



355 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Palms Post - Summer Edition 2025

Dear Otter Families,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's STEM Night and Art Show what an incredible turnout! The hallways of Ocean Palms were transformed into a vibrant gallery, showcasing the amazing artistic talents of our students. We were blown away by their creativity and skill, and the pride on their faces said it all! A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Lauren Rodriguez, our Art Teacher, for guiding and inspiring our budding artists all year long. The exhibit was nothing short of spectacular! We also want to shine a spotlight on our CAAP parents Carissa Moser, Stephanie Hanback, and Stacie Disbennett for their dedication and hard work transforming the cafeteria into an interactive and exciting Art Fun Zone. You helped make the night magical for our families!

Of course, STEM Night wouldn't have been possible without our phenomenal teachers, who filled their classrooms with hands-on experiments and engaging activities that sparked curiosity and imagination. Your creativity and planning made the night memorable for students and families alike thank you! And let's not forget our event sponsor, Code Ninjas, who brought the wow factor to the Kitchen Resource Room. We're so grateful for your continued support!

Congratulations to our students for completing their final state progress monitoring assessments with determination and focus! We are proud of the growth they've made this year and in true Otter fashion, they celebrated by launching water balloons at their teachers! What better way to cap off the hard work than with some well-earned, splashy fun?

A big shout out to all of our Sunshine State Readers who completed the full list of books this year! These dedicated readers earned their place on the Otter Wall of Fame and celebrated with a special BINGO event full of prizes, laughter, and literary love. We are so proud of their commitment to reading!

Learning doesn't stop when summer starts! We've attached some optional summer activities to encourage your child to keep reading, writing, and exploring new ideas over the break. Whether it's a book under the stars, a journal on vacation, or a story shared aloud, we hope our Otters stay curious and creative all summer long.

Want to avoid the back-to-school shopping scramble? Our online school supply store is now open! You can purchase your child's school supplies for next year in just a few clicks. All orders will be delivered directly to your child's classroom before the first day of school. **Order Deadline: July 1st – Don't wait!**

<https://www.1stdayschoolsupplies.com/gs/24962>

With heartfelt appreciation,  
Mrs. Cantwell  
Principal, Ocean Palms Elementary

## May

26 – Memorial Day / No School

29 – Promotion Ceremonies  
(9:15-10:45)  
Conroy, Flowers, and Sweeney  
(11:30-1:00)  
Nannetti and McVeigh

30 – Last Day of School

Fifth Grade Clap Out (1:20-1:45)

Early Dismissal the last day of  
school 1:45 PM

30 – Fourth Quarter Ends/Report  
Cards posted on Home Access  
Center (HAC)

## August

8 – OPE's Meet the Teacher  
(8:00-11:00)

8 - Landrum Middle School's  
Meet the Teacher (12:30-3:30)

11 – Kindergarten Staggered  
Start Begins

11 - First Day of School for PreK  
and Grades (1st - 5th)

13 - Early Dismissal the last day  
of school 1:45

15 - First Day for ALL Kindergar-  
ten students



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# A-Z Count Down to Summer Vacation!

April & May 2025

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

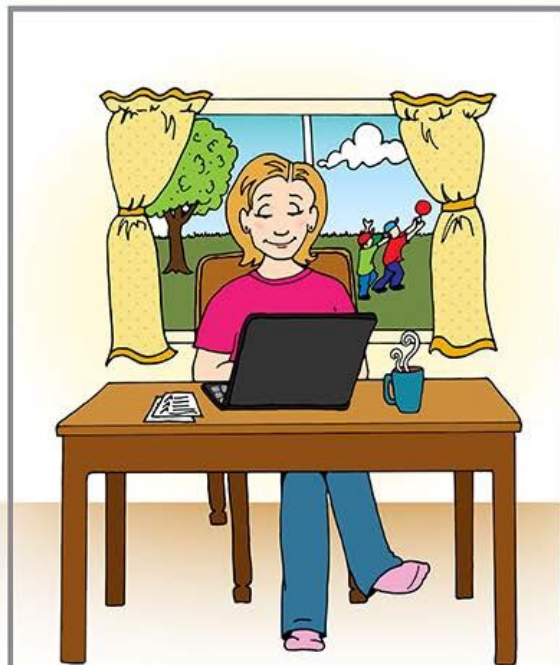


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## Back-to-School Supplies Shopping *REALITY!*





