



355 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082 Palms Post Issue 3 September 2023

SLIME TIME!

Dear Ocean Palms Families,

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone for a successful beginning to the 2023-2024 school year! I am extremely grateful to all those involved in our school community. We want to give a huge shout out and thank you to **Canopy Road Café** for providing a delicious breakfast and **Tropical Smoothie Café** for providing a yummy lunch during our back to school event for staff. This year's back to school theme for the staff was "Once Upon A Time". We asked staff members to dress up as a person or thing they pretended to be when they were a kid. The staff did not disappoint as they showed up dressed as animals, beauticians, chefs, dolls, and scientists just to name a few. At the end of the day, they walked away remembering what it is like to be a kid and with a better understanding of the importance of having a Growth Mindset and the impact it has on children.

You may have noticed staff sporting our new OPE t-shirts. This year's shirt for students and staff is all about Growth Mindset and Character Counts. If you haven't bought your school shirt yet, it's not too late. The deadline to purchase your shirt is September 15th. Students will wear their shirt at Otter Run, on field trips, during special school events, and on Fridays for School Spirit Days! Be sure to check out the order form on pages 8 & 9 for your class color.

We are inviting everyone to our Open House and Fall Family Night Thursday, September 21. Teachers will be in their classrooms from (5:00-7:00) to receive families. During this time your child will be able to take you through their classroom, tell you about their daily routines and show case some of the things they have been working on. After you visit your child's classroom we hope you will visit our Book Fair and Fall Festival which will be open from (5:00-8:00). Overflow parking will be available at Landrum Middle School. Be sure to check the Slime Time schedule on page 7 because teachers who volunteered to be slimed will be closing their classroom doors early at 6:15 p.m. so they can report to their Slime duty.

Special Thank you to our PTO for providing our teachers with back to school gift cards and mini grant opportunities! Thank you in advance for supporting our students, our staff, and our school. It is a true honor to partner with you as leaders and learners at our amazing school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tiffany Cantwell, Mrs. Lucie Cantrell, and Ms. Gracie Beish
OPE Administration Team

September

- 4 – Labor Day/No School
- 12 – Interims - Sign up for your HAC account!
- 15 – SHIRT ORDERS DUE TODAY!**
- 21 – OPE Open House and Fall Family Night (5:00-8:00)
- Teachers will be available in classrooms from (5:00-7:00) unless they are being slimed - check the schedule!
- 22 – Rain Date Fall Family Night/Open House
- 25 – 29 Fall Book Fair
- 29 – School Spelling Bee 5th Grade at 9:00

October

- 5 – Individual Student Pictures
- 13 – First Quarter Ends - Sign up for your HAC Account to see your child's report card
- 13 – Otter Run Pep Rally for students only (8:45-9:15) - Grades K, 1, 3, (9:45-10:15) - Grades 2, 4, 5
- 16 – Teacher Planning Day/No School
- 17 – (3-5) Otter Run – Times TBA
- 19 – (PK-2) Otter Run – Times TBA
- 20 – OPE Staff Sumo Wrestling-students only (8:45-9:15) - Grades K, 1, 3, (9:45-10:15) - Grades 2, 4, 5

On Tuesday, August 29th Mr. Forson sent an email to communicate the upcoming meetings to discuss zoning. Below is the message incase you missed it.

A School Board Workshop and two Town Hall meetings are scheduled to discuss potential Attendance Zoning changes to create new attendance zones for K-8 Schools NN and OO. Both K-8 Academies are under construction and are planned to open for the 2024-2025 School Year.

- K-8 School NN is located within the Shearwater development on Timberwolf Trail.
- K-8 School OO is located in the Beacon Lakes community on Twin Creeks Drive.

Other attendance zone changes will be proposed to balance growth and student capacity for the 2024-2025 school year.

