



355 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082 Palms Post Issue 4 October 2023

Dear Otter Families,

We want to thank everyone who came out to support our Fall Festival and Open House last Thursday. Whether you participated in the candy walk, visited the Book Fair, enjoyed a refreshing snow cone, danced with the DJ, relished in the delicious pizza from Papa Johns or just S-L-I-M-E-D your favorite staff member you undoubtedly were entertained by such an awesome evening. We want to thank PTO, all of our volunteers, and our business partners for making this annual community building event possible. We'd like to give a special shout out to State Farm Insurance for sponsoring the Festival and Ponte Vedra Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics for sponsoring our Book Fair.

We are kicking off Ollie the Otter's race across the country and back for Otter Run. Students in grades (3-5) will participate on Tuesday, October 17 and students in grades (PK - 2) will run on Thursday, October 19. Check this edition of the Palms Post to see what time your child's class is running. **It is imperative that any adult wishing to participate, volunteer, or cheer must be an approved volunteer and must RSVP with your Room Parent on or before Friday, October 6 to be on the preapproved list.**

Otter Run Procedures for Field Access

- Adults must be on the preapproved list and have their driver's license to enter through the field gate. Please RSVP with your room parent on or before October 6th to be on the preapproved list.
- Any adult who did not RSVP and is NOT on the preapproved list will be directed to the front office for assistance.
- Field Access stickers must be returned to OPE staff when you exit the field. The front office has restrooms available to adult who needs them.
- Otter Run Volunteers and PTO Board Members must sign in at the front office with their driver's licenses to receive their Volunteer Badge.
- Parents wishing to check their child out early must do so through the front office. Students will not be permitted to check out from the field.

Thank you, families, for your continued support! We hope to see you at Otter Run!

Sincerely,

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

October

5 – Individual Student Pictures

6 - OTTER RUN RSVP DEADLINE

13 – First Quarter Ends

13 – Otter Run Pep Rally for students only

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

23 & 24 (K, 1, 3) Health Screenings

23 – 27 Canned Food Drive

23 – 31 Red Ribbon Week

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 – Second Quarter Interims

16 – Picture Retakes

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

22 – 24 Thanksgiving Break/No School



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5th Grade Spelling Bee Finalist

Congratulations to our Fifth Grade Spelling Bee Finalist! These students will go on to compete in our annual school Spelling Bee on Friday, September 29th 9:00 am. The winner will compete in the district's Spelling Bee competition.



Ms. Conroy's Homeroom

1 st Place	Franco Rios-Alvarado
2 nd Place	Eddie DeWitt
3 rd Place	Ellie Long

Mr. Flowers' Homeroom

1 st Place	Teddy May
2 nd Place	Toby Rains
3 rd Place	Eli Abbosh

Mr. Go's Homeroom

1 st Place	Deeksha Mukidi
2 nd Place	Shwasthi Ravi
3 rd Place	Miles Middleton

Mrs. Happel's Homeroom

1 st Place	Amelia Wood
2 nd Place	Arjun Shah
3 rd Place	Violet Feyen

Ms. Stoever's Homeroom

1 st Place	John Marciani
2 nd Place	Jacob Lunsford
3 rd Place	Charlotte Whirity

Mrs. Pazar's Homeroom

1 st Place	Declan Caruso
2 nd Place	Daniel Griffith
3 rd Place	Layla Gharacholou

Mrs. Pinnavaia's Homeroom

1 st Place	Caden Mashni
2 nd Place	Johnny Schmidt
3 rd Place	Greyson Moore

OTTER RUN 2023

Hi Otter Family!

POSTCARD

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)

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SAVE THE DATE!

Otter Run 2023

Oct. 17 - Grades 3 - 5

Oct. 19 - PreK - 2



It's the journey
and the
destination!

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THE DATE**

OTTER RUN 2023

It's the journey... and the destination!

Our Otter Run journey has begun! Ollie has embarked on a 12,548-mile cross country fitness adventure and will be sharing the amazing sights along the way.

Students are working hard in their PE classes to earn miles for Ollie, but we need the help of our OPE families to get him across the finish line! As he runs, we will raise money for school enrichment, technology, community events, social programs, staff appreciation, teacher support, and annual projects at Ocean Palms Elementary. In fact, our goal is to raise \$100,000 in time for the Otter Run event, when students will run as a team to bring Ollie home.

Lace up and join us as we bring fitness, fun and fundraising across the country and back to Ocean Palms Elementary!



