



355 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Palms Post February 2025

Dear Otter Families,

We are thrilled to celebrate two outstanding educators who make a lasting impact at Ocean Palms! Congratulations to Mrs. Crouch, our Teacher of the Year, and Mrs. Sweeney, our Rookie Teacher of the Year! These remarkable teachers will be honored at the annual district banquet on January 31, and we couldn't be prouder of them. Next month, we will continue celebrating excellence by recognizing our Adult and Youth Volunteers of the Year. Stay tuned for this special announcement as we highlight the incredible individuals who give their time and talents to support our school!

We also want to give a huge thank you to our amazing PTO and community for making our new multi-purpose turf field a reality! The students are absolutely loving it, and we are grateful for your generosity in providing this fantastic addition to our campus.

### **Testing Proctors Needed!**

As we approach testing season, we need your help! Proctors play a crucial role in ensuring a smooth testing experience by assisting teachers and maintaining a focused environment. Without proctors, our teachers cannot administer exams to their own students.

Proctoring is simple, yet incredibly valuable, and your support makes a big difference for our students! If you're interested or have questions, please reach out to Faie Pellegrino, School Counselor, at (904) 547-3772. To maintain fairness, proctors will not be assigned to classrooms where they have family members. Additionally, all volunteers must be cleared through school access. Thank you in advance for your time, care, and dedication to our students!

### **FAST Proctors: OPES Proctors for FAST Testing 2025**

### **Upcoming Events**

Be sure to check out this edition of The Palms Post for upcoming events, including Literacy Week (January 27-31), where we'll have fun dress-up days to celebrate the joy of reading! We also hope to see everyone at the annual Character Counts! Run/Walk.

We appreciate all that you do to make Ocean Palms such a special place!

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

## February

- 1 – Character Counts Run/Walk at Palencia Elementary
- 3 – 11 Kindness Cards on Sale
- 11 – Interims
- 12 – Kindness Cards delivered
- 14 – Teacher In-service Day
- 17 – Presidents' Day / No School

## March

- 4 – Kindergarten and First Grade Field Day – Schedule and procedures p. 17
- 6 – Second and Third Grade Field Day – Schedule and procedures p. 17
- 7 – Fourth and Fifth Grade Field Day – Schedule and procedures p. 17
- 11 – 16 PLAYERS Championship Golf Tournament
- 13 – Third Quarter Ends
- 14 – Teacher Planning Day / No School
- 17 – 21 Spring Break / No School
- 24 – Classes Resume
- 26 – Rain Date: Field Day
- 26 – (K-1) Otter Spirit Auction with Teachers (2:00-3:00)
- 27 – Report Cards posted on (HAC)

# Congratulations!



**Teacher of the Year:**

Mrs. Stacy Crouch

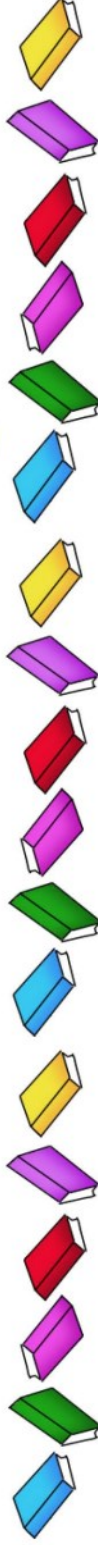
**Rookie Teacher of the Year:**

Mrs. Briana Sweeney

**School Employee of the Year:**

Mrs. Jennifer Dean

# Celebrate Literacy Week



## **Seuss-tastic Monday, January 27**

Dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss character.

## **Terrific Tales Tuesday, January 28**

Dress as a character from your favorite fairy tale or folktale.

## **Wonderful World Wednesday, January 29**

Dress as a character from a different world or universe. This can include fantasy worlds, underwater realms, enchanted forests, historical settings, and more.

## **Adventure Awaits Thursday, January 30**

Dress as an explorer, adventurer, or a character from an adventure book.

## **Biographies & Historical Fiction Friday, January 31**

Dress as a historical figure or a character from historical fiction.



# Kindness Cards

Kindness Cards come with a sweet treat and can be purchased each morning in the cafeteria the week of February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> for \$1.00 each



Kindness cards and treats will be distributed to students in their classroom on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Parents can purchase Kindness cards in the front office.

Proceeds will be donated to Blessings in a Backpack.