The meetings will take place as follows:

- **Tuesday, September 5th at 9:00 a.m.** in person and in a Virtual format on WebEx. Instructions to join the virtual School Board Workshop will be posted on the District's website. The public may also attend the meeting in person at the St. Johns County School District Auditorium located at 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084.
- **Tuesday, September 5th at 6:00 p.m.** in person at Bartram Trail High School Auditorium located at 7399 Longleaf Pine Parkway, St. Johns, FL 32259.
- **Thursday, September 7th at 6:00 p.m.** in person at Beachside High School Auditorium located at, 200 Great Barracuda Way, St. Johns, FL 32259.

The proposed zoning plans will be released and discussed at the School Board Workshop, along with an opportunity for the public to provide comment. The same presentation will be made at both Town Hall Meetings. School Board members and district staff will be in attendance at all three meetings.

At this time, the proposals for attendance zone changes are expected to impact elementary, K-8 and middle school students in the county. These proposals are expected to impact the current attendance zones and students at Timberlin Creek Elementary, Hickory Creek Elementary, Freedom Crossing Academy, Switzerland Point Middle School, Ocean Palms Elementary, Liberty Pines Academy, Durbin Creek Elementary, Fruit Cove Middle School, Alice B. Landrum Middle School, Pacetti Bay Middle School, Sebastian Middle School, Pine Island Academy and Valley Ridge Academy.

October

23 & 24 (K,1, 3) Health Screenings
(8:00-12:00)

23 – 27 Canned Food Drive

23 – 31 – Red Ribbon Week: Dress up days
and activities TBA

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

November

1 – 3 Treats for Troops Candy Drive

1 – Art to Remember orders due

2 – Veteran's Day Flag Placement

6 – 30 Holiday Toy Drive for OPE Otters
through Smile. Amazon.com registry

10 – Veterans Day/No School

16 – Fourth Grade Music Performances
5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

16 – Interims

16 – Picture Retakes

20 – Dec.22 Holiday Hats / Festive Dress up
for students and staff

22 – 24 Thanksgiving Break/No School

**THE DEADLINE TO ORDER
YOUR CLASS T-SHIRT IS
SEPTEMBER 15th!**

ORDER FORM ON PAGES 8 & 9



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FALL FAMILY NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 21 5-8PM

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Edie Williams, Agent
Where you're a neighbor not a number!

TEACHER OPEN HOUSE 5-7PM

SLIME YOUR TEACHERS INFLATABLE SLIDE CANDY WALK

VIDEO GAME TRUCK GIANT HAMSTER BALLS DJ

BUNGEE RUN FACE PAINTING HUMAN FOOSBALL

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

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for sale by



Click to
volunteer!



Please join us for a night of fun at OPE! Admission and activities are free of charge.
The last day to pre-order food and slime is Thursday, September 14th.

OPE's Once Upon a Time

BOOK FAIR

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SEPTEMBER 25-29, 2023

- Check the class schedule for your student's day and time.
- Cash, check, and E-Wallet accepted.
- No returns or exchanges.
- Support your teacher by checking out his or her wish list.
- Your purchases support OPE!



The easiest way to shop the Fair!

Book Fair eWallet is a safe and secure alternative to cash, featuring contactless checkout. Simply create an account to add funds and/or invite family and friends to contribute. Then, shop in-person or through the Virtual Book Fair to discover 6,000+ products.