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OTTER RUN 2023

October 17 Grades 3-5 October 19 Grades PreK-2

HOW TO FUNDRAISE

- Donation Envelopes: Collect cash or checks, return the envelope any time to earn your prizes and a replacement will be sent home.
- Online Platform: Easily create your online account to accept credit card donations and share your customized link on social media. Visit GetMovinFundHub.com/register with school code 5d308dbced2fc

*Register
Now*



SCAN HERE

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

- \$1: Otter Band
- \$15: Grab Bag Prize
- \$25: Zipper Bracelet
- \$50: Magnadoodle Key Chain
- \$100: Squishmallow
- \$250: \$25 Amazon Gift Card
- \$500: \$75 Amazon Gift Card
- \$1000: \$100 Amazon Gift Card

SCHOOLWIDE INCENTIVES

- \$25K: Crazy Hair and Hat Day
- \$50K: Duct Tape Administration to the Wall
- \$75K: Administration Goes (indoor) Skydiving
- \$100K: Staff Sumo Party Showcase



OTTER RUN SCHEDULE 2023

Tuesday, October 17th

Times	Classes
8:45 – 8:55 (10 min.) Warm-ups & Transition Time	Frein, Garner, Nannetti, Reiser, Sawyer, Wiley, and McVeigh
8:55 – 9:25 (30 min.) Run Time	
9:35 – 9:45 (10 min.) Warm-ups & Transition Time	Conroy, Flowers, Go, Happel, Pazar, Stoevers, and Pinnavaia
9:45 – 10:15 (30 min.) Run Time	
10:25 – 10:35 (10 min.) Warm-ups & Transition Time	Capobianco, Cullum, Dalton, Diem, Dipola, Ghiglia, Hopkins, and Randolph
10:35 – 11:05 (30 min.) Run & Transition Time	

Thursday, October 19th

Times	Classes
8:45 – 8:55 (10 min.) Warm-ups & Transition Time	Becksmith, Buckley, Caraher, Owens, Sebestyen, Sheen, Roberts, and Webster
8:55 – 9:25 (30 min.) Run Time	
9:35 – 9:45 (10 min.) Warm-ups & Transition Time	Dunbar, Ely, Fee, Jette, Kuhn, Mutai, Pekerol, and Seese
9:45 – 10:15 (30 min.) Run Time	
10:25 – 10:35 (10 min.) Warm-ups & Transition Time	Bhide, Crouch, Gomez, Lewis, Moore, and Tuczynski
10:35 – 10:55 (20 min.) Run & Transition Time	
11:05 – 11:15 (10 min.) Warm-ups & Transition Time	Blaich, Fitch, Frecks, Horton, Korn, Reid, Rosberg, and Seiden
11:15 – 11:45 (30 min.) Run Time	

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!



OPE's Once Upon a Time Book Fair

Sponsored by Ponte Vedra Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics

Scholastic Book Fair

**Opening Night: 9/21/23
5:00 to 8:00 (during Fall
Family Night)**

9/25/23- 9/29/23

**Please see the schedule
for your student's day and
time.**

Hi Parents,

We'd like to welcome you to our fall OPE Scholastic Book Fair, which starts September 25! That's right, support Ocean Palms, while stocking up on books. Please see the attached schedule to learn what day your child will attend the fair. Parents are welcome to come in and shop the fair with their child during their scheduled time. You can send cash, a check or sign up for E-Wallet (see attached), so that your child has money to spend at the book fair. We are not accepting returns or exchanges this year from students or parents, so we are encouraging parents to communicate any purchase preferences beforehand with their child or attend the fair to shop with their student. And don't forget, you can further support your child's class by purchasing books from their teacher's wish list, which will be available at the fair.

Why Participate?

-Ocean Palm's Scholastic dollars raised at the book fair purchase books each year for our upper-grade classrooms and early readers for our younger grades!

-Scholastic dollars raised during the fair help teachers build their classroom libraries by covering a percentage of all books purchased at the fair by teachers and staff.

-Our Scholastic dollars provide hundreds of dollars to our school's library each year.

Thank you for supporting OPE! We look forward to seeing your child at the book fair!

Sincerely,

Your Book Fair Committee Chairs

Jessica Sellers, Abby Wilcox and Katie Bridges



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



FALL BOOK FAIR SCHEDULE 2023



	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	Diem	Reid	Frecks
11:40 - 12:00	Wiley	Frein	Gomez/Tuczynski	Reiser	
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

Leonard's

SCHOOL *Picture Day* IS COMING SOON



WWW.LEONARDS.COM/ORDER

Leonard's

YEARBOOK

ORDER ONLINE TODAY

BuyTheYearbook.com

School ID: 716589



OPE Yearbook Cover Contest!

