



355 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Palms Post October 2024

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our OPE Community!

We want to extend a huge thank you to all the parents and families who came out to support our Open House last week! Your presence meant the world to your children, who were so excited to showcase what they've been up to during their "work day" at school. After all, school is a kid's job, and they were proud to bring their parents to work and show off their "office", learning and hard work!

A special shout-out goes to our amazing PTO for their tireless efforts in organizing and manning the Book Fair, CAAP art stations, and the concession tables at the fun-filled Acrobatic Science Show! Families enjoyed delicious Tikiz shaved ice and ice cream, and Ollie the Otter made a special appearance as he begins his training for his Olympic Run. We even had a visit from "Jake" from State Farm. A special thank you to Ponte Vedra Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics for sponsoring this exciting event!



Fifth Grade Spelling Bee Winners!

Congratulations to our Fifth Grade Classroom Spelling Bee winners, who will be competing in the upcoming School Spelling Bee this Friday starting at 9:00 am. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication!

- Mrs. Conroy's Class:
Pierce Gianchetta, Jaeleigh Grappin, and Bria Blades
- Mr. Flowers' Class:
Ana Alonzo, Scarlett Shea, and Lincoln Zimmer
- Mrs. McVeigh's Class:
Arabella Roffino, Declan Rager, and Nora Webster
- Mrs. Nannetti's Class:
Makoto Akai, Defne Sareyyupoglu, and Maddie Spooner

September

23 – 27 Fall Book Fair

27 – Fifth Grade School Spelling Bee
(9:00-10:30)

October

3 - Picture Day

3 - Class Shirt Orders Due today to receive them before Otter Run!

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)
- PreK (12:00-12:20)
- 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

Special Announcement!

Drumroll, please... We are thrilled to announce this year's Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Stacy Crouch, our Rookie Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Briana Sweeney, and our School Related Employee of the Year is Mrs. Jennifer Dean! Their dedication, bright spirits, and team-focused energy have truly shone throughout the school. We are so proud of their hard work and look forward to seeing them represent us at the district level later this school year.

Get Ready for the Otter Run!

The Otter Run will be here before you know it, and we're so excited! Check your child's blue folder / bookbag this week for important Otter Run information. This annual event is a highlight of the year, and it's one you won't want to miss!

Otter Run Procedures for Parents:

- Anyone attending the Otter Run must complete the school access application and be approved.
- Adults must be on the preapproved list and have their driver's license to enter through the field gate.
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- Those who did not RSVP will be directed to check in at the front office.
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- Otter Run Volunteers and PTO Board Members must sign in at the front office with their driver's licenses to receive their Volunteer Badge.
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For more details about the Otter Run and other upcoming events, make sure to check out the Palms Post. Attached, you'll also find October's lunch menu and a picture order form. We're looking forward to an exciting month ahead and can't wait to see everyone at the Otter Run!

Sincerely,

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

November

- 1 – Sumo Wrestling Show for students
- 1 – 5 Treats for Troops Candy Drive
- 4 – 30 Holiday Toy Drive for OPE Otters through Amazon
- 7 – 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

December

- 9 - (K-2) ELA FAST Testing (PM2) - ELA
- 10 - (K-2) Math FAST Testing (PM2) - Math
- 11 – PreK & Varying Exceptionalities (VE) Celebrations
- 12 – First Grade Celebrations
- 12 – Third Gr. Music Performance (6:00-7:00)
- 13 - (3-5) ELA FAST Testing (PM2) - ELA
- 13 – Kindergarten Celebrations
- 16 - (3-5) Math FAST Testing (PM2) - Math
- 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