# Ocean Palms Elementary School Supply List 2025-2026



## Pre-Kindergarten

- 2 boxes, jumbo crayons, 8 ct.
- 1 box, jumbo, colored pencils, 8 ct.
- 2 primary journals, draw top- lines bottom
- 2 boxes, washable markers, classic colors, 8 ct.
- 2 black dry erase expo markers
- 1 old t-shirt for art class
- 2 watercolor paint pallet sets – 8 colors
- 1 scissor, 5 inch blunt
- 1 bottle Elmer's glue, 4 oz.
- 8 glue sticks
- 1 set of multicolor bingo dotters/daubers (non-toxic)
- 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 – size medium

## 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 markers, fine tip, black
- 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 large sturdy zipper pencil pouch – must hold all art supplies
- 1 pair of headphones - preferably sturdy design (no ear buds) with USB-C connection

## 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 box, 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 - preferably sturdy design (no ear buds) with USB-C connection



## First Grade

- #2 pencils, sharpened, 40 ct.
- 1 pencil pouch
- 2 composition primary journals
- 3 boxes, crayons, 24 ct.
- 8 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
- 1 bottle Elmer's glue
- 2 black sharpies
- 2 boxes, washable markers, assorted colors, 10 ct.
- 2 large erasers
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 container Clorox wipes
- 1 pair of headphones - preferably sturdy design (no ear buds) with USB-C connection

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## Fourth Grade

- #2 pencils, sharpened, 50 ct.
- 1 large eraser
- 1 scissor, 6 inch pointed
- 1 box, washable markers, 10 ct.
- 1 box, colored pencils, 12 ct.
- 6 black dry erase markers
- 12 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 pencil sharpener
- 1 Accordion Folder- 7 pocket
- 1 pair of headphones - preferably sturdy design (no ear buds) with USB-C connection

## Second Grade

- #2 pencils, sharpened, 50 ct.
- 2 boxes, colored pencils, 12 ct.
- 1 black composition book, wide ruled
- 2 boxes, crayons, 24 ct.
- 2 large erasers
- 10 black dry erase expo markers
- Plastic folders with pockets
- 1 each: purple, red, yellow
- 5 glue sticks
- 1 large, sturdy pencil pouch
- 1 scissor, 5 inch blunt
- 1 pkg. lined paper
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 pair of headphones - preferably sturdy design (no ear buds) with USB-C connection

## (K-2) Varying Exceptionalities

- 1 pkg. beginner pencils, 12ct. sharpened
- 3 composition books, wide ruled
- 2 box crayons, 24 ct.
- 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 - preferably sturdy design (no ear buds) with USB-C connection
- If your child is in diapers, please supply:
- 2 pkgs. Baby wipes, unscented
- 1 box disposable gloves, latex free

## Fifth Grade

- #2 pencils, sharpened, 24 ct.
- 1 box, markers, 10 ct.
- 1 box, colored pencils, 12 ct.
- 8 dry erase markers, color, fine tip
- 6 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
- Plastic folders with pockets & prongs 1 each: blue, green, orange, red, yellow
- 1 pkg. wide ruled filler paper, 175 ct.
- 1 box tissues
- 1 pair of headphones - preferably sturdy design (no ear buds) with USB-C connection

## (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 - preferably sturdy design (no ear buds) with USB-C connection

Dear Fifth Grade Students,

It's hard to believe that in just a few short weeks, you'll be setting sail from the shores of Ocean Palms, ready to embark on the exciting adventure that awaits you in middle school.

