



355 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082 Palms Post Issue 5 November 2023

Dear Otter Families,

Please join us in congratulating three of our otters who were selected by their colleagues to be honored as "Outstanding in their Field"! These dedicated otters represent the excellence that prevails at Ocean Palms! **Teacher of the Year - Mrs. Jennifer Smith, Rookie of the Year - Ms. Kali Wiley, and School Related Employee of the Year - Mrs. Michelle Cardona!** We also want to celebrate **Mrs. Sharon Kehoe**, OPE's Senior Volunteer of the Year, as she was named a state finalist, placing third overall for her service.

Otter Run 2023 sponsored by Fishman Pediatric Dentistry was an amazing success! Cheered on by a community of teachers, parents, and staff. Our students ran, walked, and skipped many miles to bring Ollie the Otter home. **This is OTTER PRIDE in action!** As with any big event, it takes the help of many to pull off such a successful fundraiser. Thank you, most sincerely, to everyone who donated, participated or otherwise supported our major fundraiser of the year. Our final fundraising total reached \$90,000! All of our fundraising efforts go right back to our students and school.

A BIG thank you to our sponsor, Fishman Pediatric Dentistry and to Coach Phil Squatrito (of Training for Warriors) for pumping up the kids, and of course to our PTO Otter Run chair Ashley Black and her co-chairs Judson Kinnucan and Isil Sareyyupoglu for all their time and hard work in planning Ollie's adventures and making Otter Run happen. Exciting news! To celebrate our fundraising success, we are swapping indoor skydiving that students would have seen on video with a live action, body-slammin', Otter Jammin' Sumo Wrestling Comedy Show students will enjoy on Friday.

As we approach the season of caring and giving, we appreciate your many examples that are extended to our children and our school. We are very grateful to work in a community that fosters support for our school environment. Thank you to all of our Community Partners, our PTO, volunteers and to our families. We truly appreciate all that you do for our students and staff.

Sincerely,

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

November

- 1 – 3 Treats for Troops Candy Drive
- 1 – Art to Remember orders due
- 6 – 30 Holiday Toy Drive for OPE Otters through Smile. Amazon.com registry
- 10 – Veterans Day/No School
- 16 – Fourth Grade Music Performances
- 16 – Second Quarter Interims
- 16 – Picture Retakes
- 22 – 24 Thanksgiving Break/No School

December

- 1 – Character Counts Awards (9:00-10:15) Invitation Only
- 12 – PreK & VE Class Celebrations
- 12 – Choir Performance 6:00 p.m.
- 13 – Kindergarten Celebrations
- 14 – First Grade Celebrations
- 15 – Second Grade Celebrations
- 18 – Third Grade Celebrations
- 19 – Fourth Grade Celebrations
- 20 – Fifth Grade Celebrations
- 21 – Holiday Sing-along & Pajama Day
- 21 – Second Quarter/First Semester Ends
- 21 – Early Dismissal 1:30 PreK and 1:45 Grades K-5
- 12/22 – 1/5 Winter Break/No School

Congratulations!



Teacher of the Year:

Mrs. Jennifer Smith, ESE Support Facilitator

Rookie Teacher of the Year:

Ms. Kali Wiley, 4th Grade

School Employee of the Year:

Mrs. Michelle Cardona, PreK Paraprofessional

OPE's Senior Volunteer of the Year Takes Third Place Overall for the State Congratulations to Mrs. 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 was **OPE's 2022-2023 Senior Volunteer of the Year** and we recently learned **she was a State Finalist placing Third Place Overall in her category**. 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. 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.

Holiday Cheer for Otters

With the holidays quickly approaching, we would love to spread some holiday cheer to our very own Otter families. This year we are asking for items from an Amazon Wish List. This has been a great way to give to our families and we are so thankful for your contributions.

The Wish List is READY! Items will be shipped to the Ocean Palms School Counselors and distributed to our families. We are kindly requesting to have all donations received by December 4, 2023. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and willingness to lend a helping hand. All donations will benefit our Otters at Ocean Palms.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2FLU99BUY9WZ>

Holiday meals for Otters

In addition to the registry gifts, we would love to provide our Otters in need meals for the holidays with grocery gift cards. Please use this link to sign up. We know this can be a financially challenging time for many and are so grateful for any contributions we receive. Thank you for your kind and generous contributions!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C48AEAD2BA2FE3-holiday1>



January

- 4 – Teacher Planning Day/No School
- 5 – Teacher In-Service Day/No School
- 8 – Classes Resume
- 8 – 19 Kids Heart Challenge/Jump Rope for Heart during PE
- 15 – Martin Luther King Day/No School
- 19 – Report Cards posted on (HAC)
- 31 – (K-2) Otterpalooza Teacher Experience #1 (2:00-3:00)

