



355 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082 Palms Post Issue 1 - July 2024

Dear Ocean Palms Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We are beyond excited to reunite with our wonderful students and meet our new families. Over the summer, we have eagerly anticipated the return of the joy, laughter, and energy that your children bring to our school. Our hearts are full of enthusiasm as we embark on this new journey together.

This year marks a fresh beginning for all of us. As we set sail into a new school year, we invite you to join our "otter raft" - a close-knit, supportive community that, like a raft of otters, stays together, helps each other, and makes waves of positive change. Otters are known for their playful and cooperative nature, and we aim to embody these qualities in our school's motto is Everyday - Everyone - Everything Matters!

You can expect a welcome email from your child's teacher between 3:00 - 3:30 on Wednesday, August 7th. A great deal of thought and care has been invested in the student placement process, incorporating feedback from families and staff, as well as considering student learning styles. We appreciate your positivity and support in helping your children understand that it's not always possible to place them with their preferred friends or teachers. This new school year offers a wonderful opportunity for students to make new friends and build positive relationships. Our dedicated staff works tirelessly to create a nurturing environment for all students. We are committed to enriching your child's life and look forward to a fantastic year ahead. Please encourage your child as they adjust to their new grade, peer group, and teacher.

As we embark on this new chapter, let's embrace the spirit of our otter raft. Together, we will create unforgettable memories, overcome challenges, and celebrate achievements. Let's make this year one filled with kindness, growth, and boundless possibilities. We are honored to have your family with us on this incredible journey, and we look forward to the waves we'll make together.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

**WEAR YOUR OPE GEAR
EVERY FRIDAY!**

August

- 9 – OPE's Meet the Teacher/Mini Book Fair (8:30-11:00)
- 9 - Landrum's Meet the Teacher (11:00-1:30)
- 12 – First day of school for PK & Grades (1-5)
- 12 – 15 Staggered Start for Kindergarten
- 16 - All Kindergarten students report to school
- 19 – Tea and Tissues for Kindergarten and New Families to OPE (9:00-10:30)
- 28 – Volunteer Training for Room Parents (9:00-10:00)
- 30 – Volunteer Training for CAAP Art Program (9:00-10:00)

September

- 2 – Labor Day/No School
- 11 – Interims
- 13 – Fifth Grade Classroom Spelling Bee
- 19 – Open House & Opening Night for the Book Fair (5:00-7:00)
- 20 – Teacher In-service Day
- 23 – 27 Fall Book Fair
- 27 – Fifth Grade School Spelling Bee (9:00-10:30) for the top 3 finalist from each classroom.



The “Meet the Teacher” event, will be **Wednesday, August 9th between (8:30-11:00)**. Kindergarten parents will sign up for their staggered start day. There will also be computers set-up in your child’s classroom so you can sign up for volunteer opportunities such as room parents, Children’s Access to Art Program (CAAP) volunteer and general volunteer. This is also a great time to drop off school supplies, and visit our mini-book fair in the cafeteria. Online school supply orders will be in your child’s classroom at Meet the Teacher. Our fabulous PTO will be in the cafeteria with school spirit wear, booster information, volunteer opportunities, and photo areas where you can take your child’s picture to commemorate the beginning of the school year. Don’t forget every Friday is school spirit day. Students and staff will be wearing their OPE gear!

Our students’ and staffs’ safety and security is our number one priority. To access the building the first day of school and beyond you must be an approved visitor. This includes walking your student to class. See page 3 for more details.

The transportation department will release bus routes to parents/guardians through Home Access Center (HAC) on Monday, July 29. A bus will only be assigned to your child(ren) if you selected bus rider on their Returning Student Verification form or New Student Enrollment form with availability. Be sure to review this edition of the Palms Post in its entirety for directions on how to register for your HAC account or visit the district website. We strongly encourage everyone to read our Student-Parent Handbook to learn about our school and district policies and procedures. In the handbook you will also find directions on how to create a HAC account.