Create Account



Add Funds

and / or



Share with Family & Friends



Shop the Fair

To get started, visit our school's Book Fair homepage:
scholastic.com/fair



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

FALL BOOK FAIR SCHEDULE 2023



Opening Night - Thursday, September 21st (5:00-8:00) at the Fall Festival

	Mon. 9/25	Tues. 9/26	Wed. 9/27	Thurs. 9/28	Fri. 9/29
8:40 - 9:00	Seese	Dunbar	Randolph	Becksmith	Buckley
9:00 - 9:20	Jette	Fee	Hopkins	Sheen	Caraher
9:20 - 9:40	Kuhn	Pekerol	Dipola	Webster	Roberts
9:40 - 10:00	Mutai	Ely	Bhide	Sebestyen	Owens
10:00 - 10:20					
10:20 - 10:40	Capobianco	Ghiglia	Crouch	Dalton	Cullum
10:55 - 11:20	Korn	Rosberg		Fitch	Seiden
11:20 - 11:40	Blaich	Horton		Reid	Frecks
11:40 - 12:00	Wiley	Frein	Gomez/Tuczynski	Reiser	Diem
12:18 - 12:38	Sawyer	Garner	Moore	Nannetti	Lewis
12:50 - 1:10	Conroy	McVeigh	1:30/1:45 Early Dismissal	Happel	Stoever
1:30 - 1:50	Flowers	Pinnavaia		Go	Pazar

OPE SLIME TIME!

5:30 – 6:45

Ms. Beish Assistant Principal	Ms. Bouaziz PE	Mrs. Cantwell Principal 5:30-7:45	Mrs. Elliott Technology	Mrs. Pantano Instructional Coach
Mrs. Pharis Music	Mrs. Rodriguez Art		Mrs. Schoer Library	Mrs. Stephens STEM

6:45 – 7:45

Mrs. Becksmith First Grade	Mrs. Sheen First Grade	Mrs. Cantwell Principal 5:30-7:45	Mrs. Blaich Second Grade	Mr. Korn Second Grade
Ms. Reid Second Grade	Ms. Capobianco Third Grade		Mrs. Dipola Third Grade	Mrs. Ghiglia Third Grade
Mrs. Hopkins Third Grade	Mrs. Garner Fourth Grade		Mrs. McVeigh Fourth Grade	Mrs. Nannetti Fourth Grade
Ms. Reiser Fourth Grade	Mrs. Sawyer Fourth Grade		Mrs. Pazar Fifth Grade	Ms. Stoever Fifth Grade

OTTERS, ORDER YOUR **CLASS SHIRT!**

Each class has a designated color to foster team spirit and make it easy for staff to identify students at school events and field trips!



**See the back to
find your color!**



To order: please scan above or visit
OPEstudenttees.itemorder.com/shop/home/

*Place your order by Sept 15 to have
your shirt in time for the Otter Run!*



* If you are a Platinum Otter Booster, Otter Booster of the Year or Super Otter Booster - one or more shirts are included with your membership!

CHECK OUT YOUR CLASS SHIRT OPTIONS

You may purchase a cotton or a dri-fit shirt. Depending on the material, the *color names* may vary, but the colors themselves will be the same.

	COTTON COLOR	DRI-FIT COLOR		COTTON COLOR	DRI-FIT COLOR
VE Gomez	Jade Dome	Tropic Blue	2 Horton	Carolina Blue	Carolina Blue
VE Tuczynski	Lime	Lime Shock	2 Korn	Lime	Lime Shock
VE Diem	Gold	Gold	2 Reid	Gold	Gold
PK Bhide	Safety Orange	Neon Orange	2 Rosberg	Safety Green	Neon Yellow
PK Crouch	Carolina Blue	Carolina Blue	2 Seiden	Safety Orange	Neon Orange
PK Lewis	Gold	Gold	3 Capobianco	Sapphire	Atomic Blue
PK Moore	Kelly Green	Kelly Green	3 Cullum	Kelly Green	Kelly Green
K Dunbar	Sapphire	Atomic Blue	3 Dalton	Jade Dome	Tropic Blue
K Ely	Kelly Green	Kelly Green	3 Dipola	Lime	Lime Shock
K Fee	Jade Dome	Tropic Blue	3 Ghiglia	Carolina Blue	Carolina Blue
K Jette	Lime	Lime Shock	3 Hopkins	Gold	Gold
K Kuhn	Carolina Blue	Carolina Blue	3 Randolph	Safety Green	Neon Yellow
K Mutai	Gold	Gold	4 Frein	Sapphire	Atomic Blue
K Pekerol	Safety Green	Neon Yellow	4 Garner	Kelly Green	Kelly Green
K Seese	Safety Orange	Neon Orange	4 McVeigh	Jade Dome	Tropic Blue
1 Becksmith	Sapphire	Atomic Blue	4 Nannetti	Lime	Lime Shock
1 Caraher	Kelly Green	Kelly Green	4 Reiser	Carolina Blue	Carolina Blue
1 Lerner	Jade Dome	Tropic Blue	4 Sawyer	Gold	Gold
1 Roberts	Lime	Lime Shock	4 Wiley	Safety Green	Neon Yellow
1 Owens	Carolina Blue	Carolina Blue	5 Conroy	Sapphire	Atomic Blue
1 Sebestyen	Gold	Gold	5 Flowers	Kelly Green	Kelly Green
1 Sheen	Safety Green	Neon Yellow	5 Go	Jade Dome	Tropic Blue
1 Webster	Safety Orange	Neon Orange	5 Happel	Lime	Lime Shock
2 Blaich	Sapphire	Atomic Blue	5 Pazar	Carolina Blue	Carolina Blue
2 Fitch	Kelly Green	Kelly Green	5 Pinnavaia	Gold	Gold
2 Frecks	Jade Dome	Tropic Blue	5 Stoever	Safety Green	Neon Yellow