OPE Open House 2024





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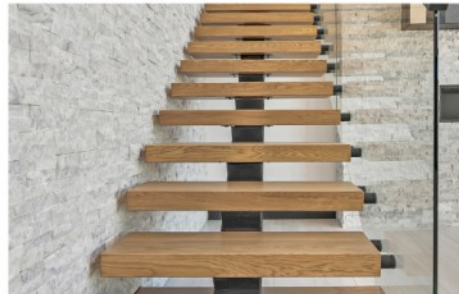
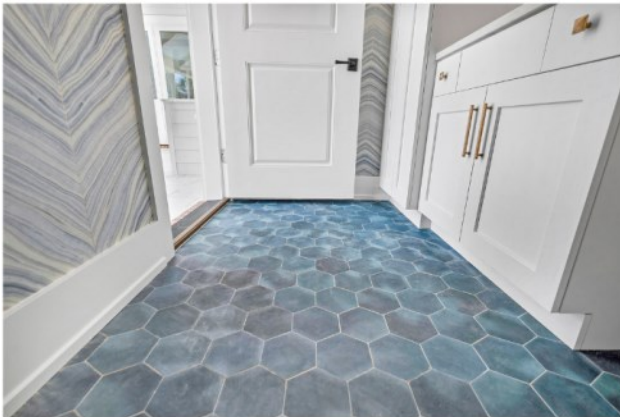
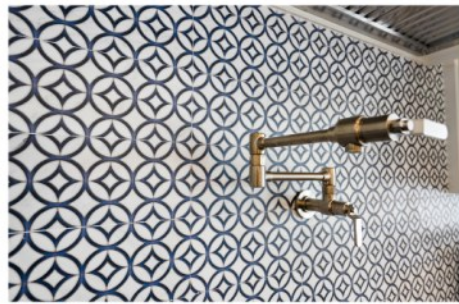
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**This session will help you and your child succeed in the
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Topics Covered:

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Access point for
online resources,
textbooks,
software

Schoology
(Learning Management System)
Review student work
Communicate with teachers
Receive school announcements

Microsoft 365
Microsoft Word
PowerPoint
Excel
OneDrive Cloud Storage

Live Streamed on YouTube

Wednesday, Sept. 25th

5:30 pm

YouTube: bit.ly/3QojcF8



Presented by St. Johns County Instructional
Resources and Media Services Department



Microsoft 365

OCEAN PALMS AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM



PROGRAM DETAILS

12 WEEKS STARTING 9/27

GRADES K-5 - CO-ED

FRIDAYS

2:50-3:50PM

\$180

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER:



PLEASE EMAIL
MANAGER@BBA315.COM
WITH ANY QUESTIONS



OCTOBER 1, 2024

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INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL
PRESENTATION

FEATURING:
FLORIDA DIAGNOSTIC AND LEARNING
RESOURCES SYSTEM (FDLRS)

TOPIC:

IEP 101:
Understanding the IEP Process

Join on your computer or mobile app via link below

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Or call in (audio only) 904-420-0831

Phone Conference ID: 326 287 738#

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SCHOOL DISTRICT



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ON IEPs, WHERE
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YOU THROUGH THE KEY
ASPECTS OF THE IEP
PROCESS AND PROVIDE
GUIDANCE ON
CONFIDENTLY
NAVIGATING YOUR
CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL
PATH

10/1/2024

This meeting will
be held via
Microsoft Teams
platform

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

See attached PDF. flyer with the live link

GET READY FOR OTTER RUN!!



**ORDER BY
OCTOBER 3RD!**

All students are encouraged to purchase a class shirt for school events and field trips.

ORDER YOUR CLASS SHIRT!

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or visit
OPEPTO.com



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SPIRIT NIGHT



Parent Night Out Exclusively for
Ocean Palms Elementary

Friday, October 4 6:00 - 9:00 PM

\$59 Per Student

Net Proceeds Support Ocean Palms PTO
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BREAKING NEWS

OLLIE HITS THE OLYMPIC TRAIL

OTTER TO VISIT ALL U.S. OLYMPIC SITES IN ONE MONTH

Ollie the Otter, of Ocean Palms Elementary, will embark on a first-of-its-kind quest to run the Olympic Torch from Ponte Vedra Beach, FL to four of the U.S. cities that have hosted the historic games. "I was so inspired by this year's Olympics in Paris. I thought it would be great to get some exercise and learn about Olympic history - and share this journey with the students at Ocean Palms," said the Otter. This is a developing story; follow the Otter Daily News as we chronicle this amazing otter's fundraising journey.