It is truly a privilege to provide leadership at this school. Our teachers and staff are excited to welcome our new and returning otters.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Tiffany Cantwell and Ms. Kim Bays
OPE Administration Team

October

- 11 – First Quarter Ends
- 11 – Otter Run Pep Rally for students
- 14 – Teacher Planning Day / No School
- 22 – Otter Run
 - Second Grade (8:45-9:30)
 - First Grade (9:30-10:15)
 - Third Grade (10:15-11:00)
 - Kindergarten (11:00-11:45)
 - Break (11:45-12:45)
 - Fourth Grade (12:45-1:30)
 - Fifth Grade (1:30-2:15)
- 24 – Report Cards posted on Home Access Center (HAC)
- 24 & 25 – Rain Dates for Otter Run
- 28 – 1 Canned Food Drive
- 28 – 1 Red Ribbon Week: Dress up days TBA

November

- 1 – Sumo Wrestling Show for students
- 1 – 5 Treats for Troops Candy Donation/Drive
- 4 – 30 Holiday Toy Drive for OPE Otters through Amazon
- 7 – Veteran’s Day Flag Placement
- 8 – Rain Date: Veteran’s Day Flag Placement
- 11 – Veterans Day/No School
- 12 – Honor Choir Performance (6:00-7:00)
- 14 – Interims
- 25 – 29 Thanksgiving Break / No School

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 for Ocean Palms Elementary. It features a sidebar with the school's logo and navigation links (HAC, Calendar, Payments, Search, School District Website, About Our School, Departments, For Students). The main content area is titled 'SCHOOL ACCESS' and 'FILL OUT YOUR VOLUNTEER SCHOOL ACCESS FORM!'. It contains a paragraph explaining the need for the form, a recommendation to include a middle name, and a 'Complete the School Access Form' button. On the right, a preview of the 'Saint Johns County School District - Volunteer Application' form is shown, with fields for personal information, contact details, and a 'Continue' button.

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.



When are school tours?

Thursday, August 1st

9:45-10:45

OR

1:00-2:00

Who should attend the school tour?

All kindergarten and new to OPE students are invited to participate in our school tours.

What to Expect?

We encourage everyone to read their Student-Parent Handbook prior to the tour. We will have a short presentation in the cafeteria to learn about OPE. Then we will break up into small groups to tour the school and end in the cafeteria for parents to start checking off their back to school list "To do's".

Can I get a jump start on my back to school to do list during the tour?

PTO volunteers will have laptops set-up in the cafeteria to assist parents with the following: Becoming an OPE Booster, Visitor Access, Paypams lunch account, and Home Access Center.

**Welcome to the
Otter Raft!**



December

2 – 20 Festive Dress up Days for students and staff

11 – PreK & Varying Exceptionalities (VE) Celebrations

12 – First Grade Celebrations

12 – Third Grade Music Performance (6:00-7:00)

13 – Kindergarten Celebrations

16 – Second Grade Celebrations

17 – Third Grade Celebrations

18 – Fourth Grade Celebrations

19 – Fifth Grade Celebrations

20 – Holiday Sing-along & Pajama Day

20 – Second Quarter / First Semester Ends

20 – Early Dismissal 1:30 PreK and 1:45 Grades K-5

12/23 – 1/5 Winter Break/No School

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!

What is Kindergarten Staggered Start?

Staggered Start provides an opportunity for the kindergarten teacher to work with a small group of students each day to teach rituals and routines and ensure students are comfortable with their environment before introducing them to the entire class.

How does Staggered Start work?

On Wednesday, August 9, at Meet the Teacher Kindergarten families will select one of the following days: August 10, 11, 14, or 15 to participate in Staggered Start.

- **Monday 8/12/24 (Dismissal 2:45)**
- **Tuesday, 8/13/24 (Dismissal 2:45)**
- **Wednesday, 8/14/24 (Early Dismissal 1:45)**
- **Thursday, 8/15/24 (Dismissal 2:45)**
- **Friday, 8/16/24 - All Kindergarten Students Report to School (Dismissal 2:45)**

What time is Staggered Start drop off?

We are asking parents of kindergarten students who wish to walk their child to class during staggered start to complete the visitor access application (see p.3) and arrive at school between (8:40-9:00) on the staggered start day they signed up for at Meet the Teacher. Please bring your photo ID for check in. Kindergarten students riding the bus to school on their staggered start day will be assisted to class by OPE Staff.

When do all Kindergarten Students Start?