As you prepare to take this next big step, we want to pause and celebrate all that you have accomplished. Your hard work, your determination, and your willingness to grow have brought you to this incredible milestone and we could not be prouder.

While you may be ready to spread your wings, know that you carry with you everything you have built here: the friendships that made you smile, the teachers who believed in you, the lessons that shaped your heart as much as your mind. These are your anchors, and they will steady you as you set off into new waters.

Middle school will bring new challenges, new adventures, and new dreams. Embrace them with the same courage, curiosity, and kindness you have shown here. Remember that every new beginning is a chance to discover more about who you are and who you are becoming.

Congratulations, Fifth Graders! You have left your mark on Ocean Palms, and we cannot wait to see the waves you will make as you journey onward. Always know that no matter how far you go, you will forever be part of our Otter Family.

With pride, excitement, and heartfelt congratulations,  
Your Ocean Palms Family!



## **Fifth Grade Clap Out - Friday, May 30th**

**We are excited to celebrate our fifth-grade students with our annual Fifth Grade Clap-Out!**

**Students in grades K–4, along with our staff, will line the halls as our fifth graders take one final walk through the building, a special moment to honor their journey as Ocean Palms Otters.**

**We also invite family members who will be utilizing parent pick-up that day to join in the celebration! Feel free to decorate your cars, make some noise, and cheer loudly as you drive through the car line to help us send our fifth graders off in style.**

**Please remember, the last day of school is an early dismissal day for all students 1:45 PM.**







## **Leadership Rocks at OPE And So Do Our Student Artists!**

Have you seen the front of our school lately? The bold, bright “Leadership Rocks at OPE” letters now standing proudly outside are more than just signage they’re a celebration of student creativity, teamwork, and school pride!

What began as a simple refresh quickly transformed into a stunning work of art thanks to the vision of Mrs. Lauren Rodriguez, our Art Teacher. With her guidance, a group of passionate and artistic student leaders took on the challenge of turning worn and weathered letters into eye-catching masterpieces and they absolutely delivered.

Each letter is now bursting with vibrant colors, meaningful designs, and personality, reflecting the spirit of Ocean Palms and the leadership that lives in every hallway. Honestly, the results are so impressive, you’d think a professional design firm created them!

We are so proud of the following student artists who poured their heart and talent into this project: Maddie S., Defne S., Sloane C., Kayla P., Annabel Y., Maria D., Capri M., Gavin P., Sebi R., Juliette F., and Autumn D. While Capri M. was not present for the group photo, she played an essential role in bringing this project to life.

These students have truly left their mark on Ocean Palms in the most beautiful way. Next time you’re on campus, be sure to stop by, take a look, and admire their work it’s a daily reminder that leadership really does rock at OPE!

## **News from the OPE Clinic**



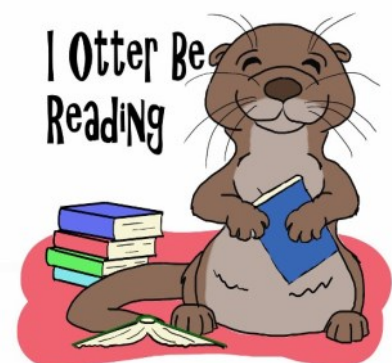
As we near the end of the school year, I would like to remind you that your child's medication should be picked up from the clinic by 3:15 pm on the last day of school Friday, May 30.

School policy does not allow for medication to remain in the school over the summer. It will be important for you to make arrangements to pick up your child's medication since medications may not go home with the student. Any medication left in the clinic after Friday, May 30 at 3:15 pm will be discarded according to policy.

As you clean out your closets or do back to school shopping over the summer, the clinic is always in need of clothing donations. Shorts, pants, socks and new underwear are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the school clinic at 547-3766. Have a safe and healthy summer!