February

- 2 – Character Counts Awards (9:00-10:15) Invitation Only
- 3 – District Character Counts Run/Walk at Palencia Elementary
- 5 – 9 Kindness Cards on Sale
- 6 – Interims
- 13 – Kindness Cards delivered to classroom
- 19 – Presidents' Day/No School
- 22 – Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast and Music Performance
- 26 – 3/1 Celebrate Literacy Week – Dress up days and activities TBD
- 28 – (3-5) Otterpalooza Teacher Experience #1 (2:00-3:00)
- 29 – Third Grade Music Performances 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

STILL NEED TO GET A **CLASS SHIRT?**

Wear it at **FIELD DAY**, on **FIELD TRIPS** and on **SPIRIT FRIDAYS!**



Order at:

OPEstudenttees.itemorder.com/shop/home/
or visit **OPEPTO.com** and click "Shop"

order
NOW

Orders will close on
NOVEMBER 10.

WHAT COLOR DOES YOUR CLASS WEAR?

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 Finnegan	Carolina Blue	Carolina Blue	3 Capobianco	Sapphire	Atomic Blue
PK Lewis	Gold	Gold	3 Cullum	Kelly Green	Kelly Green
PK Moore	Kelly Green	Kelly Green	3 Dalton	Jade Dome	Tropic Blue
K Dunbar	Sapphire	Atomic Blue	3 Dipola	Lime	Lime Shock
K Ely	Kelly Green	Kelly Green	3 Ghiglia	Carolina Blue	Carolina Blue
K Fee	Jade Dome	Tropic Blue	3 Hopkins	Gold	Gold
K Jette	Lime	Lime Shock	3 Randolph	Safety Green	Neon Yellow
K Kuhn	Carolina Blue	Carolina Blue	4 Frein	Sapphire	Atomic Blue
K Mutai	Gold	Gold	4 Garner	Kelly Green	Kelly Green
K Pekerol	Safety Green	Neon Yellow	4 McVeigh	Jade Dome	Tropic Blue
K Seese	Safety Orange	Neon Orange	4 Nannetti	Lime	Lime Shock
1 Becksmith	Sapphire	Atomic Blue	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


Ocean Palms Elementary

Treats for Troops

November 1-3



OPE will collect unopened candy for the
Mayport USO and to send to our troops.

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Drop your candy into the boxes on your
way to class in the morning!
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If possible, please separate chocolate
candy from non-chocolate candy!

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Character Counts Recognition for Responsibility</h2>		
Kindergarten	Bruce Barger, Alexander Bowman, James Clarkson, Lily Hopkins, Cali Middleton, Emersyn Smith, Luka Vam, Bonnie Walter		
1 st Grade	Shelby Campbell, Marcie Coyne, Carter Gatling, Nehal Grewal, Peyton Lanese, Nikola Koteski, Maggie Palmer, Olivia Stover, Brayden Strileckis		
2 nd Grade	Sydney Addair, Conor Brown, Mila Chowske, Federico Gomez Vargas Jr., Carson Hay, Palle Nielsen, Vedhashiri Senthil Kumar		
3 rd Grade	Kendall Alcombright, Zaid Aslam, Desi Diem, Ellie Henderson, Kaito Radke, Emily Rademacher, Lucas Reyes-Caballero		
4 th Grade	Anastasia Alonzo, Amaya Grace Berroya Mader, Tighe Maltese, Case McHale, Jaiden Rousseau, Kathryn Serang, Henry Veestra, Lincoln Zimmer		
5 th Grade	Kinsley Anderson, Audrina DiFranco, Rodrigo Estrada Cardona, Tinsley Howe, Leonardo McIntosh, Toby Rains, Shwasthi Ravi, Lucas Rendzio		



	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Character Counts Recognition for Fairness</h2>		
Kindergarten	Benjamin Acosta, Sawyer Barker, Victoria Genebriera, Braddock Hogg, Adeline Ludwick, Maverick McMillen, Sophia Ruzicka, Lucas Silva		
1 st Grade	Clay Andrews, Luke Borchers, Rocco Giannone, Olivia Henderson, Holden Hendrickson, Oscar Jamieson, Cash Lee, Brody Wonderly		
2 nd Grade	Carter Doty, Anne Gilbert, Riley Hurst, Madilyn Hynes, Jillian Lewis, Jackson May, Jolie Rebuck, Hunter Simpson		
3 rd Grade	Colbie Baker-Dewey, Ethan Blair, Emery Blankenship, Matthew Cruz, Isaac Hankee, Ariana Kielasov, Brinlee Price		
4 th Grade	Ella Angulo, Avery Ann Carter, Liberty Felts, Artem Kushniruk, Abigail Lunsford, Andrew Mutai, Kayla Pelham, Garv Shahani		
5 th Grade	Asher Berquist, Lucca Colaneri, Lincoln Edge, Clara Henderson, Aarya Hiremath, Viviana Muntean, Theodora Tsiplakos, Parker Wittman		

5th Grade Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to our Fifth Grade Spelling Bee Winners and to Arjun Shah who took First Place Overall and will go on to compete in the SJCS D Spelling Bee on December 13th.

