



THANK YOU, OTTERS!





355 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Palms Post November 2024



Dear OPE Families,

That's a wrap on Otter Run 2024! For our major fundraiser of the year, we called on the Otter Raft to rally around Ocean Palms and WOW! The support and participation of our families was beyond amazing. We are thrilled to share that together we raised \$60,009 for OPE! This represents a 67% increase in average donations per student compared to last year. Unbelievable!

We also hit a new record: 84% of OPE students secured at least one Otter Run donation. The incredible participation from our school community was heartwarming and a true reflection of the special bond we share as Otters.

A heartfelt thank you to every family for donating, fundraising, and supporting our students on the field this week. Otter Run not only strengthens us financially but also unites our students in fun and teamwork. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and hope your students feel just as proud of themselves!

Stay tuned for final Otter Run stats - the fundraiser may be complete, but the celebration continues as the staff will be Sumo Wrestling for the students this Friday!



November

- 1 - Art to Remember Orders are Due
- 1 - Sumo Wrestling Show for students
- 1 - 5 Treats for Troops Candy Drive
- 4 - 30 Holiday Toy Drive for OPE Otters through Amazon
- 11 - Veteran's Day Flag Placement
- 12 - Honor Choir Performance (6:00-7:00)
- 14 - Interims
- 25 - 29 Thanksgiving Break / No School

December

- 11 - PreK & Varying Exceptionalities (VE) Celebrations
- 12 - First Grade Celebrations
- 12 - Third Gr. Music Performance at 6:00
- 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

Red Ribbon Week and Canned Food Drive

This week, we're keeping the momentum going with Red Ribbon Week, featuring fun dress-up days and classroom activities focused on making healthy choices. In the same spirit of kindness, we are launching our Annual Canned Food Drive. We encourage families to donate non-perishable items to help stock a local food pantry for St. Johns County families. Your generosity truly makes a difference!



Honoring Our Veterans

Although Veterans Day will now be a school day due to instructional time lost to Hurricanes Helene and Milton, we are committed to honoring those who have served and sacrificed for our country. On this special day, students will place American flags around the campus to commemorate those who have paid the ultimate price and honor those currently serving. We are also participating in Treats for Troops! Starting November 1st, we will collect candy to donate to our military as a gesture of gratitude and community support. In addition, don't forget that November 1st is the last day to place your Art to Remember orders if you want to receive them in time for the holidays!



Holiday Cheer for Otters

As the holiday season approaches, we have a wonderful opportunity to bring some extra cheer to our Otter families who could use a little extra support. This year, we're inviting our community to contribute through an Amazon Wish List. This has been a meaningful way to uplift our families in the past, and we are deeply grateful for your ongoing generosity and support. The Wish List is now ready! Any items purchased will be sent directly to our school counselor, who will lovingly distribute them to our families. We kindly ask that all donations be received by **December 4, 2024** so we have time to prepare and organize these thoughtful gifts. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your compassion and for bringing light to our Otter community this holiday season.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gf/guest-view/2C3C289CQFHD1>

Holiday Meals for Otter Families

It is also our desire to provide grocery gift cards for our families in need for both winter holidays. To help us prepare and distribute these gifts in time, we kindly ask that all donations be submitted by **November 18, 2024**. Our school counselor will handle the cards with care, ensuring they are given to the families who need them most. Grocery Gift Cards (Publix, Winn-Dixie, Walmart, Aldi, etc.) can be sent in with your child "Care of: Faie Pellegrino, School Counselor" or dropped off to the front office.