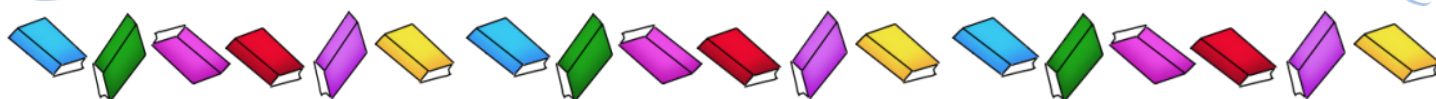
## **Congratulations to our Sunshine State Readers!**

We are incredibly proud of the students who took on the challenge and read all of the Sunshine State Young Reader Award (SSYRA) books for their grade level! These outstanding Otters set a goal for themselves, stayed committed, and saw it through a true example of hard work, perseverance, and a love of learning. In recognition of their accomplishment, these students have been inducted into our Otter Wall of Fame and celebrated with a special end-of-year BINGO Party, where exciting prizes were won. We couldn't be prouder of our readers for dreaming big, diving into new adventures through books, and showing that with dedication, anything is possible!



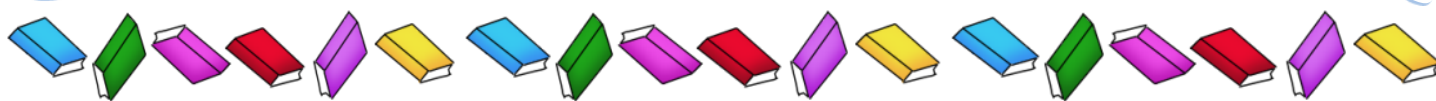


# Otter Wall of Fame!



Grade	Students	Grade	Students
K	Amethyst Churchill	1	Elijah Genebriera
K	Andrew Socwell	1	Emersyn Smith
K	Brayden Laing	1	Emily Phillips
K	Cameron Happel	1	Emma Work
K	Cecilia Pezak	1	Everest Seoane
K	Darwin Kraninin	1	Georgia Doumas
K	Dominic Dipola	1	Hudson Felts
K	Eli Lawrence	1	Josie Menne
K	Emma Kuhl	1	Lilah Knisely
K	Emme Lawrence	1	Lily Hopkins
K	Hannah Diaz	1	MilesWebster
K	Logan Kelly	1	Rowan Dugan
K	Max Jamieson	1	Ryan Piltin
1	Adaline Rivera	1	Sawyer Barker
1	Adeline Ludwick	1	Tyler Mann
1	Ava DeFazio	1	Victoria Genebriera
1	Baker Schaal	1	Zac Baumgartner
1	Cali Middleton	2	Kate MacGilvray
1	Carter Jones	2	Addison Terwilliger
1	Cogan Potts	2	Amelia Alonzo
1	Eleni Leininger	2	Asher Krainin

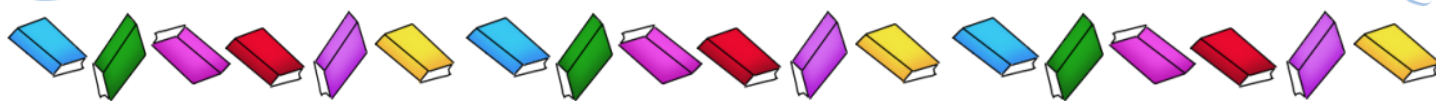
# Otter Wall of Fame!



Grade	Students	Grade	Students
2	Baird Snider	2	Kenzie Smith
2	Ben Winham	2	Laney Tant
2	Bennett Mangiaracino	2	Logan Rodriguez
2	Brooklyn Laing	2	Luke Borchers
2	Brynn Rasmussen	2	Luke Vaughan
2	Campbell Morgan	2	Lyla Jones
2	Caroline Hanback	2	Maria DellaCrosse
2	Conlan Rager	2	Michael Westrip
2	Eli Farace	2	Mika Baker-Dewey
2	Ella DeFazio	2	Oscar Jamieson
2	Finn Boyce	2	Owen Socwell
2	George Carletta	2	Peter Moser
2	Jacob Dietz	2	Roman Fitzpatrick
2	Joseph Carletta	2	Wells Barnes
2	Joseph Perry		