# *Leonard's* YEARBOOK

**YOUR OWN PERSONAL  
TIME CAPSULE**

**ORDER ONLINE TODAY**

**BuyTheYearbook.com**

**School ID: 725774**

# NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION»



**Registration opens online March 1, 2025,  
for all St. Johns County Schools.  
Learn more about your home zoned school  
by going to our website.**

**<https://www-ope.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>**

## **OPE School Tour Dates:**

- Monday, February 10 @ 10:00 am
- Monday, March 3 @ 10:00 am
- Monday, April 14 @ 10:00 am
- Monday, May 12 @ 10:00 am
- Thursday, July 31 @ 9:00 am

**School Tours:** We are delighted to invite you to tour Ocean Palms Elementary! This is a wonderful opportunity to explore our campus, learn more about our programs, and experience the warm and welcoming environment of our school community.

Call 904-547-3760 to sign up for a tour.

**Email Mrs. Morales if you have questions  
about registration!**

Vicki Morales, Registrar - [Vicki.Morales@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Vicki.Morales@stjohns.k12.fl.us)





# 2024-25 PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Please support these amazing businesses that support our school!

## GOLD Partners



## SILVER Partners



## BRONZE Partners





Testing season begins on March 31st and runs through May 20th. During this time, all students in grades K-5 will take a reading and math assessment, while VPK students will participate in a reading assessment only. In addition: Grades 4 & 5

will complete a writing assessment and Grade 5 students will also take a science assessment. A full assessment calendar with specific dates for each grade level and subject is on page 8 of this newsletter. Please review it to ensure your child gets a good night's sleep before testing days and is able to test with their class, rather than needing to take a make-up assessment later.

### **Supporting Your Child During Testing Season**

Encouraging a growth mindset and reinforcing test-taking strategies at home can help your child feel more confident and prepared. Some key strategies students practice in class that you can review at home include:

- ✓ **Process of elimination** – Narrowing down answer choices by removing incorrect options
- ✓ **Reviewing all answers** – Taking the time to check responses before submitting the test
- ✓ **Underlining key vocabulary** – Identifying important words in reading passages and questions
- ✓ **"Select all that apply" questions** – Many test items require multiple correct answers, so reading carefully is essential

Practicing these skills when reviewing classroom assessments can help students feel more comfortable applying them during state testing.

### **Writing Assessment for Grades 4 & 5**

Students in 4th and 5th grade will participate in the B.E.S.T. Writing Assessment, where they will:

- Read multiple passages
- Plan and type an essay response
- Include proper citations

### **Accessing Your Child's Scores**

If you haven't already, sign up for the Florida Family Portal to access your child's progress monitoring scores and track their growth year after year. The portal provides insight into how your child is progressing and allows you to see their performance on each assessment.

We appreciate your partnership in making testing season a smooth and successful experience for our students. Let's help them set sail for success!

## April

- 10 – Spring Family Night and Book Fair (5:00-8:00)
- 10-17 – Spring Book Fair
- 11 – FAST Testing Pep Rally for Students
- 15 – Honor Choir Performance (6:00-7:00)
- 16 – (2-5) Otter Spirit Auction with Teachers (2:00-3:00)
- 18 – Student/Teacher Holiday/No School
- 23 – Interims
- 23 – Otter Spirit Auction with Resource Team (2:00-3:00)
- 24 – First Grade Music Performance (6:00-7:00)
- 24 – May 30 A-Z Count Down to Summer Vacation starts

## May

- 5 – 9 – Staff Appreciation Week
- 13 – Kindergarten End of Year Celebrations
- 14 – PreK & VE End of Year Celebrations
- 15 – (K-5) STEM Night and Art Show (5:00-7:30)
- 19 – First Grade End of Year Celebrations
- 20 – Third Grade End of Year Celebrations
- 21 – Second Grade End of Year Celebrations
- 22 – Fourth Grade End of Year Celebrations
- 22 – End of the Year Water Balloon Growth Event
- 23 – Fifth Grade Talent Show (9:00-10:00) and Fifth Grade Fun Day (10:00-1:00)
- 26 – Memorial Day / No School
- 29 – Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremonies
  - (9:15-10:45) Conroy and Flowers
  - (11:30-1:00) Nannetti and McVeigh
- 30 – Last Day of School for Students – Fifth Grade Clap Out (1:20-1:45) - Early Dismissal 1:30 PreK & 1:45 Grades K-5
- 30 – Fourth Quarter Ends/Report Cards posted on Home Access Center (HAC)

## **Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Schedule Spring 2025**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Assessment</b>
Monday, March 31, 2025	Grade 5 Writes
Thursday, April 3, 2025	Grade 4 Writes
Monday, May 5, 2025	Kindergarten STAR Early Literacy and Grades 1-2 STAR Reading
Tuesday, May 6, 2025	Kindergarten and Gr. 1-2 STAR Math
Thursday, May 8, 2025	Grades 3-4 FAST ELA
Friday, May 9, 2025	Grades 3-4 FAST Math
Tuesday, May 13, 2025	Grade 5 FAST ELA
Thursday, May 15, 2025	Grade 5 FAST Math
Monday, May 19, 2025	VPK STAR Early Literacy
Tuesday, May 20, 2025	Grade 5 FAST Science

Make-up testing will occur as soon as possible upon a student's return to school.