OTTER RUN 2023

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POSTCARD

Hi Otter Family!

Join me for the annual OTTER RUN! Lace up and follow me as I travel 12,548 miles across the country and back - and join me at Ocean Palms for the final miles! Along the way we'll learn about exciting places, earn fun prizes, improve our physical fitness and raise funds for our favorite school. Stay tuned for more details this fall - adventure awaits!

FROM: Ollie
(the Otter)

SAVE THE DATE!

Otter Run 2023

Oct. 17 - Grades 3 - 5

Oct. 19 - PreK - 2



It's the journey
and the
destination!

**SAVE
THE DATE**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

When a student misses 4 days a month..

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.

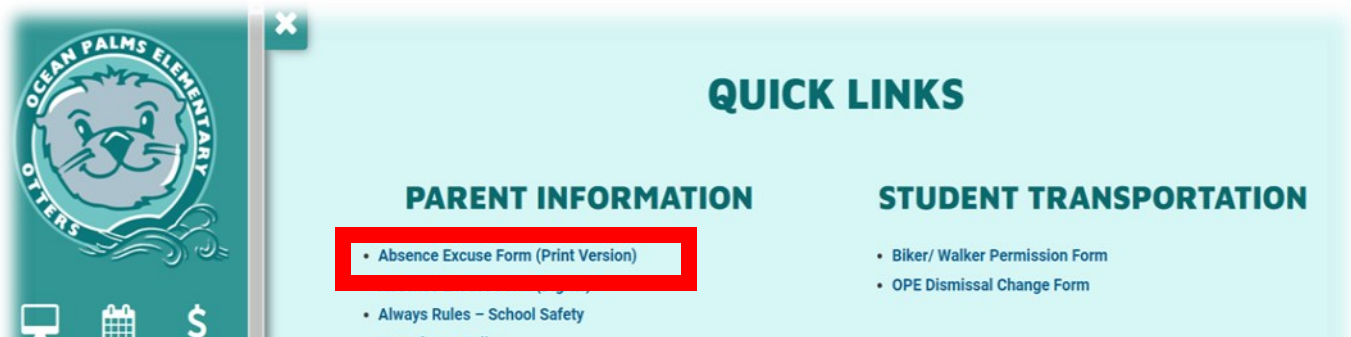
ATTENDANCE POLICY AND NEW DIGITAL ABSENCE FORM

The importance of regular attendance cannot be over emphasized. However, the health and safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. Please do not send your child to school if they have a temperature over 100.4°F without having taken any fever- reducing medications.

When Absent

Our excused absence form is located on our school webpage (see image below).