All Kindergarten students will report to school on Friday, August 16 during our regular arrival time (8:00-8:25). Please note that every Wednesday is early release and we dismiss at 1:45.





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

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

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

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

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



WHY JOIN THE PTO?

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

CREATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT ACCOUNT

Click "Register/Log In" button and click on "verify my email"

Check your email and click on the link provided

Once verified, log in and complete the registration process

[Ocean Palms Elementary PTO - Home Page](https://opepto.membershiptoolkit.com)
 [\(membershiptoolkit.com\)](https://opepto.membershiptoolkit.com)

Pre-Kindergarten

12 jumbo pencils
2 primary journals, draw top- lines bottom
4 boxes of crayons, 24 ct.
2 boxes washable markers, classic colors 8 ct.
2 black dry erase expo markers
1 old t-shirt for art class
1 watercolor paint set
1 scissor, 5 inch blunt
1 bottle Elmer's glue, 4oz.
8 glue sticks
1 pencil pouch
1 box of tissues
1 pair of headphones
If your child is in diapers, please supply:
2 pkgs. Baby wipes, unscented
1 box disposable gloves, latex free

Kindergarten

#2 pencils, sharpened, 40 ct.
4 primary journals, draw top -lines bottom
5 boxes crayons, 24 ct.
1 scissor, 5 inch blunt
8 dry erase expo marker – black – fine tip
24 glue sticks, washable purple
2 pkgs. washable markers, thick 8 ct.
1 red plastic folders with pockets & prongs
1 large plastic envelope, Velcro / side load
1 box of tissues
1 pair of headphones, sturdy headphones
preferred over earbuds
1 large sturdy zipper pencil pouch – must hold all
art supplies

Third Grade

#2 pencils, sharpened, 40 ct.
1 large eraser
8 dry erase expo markers, colored, chisel tip
6 large washable glue sticks
1 scissor, 6 inch pointed
5 highlighters, any color
1 pkg. colored pencils, 12 ct.
Plastic folders w/ pockets & prongs 1 each:
yellow, green, black, red
1 pkg. wide ruled filler paper, 150 ct.
Composition notebooks, wide ruled
1 each: yellow, green, red, black
1 clear cover white binder, 1 inch 3 ring
1 pkg. post-It notes, 3 x 3 100 pk.
1 small 8x5 pencil box
1 pair of headphones, sturdy headphones,
preferred over earbuds



Ocean Palms Elementary School Supply List 2024-2025



First Grade

#2 pencils, sharpened, 40 ct.
1 pencil pouch
4 composition primary journals
3 boxes crayons, 24 ct.
4 dry erase expo markers, fine tip- black
1 plastic folder with pockets & prongs, red
6 large washable glue sticks, purple
1 scissor, 5 inch blunt
1 clear cover white binder, 1 inch 3 ring
2 bottles Elmer's glue
1 black sharpie marker
1 pkg. washable markers, assorted colors 10 ct.
2 large erasers
1 pair of headphones, sturdy headphones
preferred over earbuds

Ocean Palms Elementary School Supply List 2024-2025

Fourth Grade

#2 pencils, sharpened, 50 ct.
1 large eraser
1 scissor, 6 inch pointed
1 box washable markers, 10 ct.
1 pkg. colored pencils, 12 ct.
6 black dry erase markers
4 glue sticks
1 pk of 4 highlighters (multi color)
1 pack of index cards, 3x5 100 ct.
6 composition books, wide ruled/ 100 sheets
1 clear cover white binders, 1.5 inch 3 ring
2 pkgs. wide ruled notebook paper, 150 sheets
Plastic folders with pockets & prongs 1 each:
blue, green, orange, purple, red, yellow
1 plastic pencil pouch - no boxes please
1 clear protractor
1 box of tissues
1 pair of headphones, sturdy headphones
preferred over earbuds

Second Grade

#2 pencils, sharpened, 50 ct.
1 pkg. colored pencils, 12 ct.
1 black composition book, wide ruled
2 box crayons, 24 ct.
2 large erasers
8 black dry erase expo markers
Plastic folders with pockets
1 each: purple, red, yellow
4 glue sticks
1 large, sturdy pencil pouch
1 scissor, 5 inch blunt
1 box of tissues
1 pair of headphones, sturdy headphones
preferred- No ear buds