OPE Mascot Ollie the Otter visits the Paris Olympics, August 2024

OTTER RUN TO RETURN TO OCEAN PALMS ELEMENTARY

Following the announcement by its mascot that he will run to four U.S. Olympic sites, Ocean Palms Elementary has scheduled this year's Otter Run event for Thursday, October 22nd. As Ollie the Otter travels to historic locations, students will hear inspirational stories of athletes

from around the world, celebrate teamwork, earn fun prizes, and raise money for their amazing school. Upon Ollie's return, Ocean Palms students and their families are invited to join him at the Otter Run event as he crosses the finish line and returns the Olympic Torch to Landrum Lane.

**** OTTER RUN: SAVE THE DATE! TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024 ****

OTTER RUN 2024

OCEAN PALMS ELEMENTARY IS GOING FOR THE GOLD!

Ollie is carrying the torch of unity across the nation to teach our students about Olympic history - the dedication of the athletes, the feats of physical fitness and the beauty of teamwork that make our school and nation proud!



AS OLLIE RUNS FROM STADIUM TO STADIUM, FAMILIES CAN HELP OPE BUILD OUR OWN ATHLETIC FACILITY!

Our "Otter Stadium" currently features two playgrounds and a putting green. After last year's amazing Otter Run, we are adding:

- a storybook path for running and walking
- a multi-sport turf field
- a new basketball/pickleball court
- three four-square courts

WHY ARE WE RUNNING THIS YEAR?

OTTER RUN 2024 WILL RAISE FUNDS TO

- ★ construct outdoor bathroom facilities for our back field
- ★ add a permanent shade structure over our back court
- ★ fulfill upcoming technology needs at OPE

OTTER RUN 2024

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

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



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INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

- All students receive a kick-off medal
- \$5: Rubber Duck of your Choice
- \$25: Fidget Pop-It! Ball
- \$50: Velcro Animal Friend
- \$100: Light-Up Hover Soccer Ball
- \$250: Karaoke Machine & 2 Microphones
- \$500: \$50 Roblox Gift Card
- \$1000: \$100 Gift Card to Urban Youth Park

SCHOOLWIDE INCENTIVES

- \$10K: Crazy Hair and/or Dress as a Favorite Athlete
- \$25K: DJ Spins Tunes at Recess
- \$35K: Dunk our Administration Team
- \$50K: Staff Sumo Party Showcase
- \$65K **or** 75% fundraising participation:
Recess Inflatable Obstacle Course



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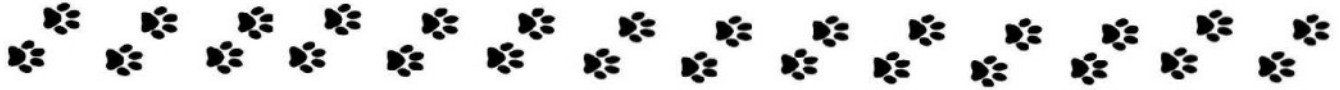


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Parent Procedures and Schedules



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Otter Run Times	Grade Levels	Resource Class Times
8:45-9:30	Second Grade	12:45-1:20
9:30-10:15	First Grade	10:30-11:05
10:15-11:00	Third Grade	1:25-2:00
11:00-11:45	Kindergarten	9:55-10:30
12:00-12:20	PreK	11:10-11:45
12:45-1:30	Fourth Grade	2:00-2:35
1:30-2:15	Fifth Grade	8:35-9:10