**It's that time again, to pick a cover for our
2023-2024 yearbook!**

**We want to see what amazing artwork OPE students
have to contribute this year! Entries are
due to Mrs. Rodriguez by Tuesday, November 14th**

Rules for submissions:

- Art must be on a plain white 8.5x11 sheet of paper, no lines.
- The orientation of the paper must be vertical.
- Try to use as much of the paper as possible, the bigger the better!
- The student's name, grade and teacher's name must be written on the back of the paper in pencil only so it does not show through the artwork on the front.
- Make your entry COLORFUL!
- Represent Ocean Palms
- No words or writing on the artwork
- Be original and have fun!

The winning design will be announced Monday, November 20th on the morning news. If you have, any questions see Mrs. Rodriguez.





Canned Food Drive

October 23rd – 27th

Ocean Palms will be holding its annual canned food drive to help families in need have a plentiful Thanksgiving. Donations will be collected the week of October 23rd – 27th.





Students will have the opportunity to place their donations on their grade level's table on the stage in the cafeteria each morning.

All non-perishable food is welcome, but here are some suggestions:

- Canned peas, beans, corn
- canned vegetables and soups
- Stuffing, Gravy, Boxed Potatoes
- Rice, Yams, Cranberry Sauce
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Cereal and breakfast items
- Marshmallows

The food donated to this drive will benefit local families in need. Thank you for your support! Together we can make a difference!

RED RIBBON WEEK

Monday October 23 rd	Tuesday October 24 th	Wednesday October 25 th	Thursday October 26 th
Wear Red 	Team Up for Health 	Healthy Choices are Key to Your Dreams 	Stand Out and Resist Peer Pressure 
<p>Wear Red as we kick off Red Ribbon Week to show support for the cause and our focus on making healthy choices. It is important to take good care of our body and not put anything harmful in it.</p>	<p>Dress in a favorite sports shirt or jersey. Working together as a team fosters collaboration, communication, and problem-solving skills. Teamwork teaches our children the value of cooperation, respect for others, and the joy of achieving goals.</p>	<p>Wear PJs or active wear. Making healthy choices throughout the day can impact sleep quality. Some valuable tips to help your child establish healthy habits to achieve a restful night's sleep include: a consistent bedtime routine and unplugging from screens.</p>	<p>Wear Wild Socks. Here are some key strategies to help your child navigate peer pressure: encourage open communication, help your child value their unique qualities and stay true to themselves, develop confidence by celebrating your child's victories and reinforcing their self-worth, and encourage friendships.</p>

RED RIBBON WEEK

Friday October 27 th	Monday October 30 th	Tuesday October 31 st
Wild About Wellness 	Digital Defenders 	Scare Bad Choices Away 
<p>Dress up as a favorite animal. We are asking students to dress as their favorite animal to symbolize the importance of taking care of their physical and mental well-being. At home, discuss with your child how animals exhibit strength, and natural instincts and resilience, which can inspire and guide us.</p>	<p>Dress as favorite Superhero. Our children can be a 'Digital Defender' by learning about online safety. At home, discuss risks of online dangers, like predators, and instilling the importance of privacy and protecting personal information.</p>	<p>Costume Day - No Masks. The conclusion of Red Ribbon week provides an ideal occasion to have meaningful discussions with your children about the importance of staying drug-free and making positive decisions.</p>

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.

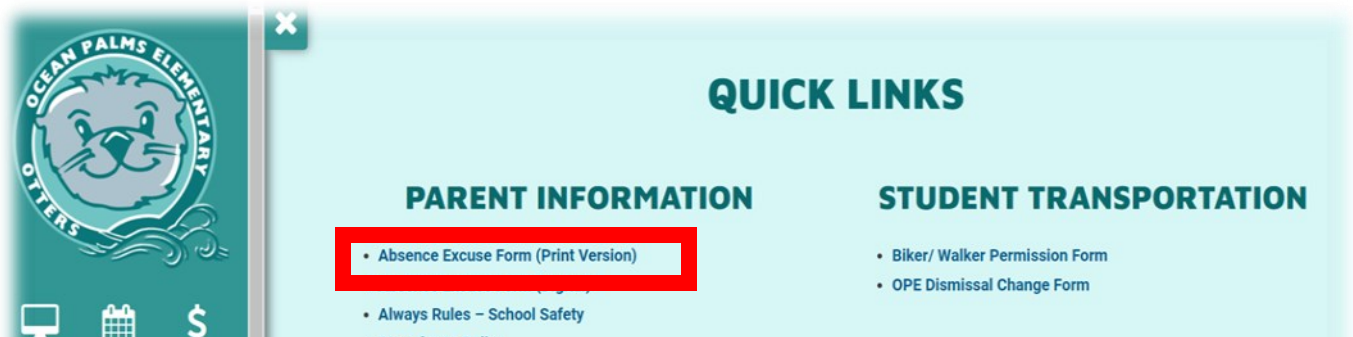
ATTENDANCE POLICY AND NEW DIGITAL ABSENCE FORM