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# CHARACTER COUNTS!

In St. Johns County

# 6K 3K

# RUN • WALK

Saturday, February 1, 2025  
9 A.M.

Palencia Elementary School



Register by December 31, 2024, to receive a race t-shirt and other give-aways from sponsoring businesses and community organizations!



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REGISTER AT RACSMITH.COM





# CHIP IN *for charity*

Each ticket purchased for  
**THE PLAYERS Championship**  
earns \$40 for our school!

[THEPLAYERS.com/tickets](https://THEPLAYERS.com/tickets)

Promo Code **469GMF**

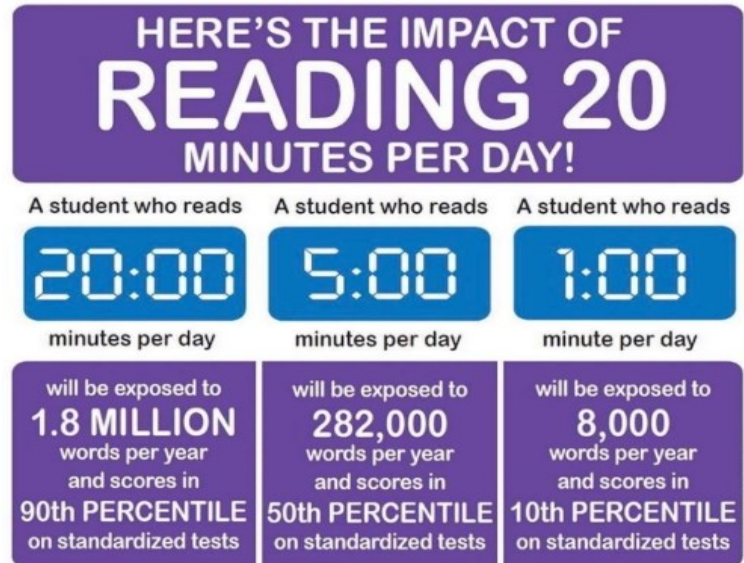


VALID ON STADIUM PASSES FOR MARCH 13-16, 2024  
LOWEST-PRICE GUARANTEED THROUGH TICKETMASTER  
MAX 6 TICKETS PER ACCOUNT PER DAY



# Third Grade Promotion & Retention

At Ocean Palms, we are dedicated to fostering a positive and supportive environment for all of our students. While state guidelines require us to inform families about third-grade promotion and retention policies, we want to assure you that we do not discuss promotion or retention directly with students. Our goal is to avoid creating any unnecessary stress or anxiety, especially related to testing. Instead, we encourage students to approach each test with a growth mindset, focusing on doing their best and “showing what they know.”



We emphasize the importance of taking all assessments seriously and view these moments as opportunities for growth. This mindset helps us maintain a balanced approach that prioritizes student well-being while still meeting important academic milestones. Below, we’ve outlined the state guidelines and additional support available to ensure all students are prepared for success in fourth grade and beyond.

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) in their third progress monitoring assessment in the area of Reading. The intent of the third-grade progression statute is to ensure that students have the necessary reading skills to be successful in grade 4 and beyond.

**If a student does not score Level 2 or above on the third grade English Language Arts (ELA) assessment on Thursday, May 8, they may attend the district provided Summer Reading Program for additional reading instruction.** Some third graders who score Level 1 on the statewide FAST-ELA can be exempted from the retention requirement and be promoted to fourth grade. This is called a “good cause exemption”. See page 12 for the different exemptions.