# Otter Wall of Fame!



Grade	Students	Grade	Students
3	Cashen Kuhl	5	Case McHale
3	Isaac Menne	5	Eliana Feldman
3	Olivia Pitlin	5	Ella Scarborough
3	Ricky Diaz	5	Evan Kuhl
4	Annalise Bridges	5	Gavin Pacifico
4	Blaze Lickliter	5	Kelsea Mauricio
4	Blix Lickliter	5	Mackenzie Mann
4	Camille Trochessett	5	Maddie Spooner
4	Penny Rossetti	5	Maria Dumitrascu
4	Scarlette Thompson	5	Owen Koppenhafer
4	Virginia Hilley	5	Rhys Kelly



— Saint Augustine —

# Summer Camp at Ocean Palms Elementary

June 30th–  
July 3rd, 2025

Ages  
8-13

\$300  
FOR THE  
WEEK

Join us as we explore a week of  
flavors from around the world.

Monday–Thursday 9am–12pm

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# **BEFORE & AFTER Child Care**

**OPE'S EXTENDED DAY!**

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

**GRADES  
(K-5)**



**Registration is Open for the  
2025-2026 School Year**

Registration forms can be picked up and  
dropped off at the front office.

**Coordinator: Mrs. Kim LaMondie**  
**Email: [kim.lamondie@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:kim.lamondie@stjohns.k12.fl.us)**



# Ocean Palms Elementary School's (K-5) Extended Day Pre-Registration Form

Coordinator's Contact Information: Mrs. Kim LaMondie, 904.547.4150 or kim.lamondie@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Registration Fee \$100 (non-refundable)	
*Check all the programs you are interested in participating in for the 2025-2026 School Year	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly - Before and After Care \$350	<input type="checkbox"/> Before School Only (7:00am-8:00am) \$150/month
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Only \$100/month	<input type="checkbox"/> After School Only (Dismissal-6:00pm) \$300/month

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Name preferred: if different

Male\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_ Birthdate\_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher\_\_\_\_\_ Bus#\_\_\_\_\_

Sibling's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Name preferred: if different

Male\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_ Birthdate\_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher\_\_\_\_\_ Bus#\_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren) Resides with: Mother\_\_\_\_\_ Father\_\_\_\_\_ Both\_\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian email:\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship\_\_\_\_\_ Address\_\_\_\_\_ Employer\_\_\_\_\_

Phone HM\_\_\_\_\_ Cell\_\_\_\_\_ WK\_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship\_\_\_\_\_ Address\_\_\_\_\_ Employer\_\_\_\_\_

Phone HM\_\_\_\_\_ Cell\_\_\_\_\_ WK\_\_\_\_\_

**CUSTODIAL RIGHTS:** Parent permitted to pick up the student from extended day.

Mother: \_\_\_Yes\_\_\_No Father: \_\_\_Yes\_\_\_No Other\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_Yes\_\_\_No  
Relationship

If "No" is answered above on the natural parents, school papers must be on file with the school

## ALTERNATIVE CHILD PICKUP/EMERGENCY CONTACT APPROVED LIST

I hereby give Ocean Palms permission to release my child(ren) to the following persons:

Name _____	Relationship _____	Phone _____
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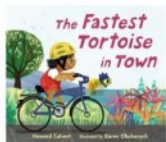
**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND/OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS:** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## The Sunshine State Young Readers Award Junior Books 2025-2026

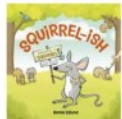
### Picture Books:



***The Fastest Tortoise in Town*** written by Howard Calvert and illustrated by Karen Obuhanyich  
Barbara Hendricks, a tortoise, has entered a road race, but what was she thinking? With only a week to go before the big day, she worries that she doesn't stand a chance against the other animals competing. Barbara's friend and owner, Lorraine, inspires her to train a little bit more each day and coaxes her out of her shell when the race day arrives. How intimidating to line up next to the slow loris, the snail, the sloth, and the walrus! But Barbara realizes that if she just tries her best, she's already won.