A parent or guardian will submit their child's absence using the digital form within forty-eight (48) hours of returning to school stating the cause of the absence. After fifteen (15) days of absence, whether excused or unexcused, a student must present verification from a licensed doctor for all subsequent absences due to illness.



<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=opesabsence#>

Excused absences include personal illness, illness of an immediate family member, death in the family, religious holidays of the student's established religious faith, required court or law agency appearances, school/district related competitions, and scheduled doctor or dentist appointment.

Unexcused absences include shopping trips, pleasure trips, suspension from school, appointments without prior approval except in case of emergency, truancy.

For the SJCSO to be in compliance with state statutes and the Department of Education they must notify parents of their children's absences and state laws. The school district sends automated attendance communication to parents/guardians when a student is absent.

In addition, communication is also sent when a student has reached 5, 10, and or 15 absences, whether excused or unexcused. When a student reaches 15 total absences the district requires a doctor's note for additional absences to be excused.

For a complete list of excused and unexcused absences, students and parents should refer to the Student Code of Conduct or visit the district's website www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/attendance/



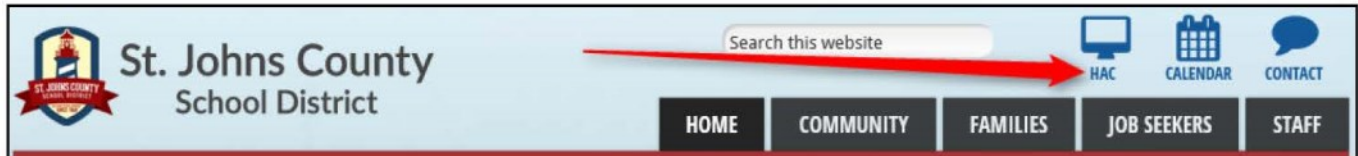
St. Johns County School District

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.

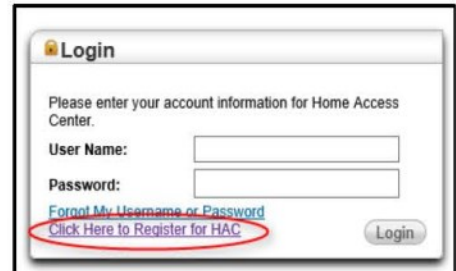
Navigate to the St. Johns County School District website at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>. Across the top of the homepage, you will see the HAC Icon. Click to enter HAC.



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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Want to stay in the know regarding news and events at OPE? Here's how:



Become an Otter Booster: Opt in for emails and newsletters from our PTO



Read the Palms Post: Mrs. Cantwell's monthly e-newsletter packed with important news, dates & information



Classroom: See your teacher's weekly newsletter with class-specific info

Follow us on social media for up-to-the-minute photos, event info & helpful reminders:



Follow **Ocean Palms Elementary PTO**



Follow **@OPEPTO**

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.**

The screenshot shows the 'SCHOOL ACCESS' page with the heading 'FILL OUT YOUR VOLUNTEER SCHOOL ACCESS FORM!'. It includes instructions about background checks and a 'Complete the School Access Form' button. To the right is a preview of the application form with fields for First Name, Middle Name, Last Name, Suffix, Date of Birth, Social Security Number, Gender, Volunteer Type, and a checkbox for 'Have you ever been convicted of a felony?'. The left sidebar contains the Ocean Palms Elementary logo and navigation links for HAC, Calendar, Payments, and a search bar.

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 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.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Lunch Payments

Prepayments to your child's meal account with a debit or credit card can be made through Paypams. Log on to <https://paypams.com/> to set up your account. Payment can also be received by the food service manager in form of check or cash during your child's lunch time. If a check is used, please indicate the student's full name on the check in the memo section. Prepayment is encouraged as it assists in movement of students through the line. Free and reduced applications can be completed at [Free & Reduced Meals – Food & Nutrition Services \(stjohns.k12.fl.us\)](#). If your child has food allergies, please provide the school nurse with a physician's note indicating the allergies and appropriate medical attention required. We also discourage students from sharing food because of food allergies.