# 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.

**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 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.

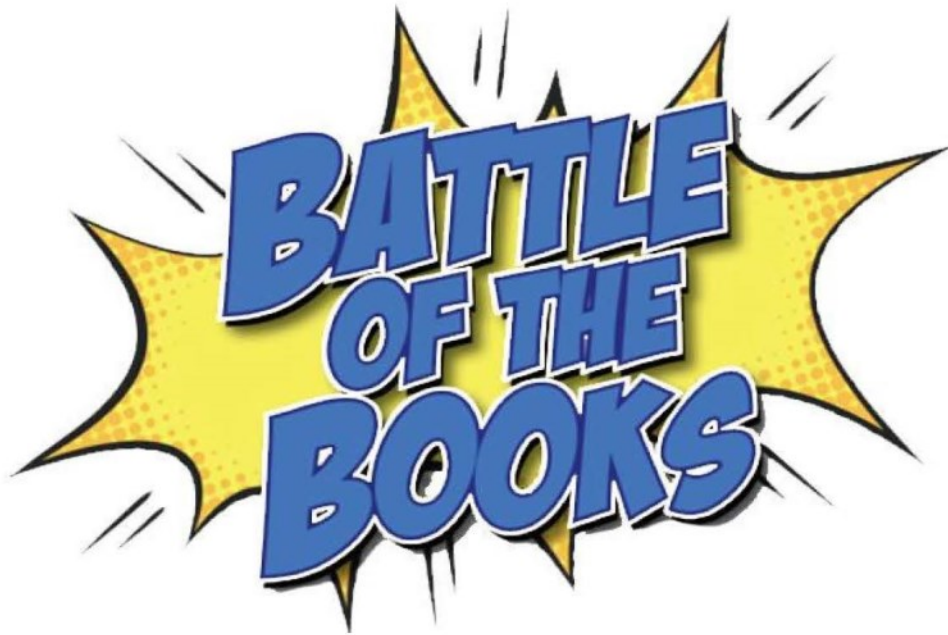
**Good Cause Exemption #2:** Students with disabilities whose individual education plan indicates that participation in the statewide assessment program is not appropriate, consistent with requirements of s.1008.212, F.S.

**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 or STAR Reading.

**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.



**OPE's Battle of the Books  
Tryouts are the week of February 3-7**

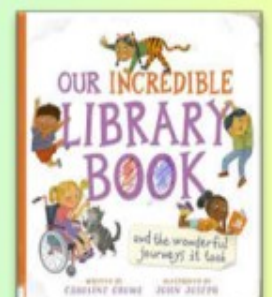
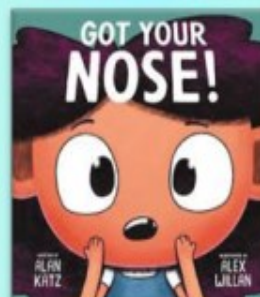
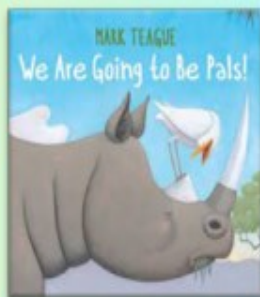
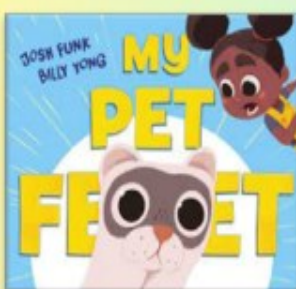
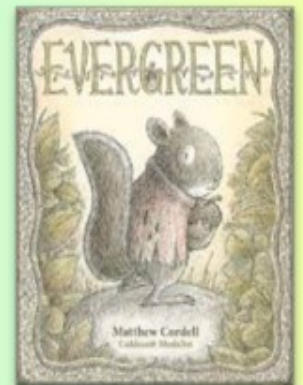
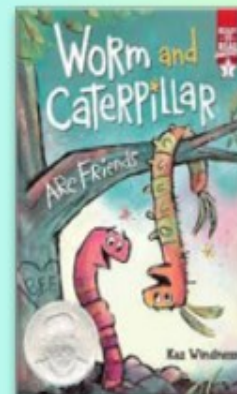
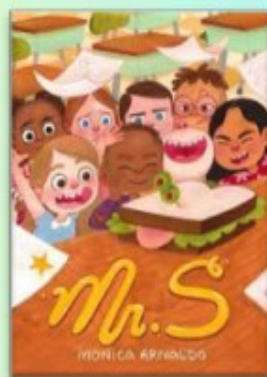
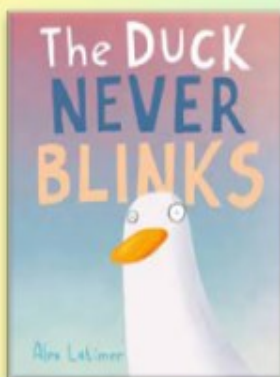
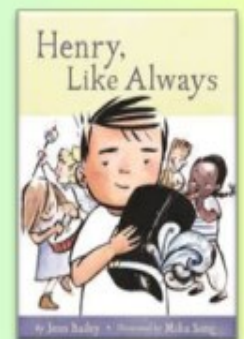
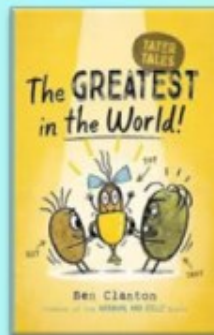
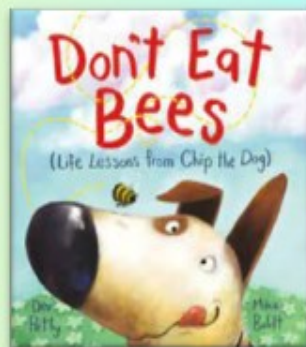
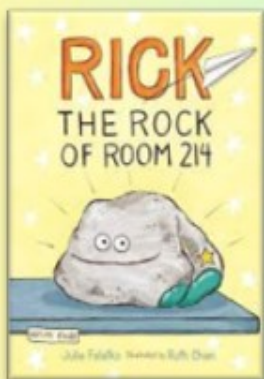
**Criteria for try outs: Read and pass  
a minimum of 10 out of the 15 quizzes  
on the (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>) Sunshine State books  
by February 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**The District Battle of the Books  
competition will be held on  
March 27<sup>th</sup>.**