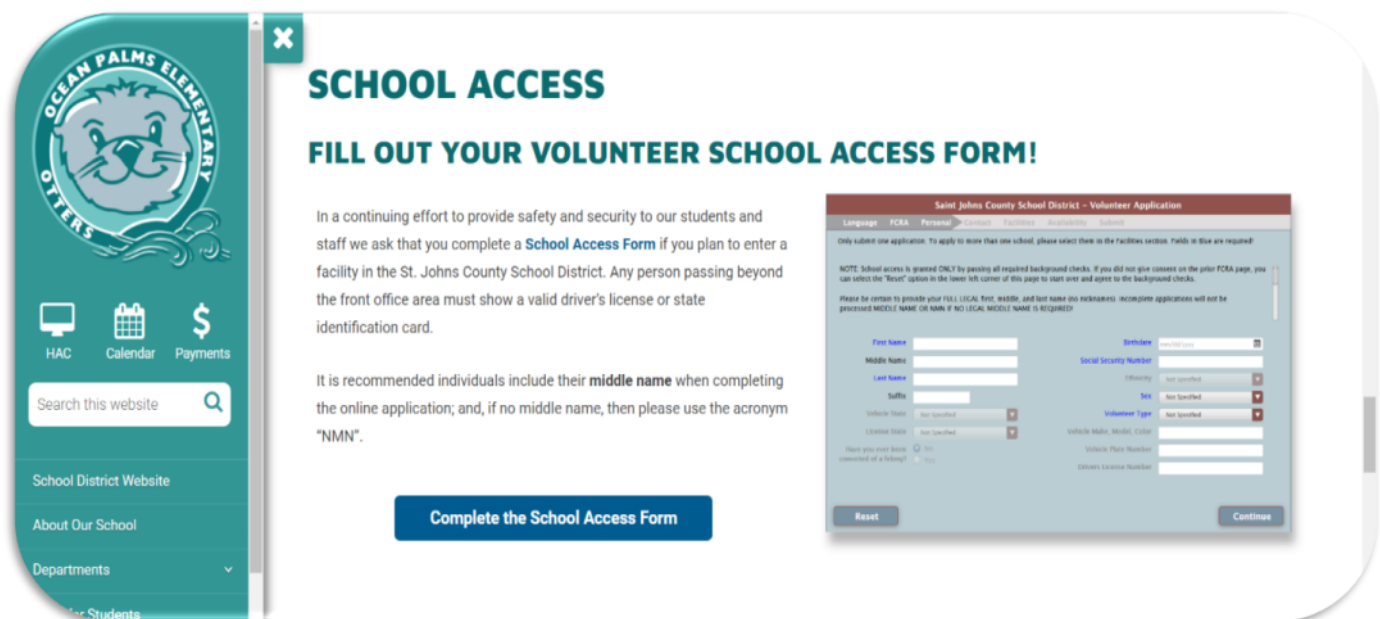
Lunch Schedule					
Times	Teachers	Times	Teachers	Times	Teachers
10:40-11:10	Blaich	11:15-11:45	Nannetti	11:50-12:20	Sheen
10:41-11:11	Webster	11:16-11:46	McVeigh	11:51-12:21	Becksmith
10:42-11:12	Frecks	11:17-11:47	Conroy	11:52-12:22	Sebestyen
10:43-11:13	Tuczynski	11:18-11:48	Flowers	11:53-12:23	Owens
10:51-11:21	Frein	11:26-11:56	Reid	12:00-12:30	Jette
10:52-11:22	Garner	11:27-11:57	Dalton	12:02-12:32	Seese
10:53-11:23	Korn	11:28-11:58	Happel	12:04-12:34	Gomez
10:54-11:24	Hopkins	11:29-11:59	Sweeney		

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 Ocean Palms Elementary website interface. On the left is a teal sidebar with the school logo, navigation links (HAC, Calendar, Payments), a search bar, and a menu (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 text explaining the need for the form and a "Complete the School Access Form" button. To the right is a preview of the "Saint Johns County School District - Volunteer Application" form, which includes fields for name, social security number, and other personal information.

