in HAC under the Registration tab).
- Your student's date of birth.
- Your student's first name as it appears on their official school record.

## What information can I find on the Family Portal?

- Your student's results from Fall 2020 through present
- Your student's Individual Student Reports with interpretative guides.
- Glossary
- FAQs
- Performance Levels

## Where do I get the Access Code?

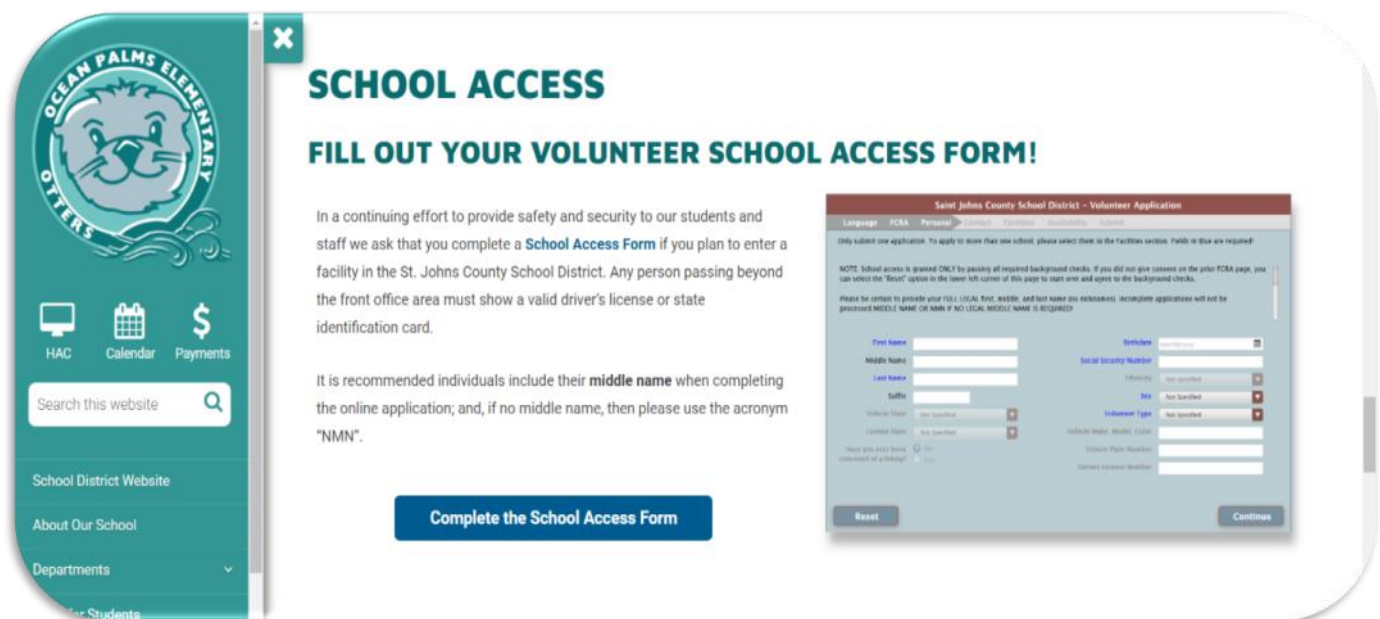
The code can be found in the Home Access Center (HAC) under the Registration tab. The code will be located on the right side of the page under Additional Information.

# How Do I Get Approved to Access the School Building?

<https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply>

In an ongoing endeavor to provide safety and security for students and staff, school access is required for every individual that is not a staff member of the St. Johns County School District. Below are the steps every visitor must complete to access the building during school hours.

1. **Complete the School Access Form at <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply>. Do not wait to complete your application because the process can potentially take up to two weeks to clear.**



**SCHOOL ACCESS**

**FILL OUT YOUR VOLUNTEER SCHOOL ACCESS FORM!**

In a continuing effort to provide safety and security to our students and staff we ask that you complete a **School Access Form** if you plan to enter a facility in the St. Johns County School District. Any person passing beyond the front office area must show a valid driver's license or state identification card.

It is recommended individuals include their **middle name** when completing the online application; and, if no middle name, then please use the acronym "NMN".

[Complete the School Access Form](#)

**Saint Johns County School District - Volunteer Application**

Language: FCA: Personal: Volunteer: Applications: School

Only submit one application. To apply to more than one school, please select them in the Facilities section. Public in Blue are required.