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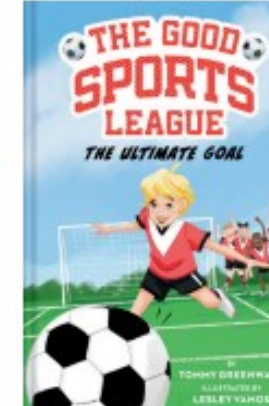
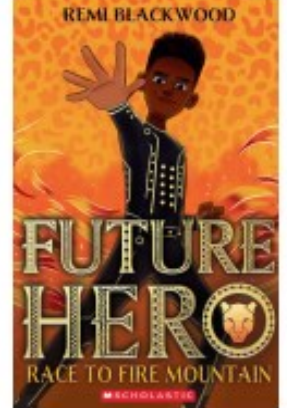
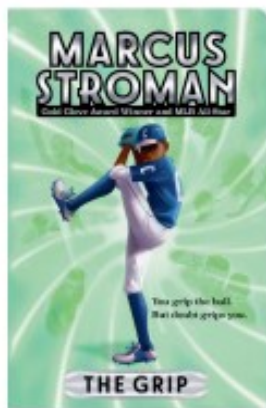
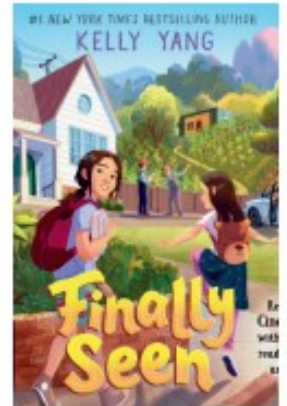
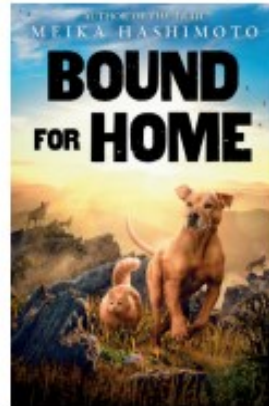
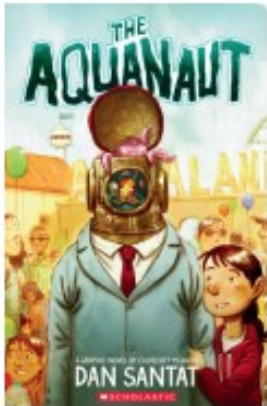
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Which will be your new favorite?



# SSYRA Books 2024-25 Grades 3-5



How many will you read?