We are so grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Your contribution will make a meaningful difference for our Otter families this holiday season! Thank you for being a part of our caring community.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C48AEAD2BA2FE3-52761221-holiday>

Thank you all for your generosity and support—whether it's through Otter Run, Red Ribbon Week, or holiday giving, our OPE community continues to shine. Together, we are making waves that matter!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tiffany Cantwell and Ms. Kim Bays

OPE Administration Team





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Character Counts Recognition



Responsibility

Kindergarten	Hudson Agnew, Darwin Krainin, Khaza Moore
1 st Grade	Zac Baumgartner, Simon Booth, Lily Hopkins, Lana Mulchay
2 nd Grade	Maria DellaCrosse, Asher Krainin, Chris Martinos, Brayden Strileckis
3 rd Grade	Paislee Baggs, Eliza Black, Donovan Leapley-Williams
4 th Grade	Skylar Horschel, Andrew Knisley, Colton Unter, Kaitlyn Yuan
5 th Grade	Tinsley Barnes, Rylee Gallagher, Abigail Lunsford, Taylor Mitcham

Fairness

Kindergarten	Logan Reeping, Luke Simpson, Grayson Whitelaw
1 st Grade	Francesca Fusco, Eleanor LeGout, Eleni Leininger, Ryan Piltin
2 nd Grade	Jacob Dietz, Landon Fitzgerald, Peter Moser, Demian Tsabak
3 rd Grade	DJ Grappin, Ronan Flood, Wyatt Unter
4 th Grade	Noah Boyce, Blix Lickliter, Adeline Roffino, Akisha Wilkinson,
5 th Grade	Sawyer Cook, Leo DellaCrosse, Will Hinkle, Luke Kelley, Peter Menne

All Pillars

Kindergarten	Hannah Diaz, Emma Kul
1 st Grade	Ava DeFazio, Adeline Ludwick, Fielding Simmers, Miles Webster
2 nd Grade	Colbie Horschel, Nathan Hsu, Maggie Palmer, Kenzie Smith
3 rd Grade	Isaac Menne, Harper Mundy, Olivia Rivera,
4 th Grade	Asher Bagley, Virginia Hilley, Lea Halilaj, Ben LeGout, Adelyn Niu,
5 th Grade	Juliette Farrell, Oliver Hankee, Tighe Maltese, Henry Veenstra



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)

Leonard's

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Canned Food Drive

October 28th – November 1st

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 28th – November 1st.

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!



Ocean Palms Elementary

Treats for Troops

November 1-5

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!

Attention Families!



We are participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. Right now, children are busy creating colorful, fun artwork, and soon you will receive a personalized order form.

Here's what you can expect:

Over 50 keepsake products featuring your child's artwork

Many of the products are less than \$20

A percentage of every order goes right back to our school

Safe, secure online ordering at ArtToRemember.com




Art to Remember keepsakes are the perfect gift for any occasion!

Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want your child to participate in this program.

**THE DEADLINE TO ORDER HAS BEEN
EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 1ST**

**[https://arttoremember.com/school/
w7t536](https://arttoremember.com/school/w7t536)**

November's Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				November 1st 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 4th Chicken Slider Biscuit French Toast sticks Tater Tots Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit ketchup, mustard, dipping sauce dunk cup, syrup	November 5th 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	November 8th Homestyle Chicken Sandwich BBQ Turkey Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries & Baked Beans Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup	November 7th Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mini Corn Dogs Steamed Broccoli Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping sauce dunk cup, Ketchup, mustard	November 8th 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 11th Chicken Nuggets & Choice of WG Garlic Ripstick Loaded Philly Tots Green Beans Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping sauce dunk cup, cheese cup	November 12th Hot Dog Mac & Cheese Baked Beans Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, dipping sauce dunk cup	November 13th Grilled Cheese Sandwich BBQ Chicken Quesadilla Sweet Potato Fries Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup	November 14th Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mini Corn Dogs Steamed Broccoli Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping sauce dunk cup, Ketchup, mustard	November 15th 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 18th Chicken Slider Biscuit French Toast sticks Tater Tots Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit ketchup, mustard, dipping sauce dunk cup, syrup	November 19th Penne Pasta with Choice of Marinara Sauce OR Marinara sauce with Meatballs Beef & Bean Chili with choice of cheese cup Green Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit WG Garlic Ripstick	November 20th Homestyle Chicken Sandwich BBQ Turkey Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries & Baked Beans Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup	November 21st Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mini Corn Dogs Steamed Broccoli Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping sauce dunk cup, Ketchup, mustard	November 22nd 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 25th	November 26th	November 27th	November 28th	November 29th
				



OPE Yearbook Cover Contest!