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.

COPE'S FALL BOOK FAIR

READING IS OUT OF THIS WORLD!

-THIS YEAR'S SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WILL BEGIN AT OPEN HOUSE ON SEPTEMBER 19 AND GO THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25 WITH SCHEDULED TIMES FOR EACH CLASS

. -PLEASE CHECK THE CLASS SCHEDULE FOR YOUR STUDENT'S DAY AND TIME.

✦ - CASH, CHECK, AND E-WALLET WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR TEACHER BY CHECKING OUT HIS OR HER WISH LIST WHICH WILL BE POSTED INSIDE THE FAIR.

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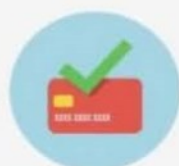


The easiest way to shop the Fair!

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

If you had leftover eWallet funds from a previous fair, you must log into your Scholastic account and follow the instructions to convert those funds back into a new eWallet for the current fair.

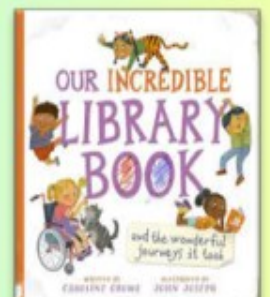
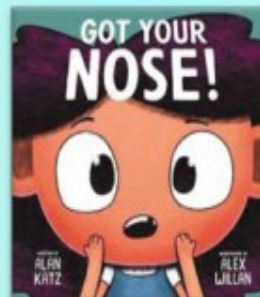
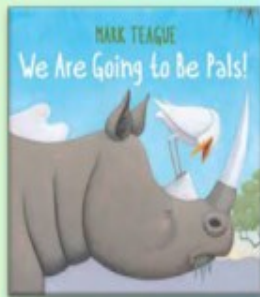
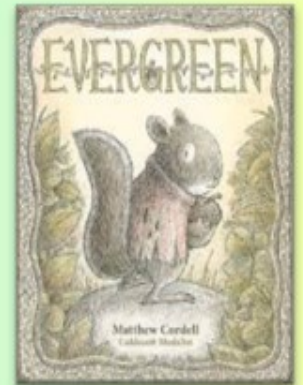
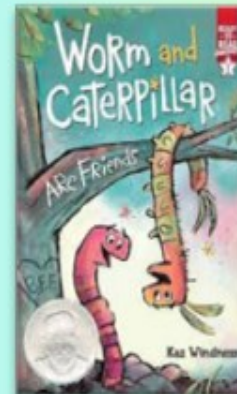
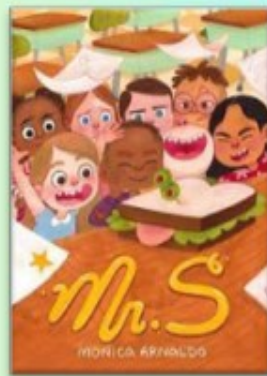
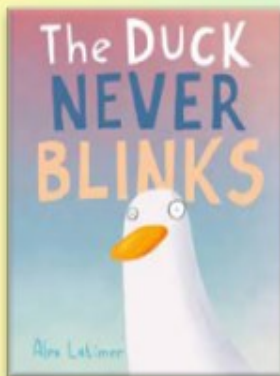
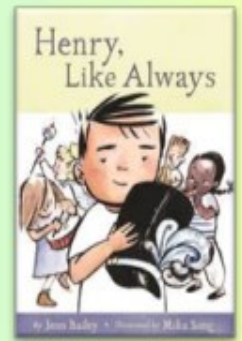
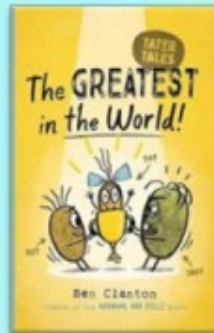
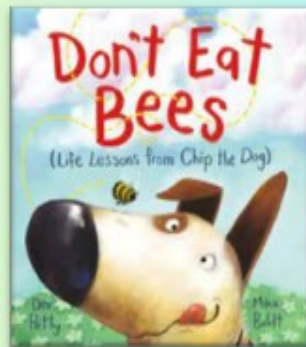
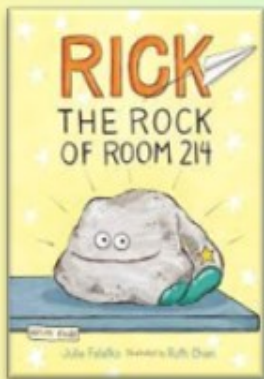
OPENING NIGHT: September 19th during Open House