1st Place

Arjun Shah

2nd Place

Miles Middleton

3rd Place Tie

Layla Gharacholou

Shwasthi Ravi



Can Collection Grand Total = 1,157

Thank you to everyone who donated nonperishable food for our holiday canned food drive. We are proud of our students for their display of good citizenship.



1st Place

Fifth Grade

327

2nd Place

Fourth Grade

232

3rd Place

Third Grade

172



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November's Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
October 30th	October 31st	November 1st	November 2nd	November 3rd
Chicken Nuggets & Choice of WG Garlic Rip Stick Green Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping sauce dunk cup, cheese cup	Hot Dog Mac & Cheese Baked Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, dipping sauce dunk cup	BBQ Chicken Quesadilla 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
November 6th	November 7th	November 8th	November 9th	November 10th
Chicken Slider Biscuit French Toast sticks Tater Tots & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit ketchup, mustard, dipping sauce dunk cup, syrup	Penne Pasta with Choice of Marinara Sauce OR marinara sauce with Meatballs Green Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit WG Garlic Ripstick 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	Veterans Day Student / Teacher Holiday
November 13th	November 14th	November 15th	November 16th	November 17th
Chicken Nuggets & Choice of WG Garlic Rip Stick Cheesy Garlic French Bread & choice of marinara dipping sauce Green Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping sauce dunk cup, cheese cup	Hot Dog Mac & Cheese Baked Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, dipping sauce dunk cup	BBQ Chicken Quesadilla 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
November 20th	November 21st	November 22nd	November 23rd	November 24th
Chicken Slider Biscuit French Toast sticks Tater Tots & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit ketchup, mustard, dipping sauce dunk cup, syrup	Penne Pasta with Choice of Marinara Sauce OR marinara sauce with Meatballs Green Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit WG Garlic Ripstick Dipping Sauce Dunk cup	Thanksgiving Break		
November 27th	November 28th	November 29th	November 30th	December 1st
Chicken Nuggets & Choice of WG Garlic Rip Stick Beef & Bean Chili with choice of WG Garlic Rip Stick Green Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping sauce dunk cup, cheese cup	Hot Dog Mac & Cheese Baked Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, dipping sauce dunk cup	BBQ Chicken Quesadilla 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

Assorted fruits are based on availability and season! Include at least 2 items from fresh, canned, cupped, and/or frozen

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REQUIRED DOD vegetables weekly: carrots or tomato dippers, cucumbers or celery, and garden mix salad or broccoli dippers

VARIETY OF MILK DAILY





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.



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SCHOOL *Picture Day* IS COMING SOON



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Leonard's

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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.

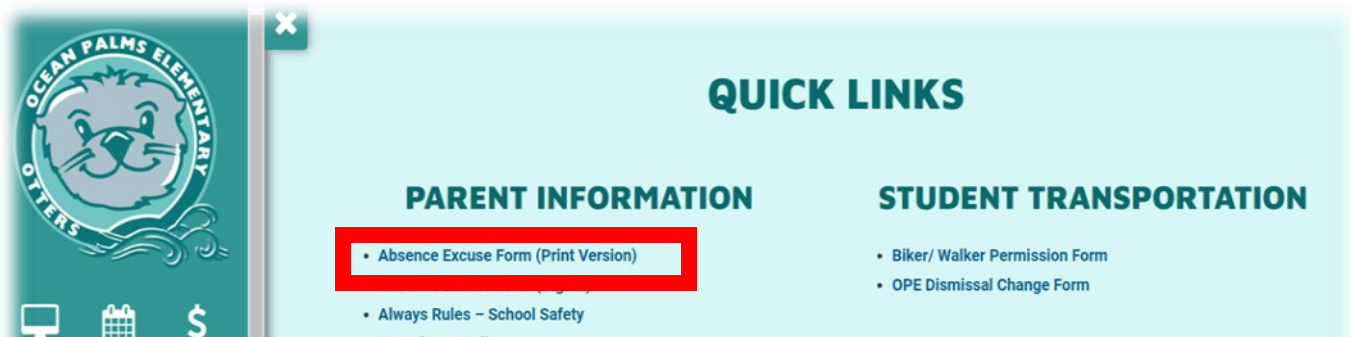
ATTENDANCE POLICY AND NEW DIGITAL ABSENCE FORM

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 SJCS D 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:



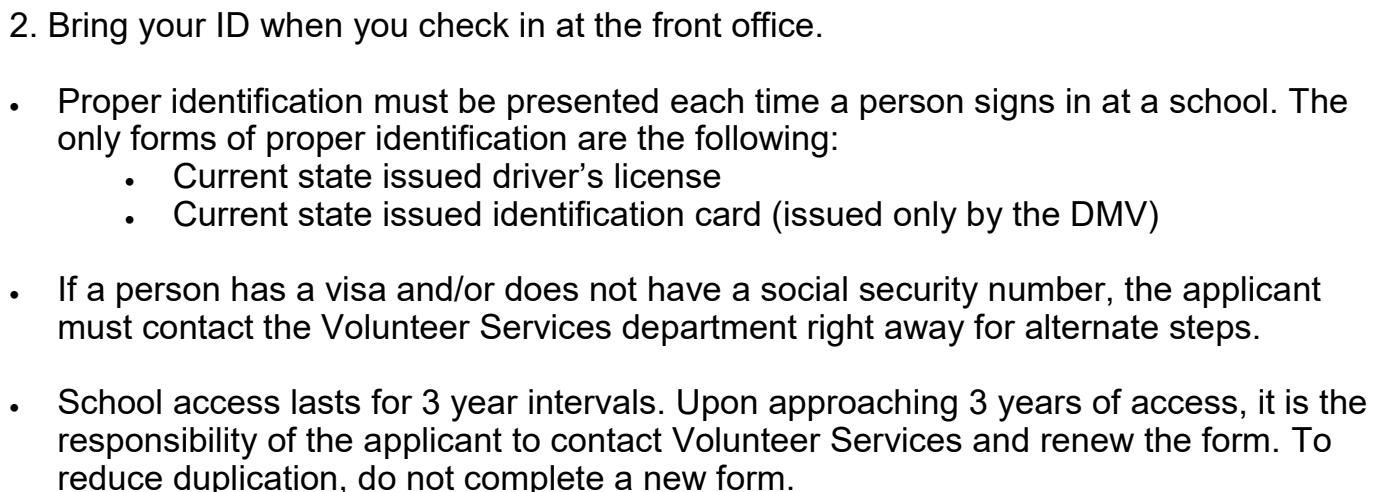
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<https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply>

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.





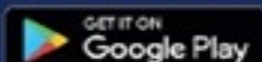
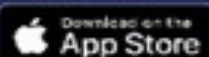
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Convenient

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.

THIRD GRADE PROGRESSION STATUTE & GOOD CAUSE EXEMPTIONS

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 in May, they can 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. **Grades (3-5) students are scheduled to take the Spring ELA Assessment in May.**

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 (45th percentile) or STAR Reading 986 scale score (50th percentile).

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, grades 1, 2 or 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.

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.

FLORIDA STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

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.



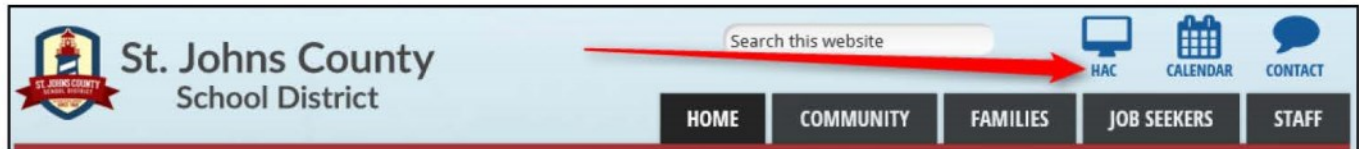
St. Johns County School District

Parents: New Home Access Center Account "HAC"

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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)

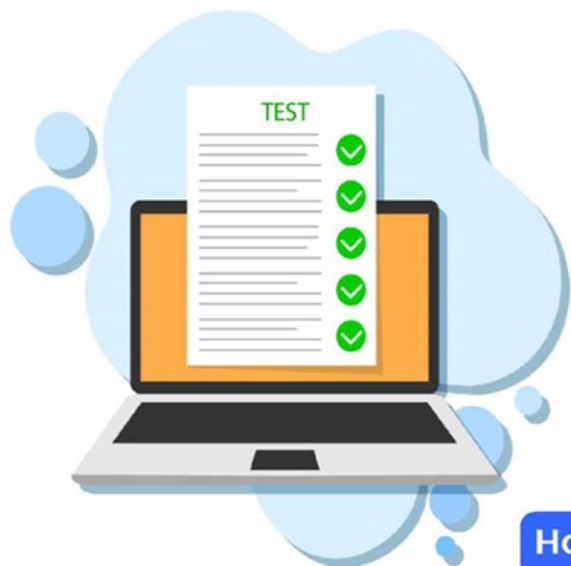
Zip Code: Use the 5 digit Zip code for your home address

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.