Birthday and Party Treats, Snacks, and Invitations

The safety and health of all students is a priority. The treat must be approved by the teacher for potential food allergens. While we honor and cherish each child's birthday, our primary goal is to preserve the routine and structure of the academic day. Your child's homeroom teacher will provide an appropriate time for you to drop off the treat and distribute it to the class. Please note teachers and staff members will not pass out invitations to any type of party. We recommend contacting the room parent and sending email invitations to peers.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
September 4th	September 5th	September 6th	September 7th	September 8th
	Hot Dog Mac & Cheese Baked Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, dipping sauce dunk cup	Homestyle Chicken Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mini Corn Dogs Steamed Broccoli & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping sauce dunk cup, Ketchup, mustard	Hamburger or Cheeseburger Max Cheese Sticks with choice of marinara dipping sauce Baked Potato Fries & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit & Choice of 100% Juice Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup
September 11th	September 12th	September 13th	September 14th	September 15th
Chicken Slider Biscuit French Toast sticks Tater Rounds & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit ketchup, mustard, dipping sauce dunk cup, syrup	Penne Pasta with Choice of Marinara Sauce OR marinara sauce with Meatballs WG Garlic Ripstick Green Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping Sauce Dunk cup	Homestyle Chicken Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries & Baked Beans Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mini Corn Dogs Steamed Broccoli & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping sauce dunk cup	Hamburger or Cheeseburger Max Cheese Sticks with choice of marinara dipping sauce Baked Potato Fries & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit & Choice of 100% Juice Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup
September 18th	September 19th	September 20th	September 21st	September 22nd
Chicken Nuggets & Choice of WG Garlic Ripstick Cheesy Chicken Quesadilla Green Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping Sauce, Dipping sauce dunk cup	Hot Dog Mac & Cheese Baked Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, dipping sauce dunk cup	Homestyle Chicken Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mini Corn Dogs Steamed Broccoli & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping sauce dunk cup	Hamburger or Cheeseburger Max Cheese Sticks with choice of marinara dipping sauce Baked Potato Fries & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit & Choice of 100% Juice Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup
September 25th	September 26th	September 27th	September 28th	September 29th
Chicken Slider Biscuit French Toast sticks Tater Rounds & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit ketchup, mustard, dipping sauce dunk cup, syrup	Penne Pasta with Choice of Marinara Sauce OR marinara sauce with Meatballs WG Garlic Ripstick Green Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping Sauce Dunk cup	Homestyle Chicken Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries & Baked Beans Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mini Corn Dogs Steamed Broccoli & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping sauce dunk cup	Hamburger or Cheeseburger Max Cheese Sticks with choice of marinara dipping sauce Baked Potato Fries & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit & Choice of 100% Juice Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup

Pre-pay School Meals at www.paypams.com or using the PayPams Mobile App



Pay Now



Account Balance



Automatic Payments



Email Notifications



Add/Remove Students



Payment History



Cafeteria Purchases

CURRENT USERS TIPS FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Login to the site at least one week before the beginning of the school year. Check that your credit/debit card on file has not expired, your email address is updated, and that your automatic payment plan's stop date has not expired.

Forgot Password: If you previously registered with PayPAMS but forgot your password, go to PayPAMS.com, click 'Login' then click on the 'Forgot Password' link. If you were unable to retrieve your password through the 'Forgot Password' link, contact customer support from the 'Contact Us' page. Do not register again. Note: passwords are case sensitive.

Balance Transfer from Year to Year: Any remaining student meal account balance will automatically transfer to the next school year.

Important note: If your child moved from one school to another within the same school district, it may take a day or two from the beginning of the school year to transfer the remaining balance from the old school to the new school. During that time period, the balance on PayPAMS may show as \$0.00. If you are not sure if your child's account had a remaining balance from the previous school year, we recommend you make a payment.