	MON 9/23	TUES 9/24	WED 9/25
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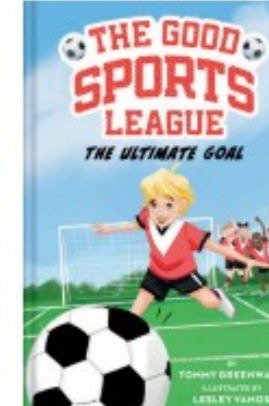
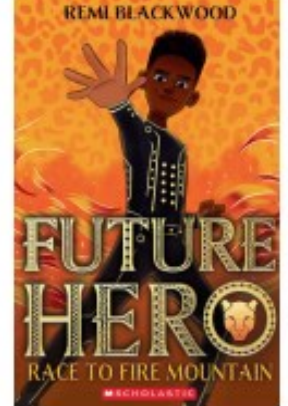
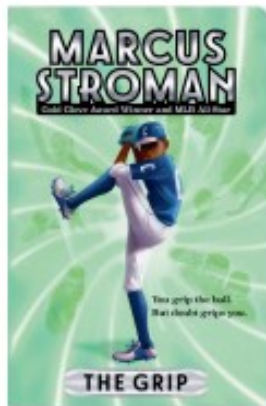
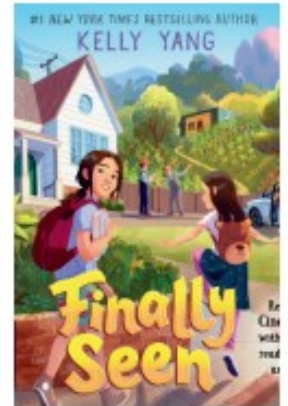
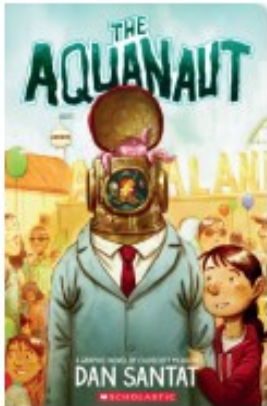
Which will be your new favorite?



SSYRA Books

2024-25

Grades 3-5



How many will you read?

COME DRIVE THE BUS WITH US

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024

8:00am to 11:00am



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Red Ribbon Week

Monday, October 28th - "Red-y to Be Drug-Free"

Wear: Red (Hats Included)

Tuesday, October 29th - "Saddle Up Against Drugs"

Wear: Western Theme Apparel (Hats Included)

Wednesday, October 30th - "Sock It to Drugs"

Wear: Crazy socks and hats

Thursday, October 31st - "Scare Away Drugs"

Wear: Your favorite Costume - No Masks

Friday, November 1st - "Team Up Against Drugs"

Wear: Favorite Sports Team Apparel (Hats included)

PAINT THE OTTER ROCK!

**CELEBRATE YOUR STUDENT
OR TEACHER WITH A
SPECIAL MESSAGE!**

3 Otter Rocks to choose from: one at each entrance!



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



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HELP US PAVE THE WAY



Paver price is \$75 each.
All proceeds fund PTO school projects and all purchases are tax deductible. For photos and info, visit OPEPTO.com and click "fundraising"



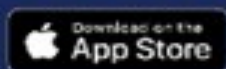
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The tip report goes to your local school officials when submitted.
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