(K-2) Varying Exceptionalities

1 pkg. beginner pencils, 12ct. sharpened
3 composition books, wide ruled
2 box crayons, 24 count
4 dry erase markers, color set, chisel
1 box washable markers, 8 ct.
2 highlighters
12 large washable glue sticks, purple
1 scissor, 5 inch blunt
1 box of tissues
1 pair of headphones, sturdy headphones
preferred over earbuds
If your child is in diapers, please supply:
2 pkgs. Baby wipes, unscented
1 box disposable gloves, latex free

Fifth Grade

#2 pencils, sharpened, 70 ct.
1 box of markers, 10 ct.
1 box colored pencils, 12 ct.
8 dry erase markers, color chisel tip
12 washable glue sticks
1 pair scissors, 6 inch - pointed
1 zippered pencil pouch 3-hole
2 yellow highlighters
4 post-It notes, 3 x 3, 50 ct. per pack
1 clear cover white binder, 1.5 inch
1 pkg. of dividers, multi-color- 5 tabs
7 composition books, wide ruled
1 roll of scotch tape
Plastic folders with pockets & prongs 1 each:
blue, green, orange, red, yellow
1 box tissues
1 pair of headphones, sturdy headphones
preferred over earbuds

(3-5) Varying Exceptionalities

#2 pencils, sharpened, 48 ct.
1 hard plastic pencil case
1 box large markers 8 ct., classic
12 large washable glue sticks
1 scissor, 5 inch blunt
6 composition books, wide ruled
1 box colored pencils, 12 ct.
4 highlighters
4 pocket folders
2 boxes of tissues
1 pair of headphones, sturdy headphones
preferred over earbuds



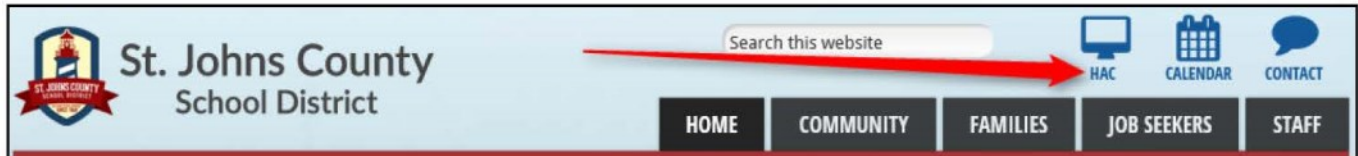
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Parents: New Home Access Center Account "HAC"

Last Modified 5/31/2018

To register for a Home Access Center Account, "HAC", please follow the below instructions. Please note, only the **Parent or Legal Guardian** of the student can register for a HAC account and the student must be in compliance with Immunizations and Registration requirements as per District Policy. Only one account is needed per family.

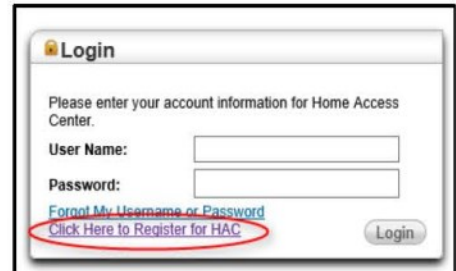
Navigate to the St. Johns County School District website at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>. Across the top of the homepage, you will see the HAC Icon. Click to enter HAC.



On this page you will find an overview of the Home Access Center, FAQ's and the log in prompt. To login, click the blue "Login to Home Access Center" box.



If you already have an account, you can log in using your user name and password. If you need to register for a HAC account, "Click here to register for HAC".



Fill in all fields completely:

First Name and Last Name: Enter the information that was given at the time of your child's registration. If your first name is Elizabeth and you wrote down "Liz", use "Liz".

City: Be sure to completely spell out the City such as "Saint Augustine", "Saint Johns", "Hastings", etc. (Do not abbreviate)

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

After entering the above information, select the "Register" button

Once your account has been located, please create a user name. It is recommended that you **use your current email address as your user name**. Next, create challenge questions and answers, finally click "finish". Your account is now ready for use.



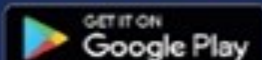
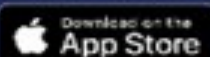
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