**It's that time again, to pick a cover for
our 2024-2025 yearbook!**

**We want to see what amazing artwork OPE students
have to contribute this year! Entries are
due to Mrs. Rodriguez by Wednesday, November 6th**

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 Friday, November 15th on the morning news. If you have, any questions please see Mrs. Rodriguez.





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ST. JOHNS COUNTY CHARACTER COUNTS! NIGHT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024 | 7PM

Join the Jacksonville Icemen and St. Johns County School District for a night with the Icemen on Saturday, November 9! A portion of each ticket sold through this link will be donated back to CHARACTER COUNTS!



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GIFTED PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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November 2024 GPAC

Parents and caregivers of SJCSO gifted students:
Join gifted educators and community stakeholders for this virtual
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Keynote Speaker:

Dr. MaryRose Kaplan, SJCSO District Counselor

Learning Topic:

Supporting Gifted Children in Developing Executive Functioning Skills

November 12, 2024

6:30-7:30 PM

Link to join: [Join the Meeting Now](#)

For more information about GPAC, please reach out to:

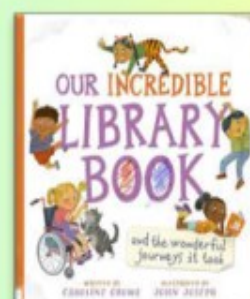
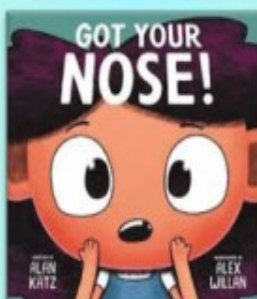
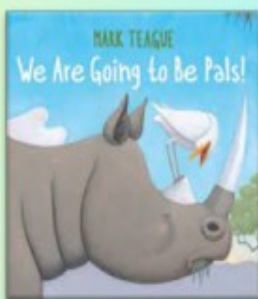
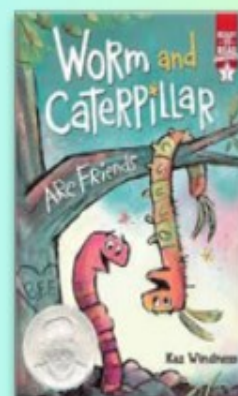
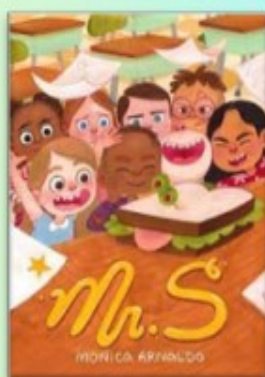
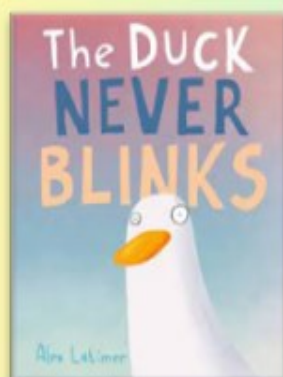
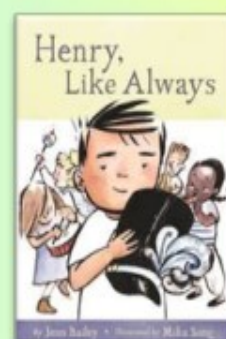
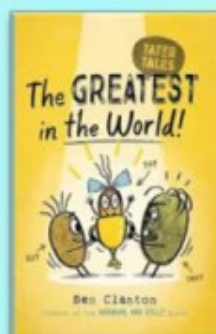
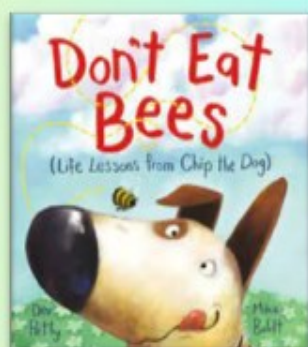
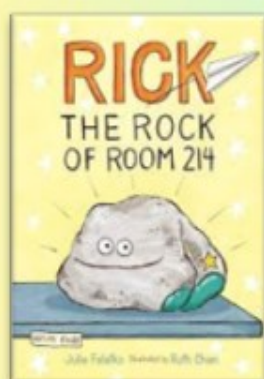