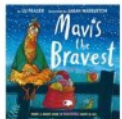
***The Quacken*** written by Justin Colon and Pablo Pino  
Lurking in the lake at Cucumonga Campground is a fearsome and frightening creature. Legend says that it swallows kids, canoes, and even whales whole. But all Hector sees are cute, cuddly, quacking ducks. Until he breaks the campground's most important rule--Don't Feed the Ducks--and releases...the Quacken.



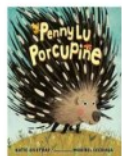
***Squirrel-ish*** written and illustrated by Bambi Edlund  
At the park, people give squirrels free peanuts. And nobody screams when a squirrel crosses their path. But for Rat, it's all screams and no nuts ... until he comes up with a plan: be more like a squirrel--squirrel-ish!



***We are Definitely Human*** written and illustrated by X Fang  
When three mysterious visitors from "Europe" crash-land in Mr. Li's field, he does what any good host would: he invites them back to his farmhouse and offers to help fix up their "car". No, there's nothing strange about these guests at all. Just like other humans, they "make business", "play sportsball" and "wear hat". As the townsfolk also come to the aid of the visitors and the gathering turns into a little party, interplanetary relations reach an all-time high.



***Mavis the Bravest*** written by Lu Fraser and illustrated by Sarah Warburton  
Mavis is not like her adventurous friend Marge. Mavis is a chicken who finds EVERYTHING scary (night-time and daytime and anything hairy!). So when the slumbering peace of their cozy barn is disturbed by someone trying to steal their friend Sandra the sheep, will Mavis be able to find her bright spark of braveness and save Sandra?



***Penny Lu Porcupine*** written by Katie Gilstrap and illustrated by Maribel Lechuga  
Like all porcupines, Penny Lu is nearsighted. So while her incredible sense of smell leads her to all sorts of yummy food, predators can be hard to spot. Thankfully, her pointy quills make her look powerful. But sometimes Penny Lu doesn't feel powerful. And she wonders what she'd do if she came face-to-face with the predator she fears the most--THE BEAR!



***How This Book Got Red*** written by Margaret Chiu Greanias and illustrated by Melissa Iwai  
When Red discovers a new book about pandas, she can't wait to read it! Except it's about only one kind of panda, and red pandas are completely left out. Red never gets to read stories about pandas like herself! So she decides to take matters into her own paws and write her own book.



***Luigi, the Spider Who Wanted to be a Kitten*** written by Michelle Knudsen and illustrated by Kevin Hankes

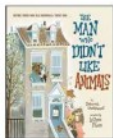


When a lady mistakes him for kitten, big hairy spider Luigi resists her kind advances until tasty breakfasts and getting tucked into bed convince him otherwise, but he soon learns what might be at stake when you pretend to be someone you're not.



***The Spotless Giraffe*** written by Peter Millett and illustrated by Alison Hawkins

In this funny and heartwarming picture book, meet a shy little giraffe named Kipekee. She's a bit different from the other giraffes--she was born with no spots.



***The Man Who Didn't Like Animals*** written by Deborah Underwood and illustrated by LeUyen Pham

There once was a man who loved his tidy home and who didn't like animals. Then one day, a cat appeared. The man and the cat both liked napping and watching the rain and eating dinner precisely at six. Well, maybe this one animal could stay. Next came a dog . . .

## **Independent Readers:**



***Orris and Timble: The Beginning*** written by Kate DiCamillo and illustrated by Carmen Mok

Orris the rat lives alone in an old barn surrounded by his treasures, until the day his solitude is disrupted by a sudden flutter of wings and a loud screech. A small owl has gotten caught in a trap in the barn. Can Orris 'make the good and noble choice' and rescue the owl, despite the fact that owls and rats are natural enemies? And if he does, will he be ready for the consequences?