Refunds: PayPAMS processes refunds only for the exact payment amount. If the student has already used some of the money, or has graduated, please contact the school district.

Moved to a different school district: If you moved to a different school district, you can keep the same username and password information. Login to your account, go to 'Contact Us' and select subject 'Moved from District'. Do not register again. Note: PayPAMS cannot transfer money from one school district to another. Contact your previous school district for refunds.



NEW USERS SIGN UP NOW

1. Go to PayPAMS.com and click on the 'Sign Up Now!' button on the home page.
2. Select **your state**, then select your **school district**.
3. **Create a username and password** and enter your contact information.
4. **Add children** to your account.
5. **Make payments or set up automatic payments** based on low balance.

HELPFUL TIPS WHEN REGISTERING

1. **Username:** Create a unique username. If the system indicates that the username is taken, select a different username.
2. **Duplicate Accounts:** If the system indicates that an account already exists with the same phone number or email address, contact customer support from the 'Contact Us' page.
3. **Meal Account Balance and Cafeteria Purchases:** It takes 1-2 school days before balances and cafeteria purchases information for new registrants can be displayed. However, you can make payments immediately upon registration. If you cannot view balances two days after you added the student to the account, contact customer support from the 'Contact Us' page.



Helpful Tips for using www.paypams.com

PAYMENTS

- 1. Posting Payments:** It takes one to two school days for a payment to replenish your child's account at the school cafeteria. Your balance on PayPAMS website will reflect your recent payment only after the school cafeteria confirms receipt of payment.
- 2. Payment Confirmation:** When a payment is processed, a confirmation number will be displayed and an email will be sent verifying that the payment was processed. If a confirmation number is not displayed, the payment was not processed.
- 3. Declined Payments:** If your payment is declined, verify that all billing information is correct. If all information is correct and payment is still declined, contact the issuing credit card company for further information. Reasons a card can be declined: insufficient credit/funds in account, incorrect billing information entered, closed credit card account, or credit card expiration date.
- 4. Payments for the same student from two separate accounts:** To prevent duplicate accounts, PayPAMS allows associating a student to only one account. If both parents/guardians cannot share the same username and password, contact customer support from the 'Contact Us' page.
- 5. Convenience Fees:** Depending upon the school district, a nominal convenience fee may be charged to cover the cost of processing payments and maintaining the website. To check if your school district charges a convenience fee, please click 'Sign Up Now!' on the PayPAMS homepage, then select your state and school district.
- 6. Credit Card Types:** PayPAMS accepts both credit and debit cards. When registering, please check which cards your district accepts.
- 7. Credit Card / Bank Statement:** PayPAMS payments will show up on your credit card/bank statement as payments to 'PayPAMS.com', or 'PAMS-<your school district> CO'.
- 8. Payments at the School Cafeteria:** For questions regarding cash or check payments submitted directly at the school cafeteria, please contact the school cafeteria directly. Do not contact PayPAMS.

LOW BALANCE EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

- 1. Email Notifications:** To make sure emails from PayPAMS are not blocked, add customerservice@paypams.com to your address book and safe list.
- 2. Change of Email address:** If you change your email address be sure to update your user profile on PayPAMS.

LOW BALANCE AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

- 1. Low Balance Automatic Payments Trigger:** PayPAMS recommends triggering automatic payments when the student meal account balance falls below \$12.00. Having a lower 'minimum balance' when setting up Automatic Payments may not allow enough time to replenish your child's account.
- 2. Automatic Payment Confirmation:** If you sign up for Automatic Payments, you will receive an email confirmation of the payment, including current balance.
- 3. Declined Automatic Payment:** Your automatic payment will not be processed if the card was updated, declined, expired, or if the 'Stop Date' that was set initially has passed.

CAFETERIA PURCHASES

While PAMS displays cafeteria purchases, we do not regulate what the children are purchasing or eating. For questions regarding purchases at the cafeteria, contact the school cafeteria directly. Student Activity is only displayed from the day the student was added to PAMS. Data is available for 90 days.