# February's Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>February 3rd</b> Chicken Nuggets & Choice of WG Garlic RipStick Loaded Philly Tots Green Beans Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping sauce dunk cup, cheese cup.	<b>February 4th</b> Hot Dog Mac & Cheese Baked Beans Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, dipping sauce dunk cup	<b>February 5th</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich BBQ Chicken Quesadilla Sweet Potato Fries Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup	<b>February 6th</b> Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mini Corn Dogs Steamed Broccoli Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping sauce dunk cup, Ketchup, mustard	<b>February 7th</b> Hamburger or Cheeseburger Max Cheese Sticks with choice of mamara dipping sauce Baked Potato Fries Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit & Choice of 100% Juice Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup
<b>February 10th</b> Chicken Slider Biscuit French Toast sticks Tater Tots Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit ketchup, mustard, dipping sauce dunk cup, syrup	<b>February 11th</b> Penne Pasta with Choice of Mamara Sauce OR Mamara sauce with Meatballs Beef & Bean Chili with choice of cheese cup Green Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit WG Garlic Ripstick	<b>February 12th</b> Homestyle Chicken Sandwich BBQ Turkey Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries & Baked Beans Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup	<b>February 13th</b> Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mini Corn Dogs Steamed Broccoli Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping sauce dunk cup, Ketchup, mustard	<b>February 14th</b>  Student Holiday InService Day
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# **PARENTS - FIELD DAY PROCEDURES**

**Location: Front Field**

<b>Tuesday, March 4</b>	<b>Thursday, March 6</b>	<b>Friday, March 7</b>
Kindergarten	Second Grade	Fourth Grade
(8:45-10:45) Field Day	(8:40-10:40) Field Day	(8:45-10:45) Field Day
First Grade	Third Grade	Fifth Grade
(11:45-1:45) Field Day	(11:45-1:45) Field Day	(11:45-1:45) Field Day

- ❖ **IMPORTANT RSVP - Any adult wishing to attend, or volunteer must be an approved volunteer and RSVP with their child's room parent or teacher on or before 3:00 p.m. Friday, February 21.**
- ❖ Check in and Field Access – Adults will go to the front field to check in. You must be on the preapproved list and check in at the front field. Each adult shall present their driver's license to access the event.
  - Any adult NOT on the approved volunteer list will be directed to the front office for assistance. Don't wait to complete your volunteer access application – go to <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>
- ❖ The front office has restrooms available to any adult who needs them. Field Access stickers must be returned to OPE staff as they exit the field.
- ❖ Adults with field access only stickers will NOT be permitted into the building (except through the front office for restrooms). No Exceptions.
- ❖ Field Day Volunteers and PTO Board Members must sign in at the front office with their driver's licenses to receive their Volunteer Badge.
- ❖ There will be no dismissal of students from the field. All check-outs must go through the front office.
- ❖ Parents, please coordinate with your child's teacher on what supplies they may need such as: field tent, prepackaged snacks, and prelabeled drinks with students' names.
- ❖ Students should bring a water bottle (labeled with their name), wear sneakers, hats are welcome, and sunscreen must be applied at home or by a parent at school. Staff members are not permitted to apply sunscreen.

# PAINT THE OTTER ROCK!

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

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



**SCAN NOW**

or visit [OPEPTO.com](http://OPEPTO.com)



# 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://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/>

## What information do I need to log in to the Family Portal?

- Your student's unique 6-digit access code (found in HAC under the Registration tab).
- Your student's date of birth.
- Your student's first name as it appears on their official school record.

## What information can I find on the Family Portal?

- Your student's results from Fall 2020 through present.
- Your student's Individual Student Reports with interpretative guides.
- Glossary
- FAQs
- Performance Levels