***Scare School Diaries: Welcome to Scare School*** written and illustrated by Jarrett Lerner

Bash is a young ghost who has never been good at scaring people is nervous about his first day at scare school, where he will learn to master the necessary skills to become a successful ghost.



***Kwame's Magic Quest: Rise of the Green Flame*** written by Bernard Mensah and illustrated by Natasha Nayo

Eight-year-old Kwame is eager to start Juju School and learn calabash magic, yet none of the teachers can figure out what kind of magic is in his gourd. When one of Kwame's new friends is possessed by an evil magic, its power is revealed.



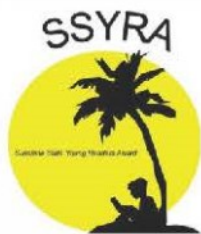
***Disaster Squad: Wildfire Rescue*** written by Rekha Rajan and illustrated by Courtney Lovett

The Jackson family, including eight-year-old Jaden and his sister Leela, travel the United States responding to disasters, helping people and rescuing animals--but they have never responded to a wildfire like the one raging in Northern California.



***George the Flybot and the Lost Camera on Mount Everest*** by Nessa Bellido Schwarz

Meet George the flybot, a one-of-a-kind robotic fly on his first secret mission! With instructions from Darcy Luna, his boss at Fly on the Wall Inc., George zips off to the Himalayas to search for a camera that went missing during George Mallory's ill-fated 1924 Mount Everest summit attempt. George understands that he might change history by discovering who really conquered Mount Everest. But George has another mission of his own: to learn more about how humans act and feel, and maybe--just maybe--find a friend.



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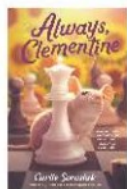


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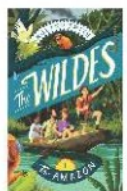
### **The Adventures of Invisible Boy** by Doogie Horner

On his first day at a new school, Stanley wishes he could disappear. Then, after a big spill at the science fair, POOF! Stanley is invisible! It's awesome! He can do anything he wants, and no one will know! Except for one person—the inventor of the ruined project. And he plans to take his anger out on kids all over town, including Stanley. Get ready for a battle of the ages!



### **Always, Clementine** by Carlie Sorosiak

Clementine is brilliant lab mouse who impresses all the scientists. When she finds herself suddenly freed, she discovers the joys of freedom. She finds a new home with a boy named Gus and his Pop who teaches her chess and encourages her to use her greatness for good. This story is told in narrated letters from Clementine to her friend, Rosie, still in captivity. It is about the journey of friendship, advocating for what you believe in, and using your talents for good.



### **The Amazon** by Roland Smith

Asia and Ring Wilde are on a trip with their conservation biologist mother in the Amazon rainforest. Dr. Wilde is on a mission to reintroduce the golden lion tamarin monkey when she disappears. The children set off to find their mother. Will they have the skills to track her down and solve the mystery of what happened to her?



### **Battle for the Park** by H.D. Hunter

In the year 2048, Cameron lives with his parents in Futureland, a traveling theme park that hovers above the cities it visits. Now in Atlanta, the family intends on staying, giving Cameron the chance to attend Middle School and make friends. The AI robots called 'revs' that run the park are starting to act strangely and Cameron even starts suspecting that something is wrong with his parents. Will Cameron and his new friends be able solve the mystery in time to save Futureland?



### **Benny Ramirez and the Nearly Departed** by Jose Pablo Iriarte

When the great Ignacio Ramirez is banned from the afterlife, he discovers one person on Earth can still see him – his grandson Benny. Benny feels like he has enough problems without having to deal with the ghost of his Abuelo. However, with the clock ticking down for the late celebrity to earn his place in the afterlife party, the two must work together whether they like it or not.



### **The Callers** by Kiah Thomas

In the world of Elipsom, callers have the ability to summon objects. Unfortunately, Quin doesn't have the gift like the rest of his family. Quin discovers that called items are not created, but actually stolen from another world, and his mother knows about it. Now he has to decide whether he will side with his family or betray them and save the other world.