NOTE: School access is granted ONLY by passing all required background checks. If you did not give consent on the prior FCA page, you can select the "Reset" option in the lower left corner of this page to start over and agree to the background checks.

Please be certain to provide your FIRST, MIDDLE, and last name and acknowledge. Incomplete applications will not be processed. MIDDLE NAME (if none, NO LEGAL MIDDLE NAME IS REQUIRED)

First Name: [input] Suffix: [input]

Middle Name: [input] Social Security Number: [input]

Last Name: [input] Volunteering: [input]

Suffix: [input] Yes: [input] No: [input]

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Reset Continue

2. Bring your ID when you check in at the front office.

- Proper identification must be presented each time a person signs in at a school. The only forms of proper identification are the following:
  - Current state issued driver's license
  - Current state issued identification card (issued only by the DMV)
- If a person has a visa and/or does not have a social security number, the applicant must contact the Volunteer Services department (547-3952) right away for alternate steps.
- School access lasts for 3 year intervals. Upon approaching 3 years of access, it is the responsibility of the applicant to contact Volunteer Services and renew the form. To reduce duplication, do not complete a new form.





# OCEAN PALMS ELEMENTARY

## PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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### [Ocean Palms Elementary PTO - Home Page](#) [\(membershiptoolkit.com\)](#)

## WELCOME TO THE MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT And the 2022-2023 School Year!

### WHY JOIN THE PTO?

*Joining the PTO will give you the opportunity to meet other parents and teachers, build rapport and discuss issues that are on your mind; and you can do this with any level of availability. You can share ideas and experiences, get involved volunteering for our fun events, raise tons of money and support your children along the way!*

### CREATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT ACCOUNT

*Click "Register/Log In" button and click on "verify my email"  
Check your email and click on the link provided  
Once verified, log in and complete the registration process*

### [Ocean Palms Elementary PTO - Login \(membershiptoolkit.com\)](#)



**We are better  
together.**

Please Join Ocean Palms  
Elementary School's PTO today!

### CHECK OUT SOME EASY WAYS TO FUNDRAISE... Click on the links below!

#### OTTER ROCKS



Do you want to do something special for your child, recognizing a special occasion or accomplishment? You can tell them how proud you are by painting it on the Otter Rock for everyone in the school to see!

[Ocean Palms Elementary PTO - Fundraising](#)

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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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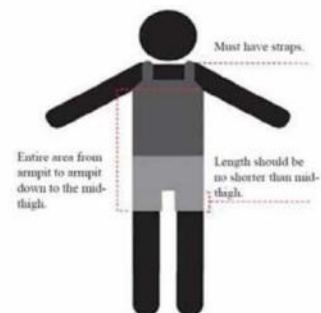


The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and their parent/guardian. The St. Johns County School District expects students to dress in a way that is appropriate for the school day or any school sponsored event. Student dress code requirements reflect fair, equitable, and consistent practices for all students, while contributing to a safe and positive school climate.

In accordance with statutory requirement F.S. 1006.07 (students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or that exposes body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner) enforcement will focus on positive guidance without embarrassment to the student and should not disrupt the educational process.

### All Students

- Personal attire may be in the style of the day. Clothing, piercings, and accessories displaying profanity, violence, discriminatory messages, sexually suggestive phrases, phrases or symbols of alcohol, tobacco or drugs is unacceptable.
- Gang graffiti will not be drawn or worn on backpacks, notebooks, folders, papers, clothing or any other object or on the body of any student or person on school property.
- Pajamas shall not be worn as exterior clothing on campus.
- Head gear, including but not limited to, caps, hats, bandanas and/or sunglasses shall not be worn indoors on campus unless permitted by school administration for religious or medical reasons. Students may wear sunglasses, hats, or other sun protective wear while outdoors.
- Clothing must cover areas from one armpit to the other armpit, down to the mid-thigh. Tops must have shoulder straps and be long enough to adequately cover the waistline and not expose the midriff.
- Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. Middle school and elementary school students must wear shoes that have a back or strap on the heel. High school students may wear backless shoes. Bedroom slippers are prohibited.
- Seethrough or mesh garments must be worn with opaque clothing over it or underneath that meets the standard for clothing coverage.
- Rips or tears in clothing above the mid-thigh must not expose skin.



### Physical Activities

It is highly recommended that every student wear socks and sneakers to school. Students will participate in some type of physical activity daily. Water bottles, hats, and sunscreen are always recommended for outside activities. **Sunscreen must be applied at home.**