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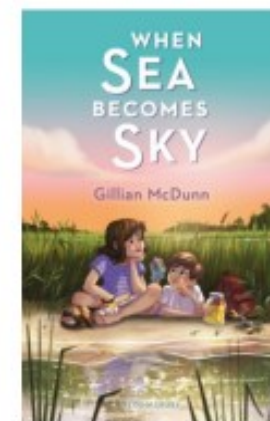
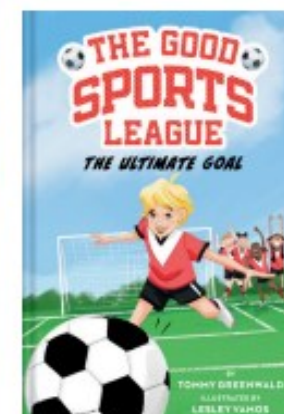
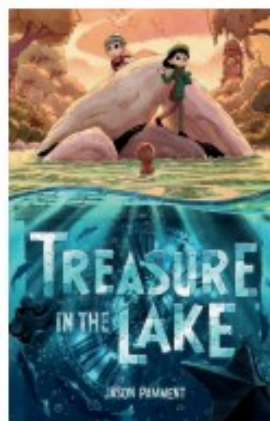
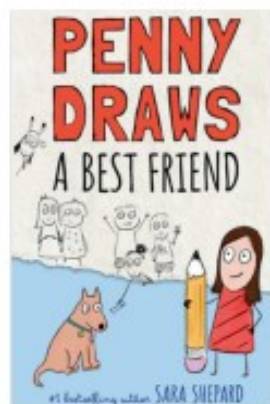
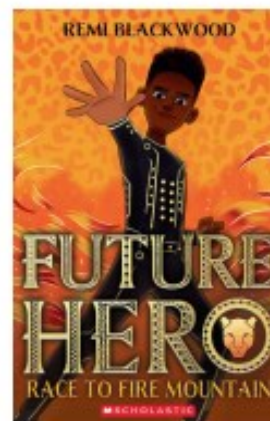
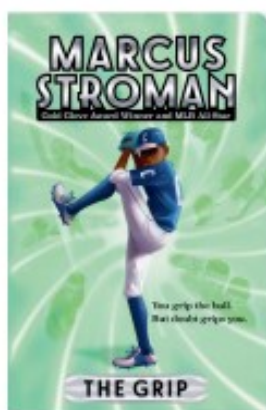
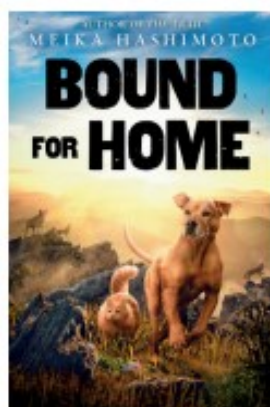
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2024-25

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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, EOCs, Statewide Science, Retakes, the Florida Civic Literacy Exam, and the Florida Alternate Assessment.
- 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://fi-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 on the St. Johns County School District website. The page features a sidebar with the Ocean Palms Elementary logo and navigation links for HAC, Calendar, Payments, and a search bar. The main content area is titled 'SCHOOL ACCESS' and 'FILL OUT YOUR VOLUNTEER SCHOOL ACCESS FORM!'. It includes a paragraph explaining the need for the form and a button labeled 'Complete the School Access Form'. To the right, a preview of the application form is shown, which includes 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 form also has 'Reset' and 'Continue' buttons.

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.

LEAVE A LEGACY AT OPE

Custom-engrave 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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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"



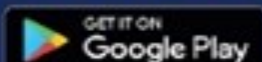
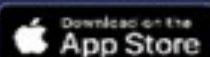
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Convenient

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



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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.