## Where do I get the Access Code?

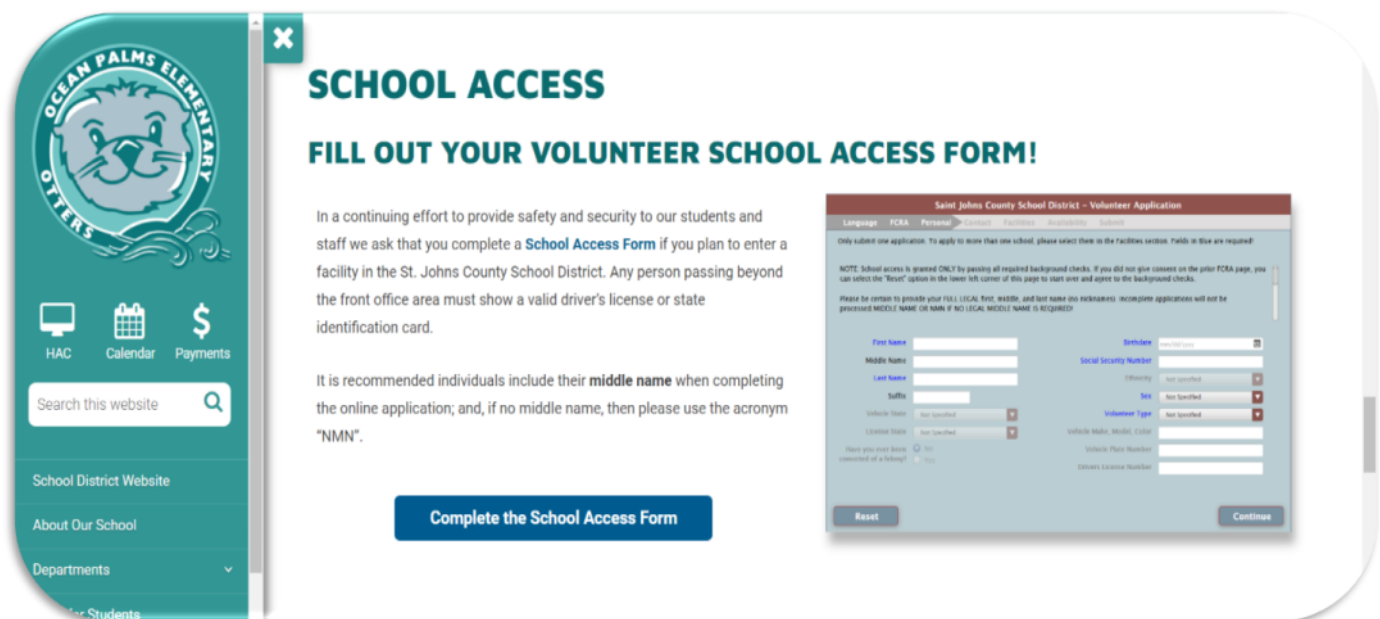
The code can be found in the Home Access Center (HAC) under the Registration tab. The code will be located on the right side of the page under Additional Information.

# How Do I Get Approved to Access the School Building?

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

In an ongoing endeavor to provide safety and security for students and staff, school access is required for every individual that is not a staff member of the St. Johns County School District. Below are the steps every visitor must complete to access the building during school hours.

1. **Complete the School Access Form at <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply>. Do not wait to complete your application because the process can potentially take up to two weeks to clear.**



The screenshot displays the Ocean Palms Elementary website interface. On the left is a teal sidebar with the school logo, navigation icons for HAC, Calendar, and Payments, a search bar, and a menu with links to School District Website, About Our School, and Departments. The main content area features a teal header with the text 'SCHOOL ACCESS' and 'FILL OUT YOUR VOLUNTEER SCHOOL ACCESS FORM!'. Below this, a paragraph explains the need for a School Access Form for safety and security. A blue button labeled 'Complete the School Access Form' is positioned below the text. To the right, a preview of the online application form is shown, titled 'Saint Johns County School District - Volunteer Application'. The form includes fields for First Name, Middle Name, Last Name, Suffix, Birthdate, Social Security Number, Ethnicity, Sex, Volunteer Type, and Vehicle Information. A 'Reset' button is at the bottom left of the form preview, and a 'Continue' button is at the bottom right.

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.

# Important Updates to Morning Drop-Off Procedures

Beginning Monday, January 6, we will be closing a set of exterior doors previously used for student entry. All parent drop-off students will now enter the building through the entrance next to our Science Lab. To ensure a smooth transition and prioritize safety, we kindly remind everyone of the following morning drop-off procedures:

## Drop-Off Procedures

- Please release your students closer to the front of the car line where staff members are available to assist.
- For safety, students must exit the vehicle from the right (sidewalk) side.
- Adults should remain in their vehicles during drop-off.