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 statues 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/

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**

FAST Progress Monitoring (PM) Assessments

Students to take the FAST Assessment three times a year as part of the state's progress monitoring requirements. The first progress monitoring assessment has been completed. Students in grades (K-2) took STAR and students in grades (3-5) took the Cambium assessment. Both assessments are computer based and test students on grade level standards. You can access your child's results through our Home Access Center (HAC) and the state's Family Score Portal. See details below.

(K-2) STAR - Parents/Guardians can access student test results in HAC during the testing window. The student score reports for PM1 will also be available in the Family Score Portal after the window closes. During future assessment windows, the STAR test scores will be available in the Family Portal after the first two weeks of the test administration (within each window).

(3-5) Cambium - After the first week of each testing window, Parents/Guardians can access student test results directly from the Family Score Portal almost immediately after the student completes the assessment. The access code that is needed to log-in to the Family Score Portal can be found in HAC under the registration tab.

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



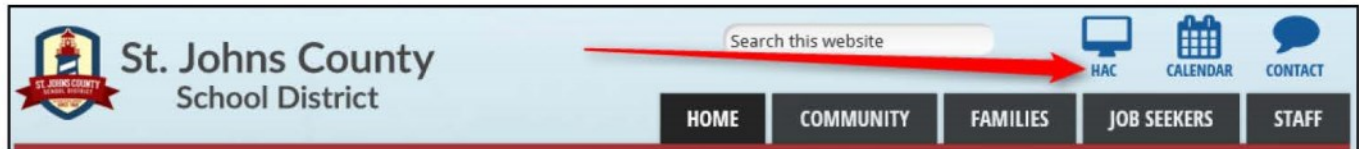
St. Johns County School District

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)

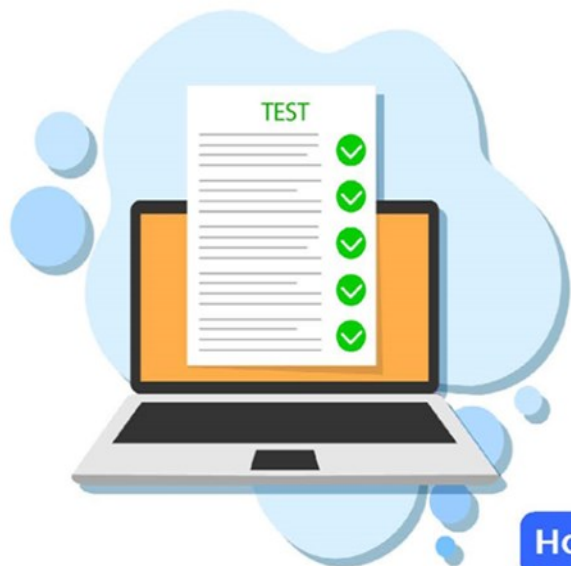
Zip Code: Use the 5 digit Zip code for your home address

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.

Please email our Data Operator – Vicki.morales@stjohns.k12.fl.us or the front desk – Stephanie.crenshaw@stjohns.k12.fl.us for assistance.

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.**

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. An inset shows 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 sidebar on the left contains the Ocean Palms Elementary logo and 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.



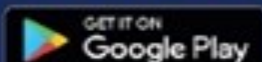
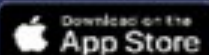
FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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EDUCATION
fldoe.org

<https://getfortifyfl.com/>

HOME FEATURES HOW IT WORKS SCREENSHOTS ABOUT ESPAÑOL

Suspicious Activity Reporting App

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Anonymous or Non-Anonymous

You decide whether you want to include your name and contact information.



Convenient




Submitting a tip is quick and easy using our mobile app or website.



Include Photos and Video

You can also include photos or video with your tip report.



-  **Your School Officials**
The tip report goes to your local school officials when submitted.
-  **Local Law Enforcement**
Your local police department or sheriff office receive copies of your tips automatically.
-  **State-Level Officials**
State-level officials also have access to your tips to make sure proper steps are taken.

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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2023–2024 SCHEDULE

The windows below denote the amount of time provided for districts and schools to select progress monitoring administration days; they do not represent the amount of time students spend taking progress monitoring 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.

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.