COMO REGISTRARSE

1. En PayPAMS.com haga clic el botón de 'Inscribete Ahora!' en la Pagina de Inicio.
2. Seleccione su estado y distrito escolar
3. Cree un Usuario y contraseña e introduzca su información de contacto
4. Añadir niños a su cuenta

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Haga clic en 'Help' en la página inicial de PayPAMS.com

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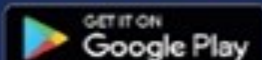
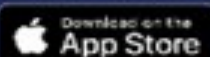
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FLORIDA STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

2023–2024 SCHEDULE*

The testing windows below denote the amount of time provided for districts and schools to select test administration days; they do not represent the amount of time students spend taking the assessments. The windows are established to provide maximum flexibility to efficiently deliver these important measurements of student progress and performance and maximize student learning and instructional time.

Writing	
Dates	Assessment
April 1–12, 2024	Grades 4–10 Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Writing
ELA Reading and Mathematics	
Dates	Assessment
May 1–31, 2024	Grades 3–10 Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) English Language Arts (ELA) Reading & Grades 3–8 Mathematics End-of-Year Progress Monitoring Assessment (Third Administration, PM3)
Statewide Science Assessment	
Dates	Assessment
May 6–17 1–31, 2024	Grades 5 & 8 Science
EOC & FAST ELA Reading Retake Assessments	
Dates	Assessment
September 11–October 6, 2023 November 27–December 15, 2023 May 1–31, 2024 July 15–26, 2024	B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 & Geometry End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments Biology 1, Civics, & U.S. History EOCs FAST Grade 10 ELA Reading Retake
FSA Retake Assessments	
Dates	Assessment
September 11–29, 2023	Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) Grade 10 ELA Reading Retake FSA Grade 10 ELA Writing Retake FSA Algebra 1 EOC Retake
February 19–March 8, 2024	FSA Grade 10 ELA Writing Retake FSA Grade 10 ELA Reading Retake FSA Algebra 1 EOC Retake

*School districts establish daily testing schedules within these windows according to state-provided guidance. For more detailed scheduling information for a specific school or district, please visit that organization's website.

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FAST	
Dates	Grade Levels and Subjects
First Administration (PM1): August 7–September 29, 2023 Second Administration (PM2): December 4, 2023–January 26, 2024 Third Administration (PM3): April 15–May 31, 2024	Grades K–2* FAST Reading & Mathematics
First Administration (PM1): August 14–September 29, 2023 Second Administration (PM2): December 4, 2023–January 26, 2024 Third Administration (PM3): May 1–May 31, 2024	Grades 3–10 FAST ELA Reading & Grades 3–8 FAST Mathematics

*Assessment calendar guidance for VPK programs is available at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/early-learning/providers/fast-star-earlit.stml>.

Florida Alternate Assessment	
Dates	Grade Levels and Subjects
September 25–October 13, 2023	Florida Standards Alternate Assessment (FSAA)—Performance Task Grade 10 ELA Makeup Algebra 1 Makeup
February 26–April 12, 2024	Florida Alternate Assessments (FAA)*—Performance Task Grades 3–8 ELA & Mathematics Grades 4–8 Writing Grades 5 & 8 Science End-of-Course Assessment (Civics)
March 11–April 26, 2024	FAA*—Performance Task Grades 9 & 10 ELA Grades 9 & 10 Writing End-of-Course Assessments (Algebra 1, Biology 1, Geometry & U.S. History)
Data Collection Periods: September–October 2023 November–December 2023 March–April 2024	FAA*—Datafolio Grades 3–10 ELA (Reading & Writing) Grades 3–8 Mathematics Grades 5 & 8 Science End-of-Course Assessments (Algebra 1, Biology 1, Civics, Geometry & U.S. History)

*Aligned to Access Points for B.E.S.T.