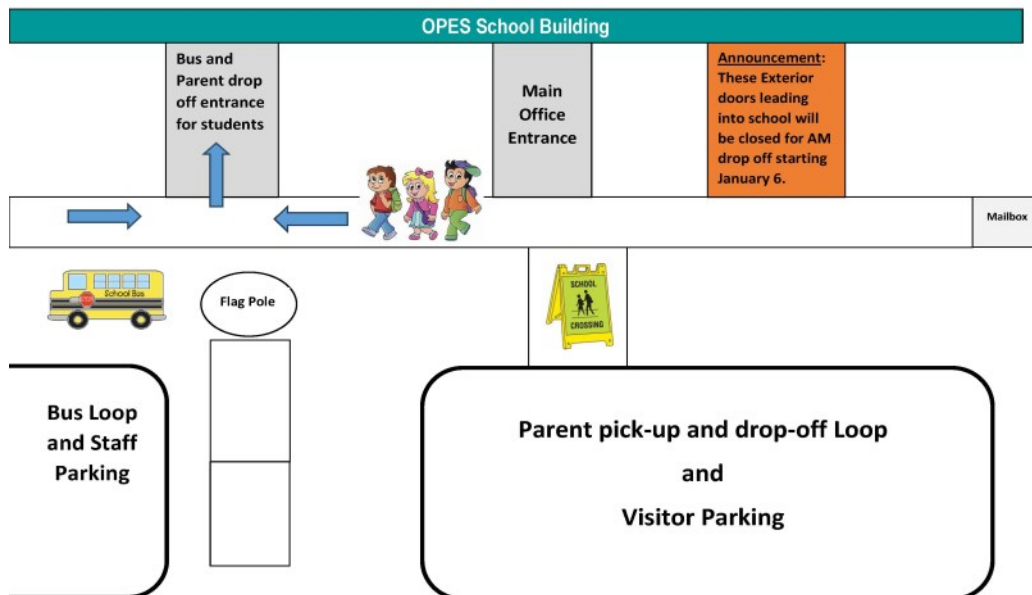
## Arrival Reminders

- Supervision begins at 8:00 a.m., and instruction starts at 8:25 a.m. Students arriving before 8:00 a.m. must be enrolled in the before-care program unless attending a club activity.
- Parents dropping off PreK and self-contained ESE students should ensure car seats are on the passenger side and display their Parent pick-up (PPU) tag clearly. Staff members will assist these students to their classrooms.

## Important Note

The exit lane is reserved for exiting traffic only. Any vehicle bypassing the car line will be asked to park and retrieve their child from the front office. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our drop-off and pick-up procedures safe and efficient for everyone. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and visitors.

**OPE Parent Drop Off Map**



# 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.



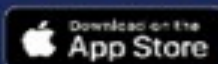
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### Include Photos and Video

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.



# A-Z Count Down to Summer Vacation!

April & May 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21	22	23	<b>24 "A" - Adventure Day</b> Dress like an explorer or adventurer and wear a safari hat or explorer cap.	<b>25 "B" - Backwards Day</b> Wear your clothes backwards and a backwards hat.
<b>28 "C" - Color Day</b> Wear your favorite color from head to toe and a matching hat.	<b>29 "D" - Dinosaur Day</b> Dress up as a dinosaur or wear a dinosaur-themed shirt and hat.	<b>30 "E" - Emoji Day</b> Dress up as your favorite emoji or wear clothing with emojis and a fun hat.	<b>1 "F" - Favorite Character</b> Dress up as your favorite book or movie character.	<b>2 "G" - Green Day</b> Wear all green and a green hat.
<b>5 "H" - Hat Day</b> Wear a fun, silly, or stylish hat.	<b>6 "I" - Inside Out Day</b> Wear your clothes inside out and a backwards hat.	<b>7 "J" - Jersey Day</b> Wear your favorite sports team's jersey and a matching hat.	<b>8 "K" - Kindness Day</b> Wear a shirt with a positive message and a hat that spreads kindness.	<b>9 "L" - Luau Day</b> Wear Hawaiian shirts, leis, and a straw hat.
<b>12 "M" - Mismatch Day</b> Wear mismatched clothes and a silly hat.	<b>13 "N" - Neon Day</b> Wear bright neon colors and a neon hat.	<b>14 "O" - Outer Space Day</b> Dress like an astronaut or alien and wear a space-themed hat.	<b>15 "P" - Pajama Day</b> Wear your favorite pajamas and a cozy hat.	<b>16 "Q" - Queen/King Day</b> Dress like royalty and wear a crown or tiara.
<b>19 "R" - Rockstar Day</b> Dress like a rockstar and wear a cool hat or bandana.	<b>20 "S" - Superhero Day</b> Dress as your favorite superhero - NO MASKS	<b>21 "T" - Team Spirit Day</b> Wear your school's colors or team spirit wear and a matching hat.	<b>22 "U" - USA Day</b> Wear red, white, and blue and a patriotic hat.	<b>23 "V" - Vacation Day</b> Wear vacation attire like shorts, t-shirts, sunglasses, and a vacation hat (sun hat, beach hat, etc.).
<b>26 Memorial Day</b> No School	<b>27 "W" - Western Day</b> Dress like a cowboy or cowgirl and wear a cowboy hat.	<b>28 "X" - Xtra Fun Day</b> Wear something fun and silly that makes you happy, and a fun hat.	<b>29 "Y" - Yellow Day</b> Wear all yellow and a yellow hat.	<b>30 "Z" - Zoo Day</b> Dress as your favorite zoo animal or wear an animal print hat.