### **Clementine Fox and the Great Island Adventure** by Leigh Luna

Clementine is on her way to school but decides she is not in the mood for math tests and tutors so she convinces her friends Nubbins Squirrel and Penelope Rabbit to skip school with her. The friends meet up with Jesse Otter who is preparing to go to a mysterious island on his giant turtle, Annabelle. Ready for adventure Clementine and her friends stowaway.





### **Dogtown** by Katherine Applegate and Gennifer Choldenko

Dogtown is a shelter for all types of dogs. When Metal Head, a robot dog, decides to escape and try and go back home, Chance decides to go along for support. The two dogs embark on an adventure to find their forever homes. Along the way, there is danger, cheese sandwiches, a charging station, and some unexpected kindnesses.



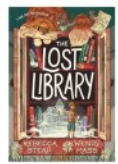
### **The Guardian Test** by Christina Soontornvat

Plum leaves home to enroll at the prestigious Guardian Academy on Lotus Island where students are trained by Guardian Masters to harness their inner power and defend the defenseless. Plum struggles to keep up with her classmates and is unable to discover her inner animal form. Will Plum find the strength, determination, and self-discovery needed to unlock her true potential?



### **Lightningborn** by Julie Kagawa

In a world of floating islands, pirates, and danger, Remi discovers a baby dragon and forms an unbreakable bond. Meanwhile a princess learns that the islands are sinking, and only a "True Dragon" has the power to save them all. The boy and princess must put aside their differences and join forces to save their homes and protect the future of their world.



### **The Lost Library** by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass

The Lost Library is a captivating mystery that follows two boys who stumble upon a secret involving a mysterious free little library and a library that was tragically destroyed by fire years earlier. As the boys dig deeper into the mystery, they unravel clues that lead them toward uncovering the library's hidden past.



### **The Mystery of Locked Rooms** by Lindsay Currie

This is a fast-paced mystery in which best friends tackle the most epic funhouse in history. The Deltas, as they call themselves, enter an abandoned 1950's funhouse to seek the treasure of town legend, supposedly left behind by three triplets. Mystery, adventure, and more than a few puzzles follow as the trio tackle hidden passages and elaborate challenges in order to win the ultimate prize.



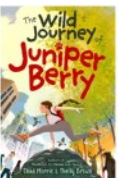
### **Peril at Price Manor** by Laura Parnum

Halle dreams of becoming a scream queen. She practices her loudest scream every day and has learned a lot from studying the horror movies of her favorite director, Maximus Price who lives just outside town. When the chance to go to his home arises, Halle grabs it with both hands. She doesn't realize that real life horrors await her at Price Manor.



### **Trex** by Christyne Morrell

Trex has a brain implant that saved his life but it has a side effect. Now he shocks everything he touches. In a new town, his overprotected mom finally agrees to let him go to a real school and Trex can't wait, but he doesn't count on Mellie, the town spy. She is convinced she saw lightning coming from Trex's fingers, and she's not going to stop spying until she gets the truth.



### **The Wild Journey of Juniper Berry** by Chad Morris and Shelly Brown

Eleven-year-old Juniper Berry lives with her family deep in the wild woods. Living off the grid is pretty exciting, but her happy life in the wild ends abruptly when her younger brother gets sick, and they move to the city to be closer to the hospital. Juniper Berry knows how to handle bobcats, bears, and mountain lions, but can she survive the toughest predator of all—middle school?



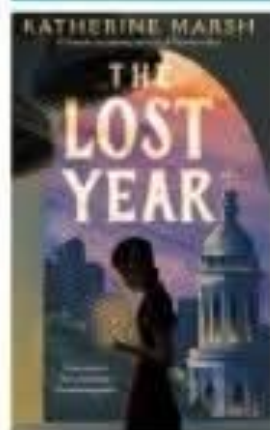
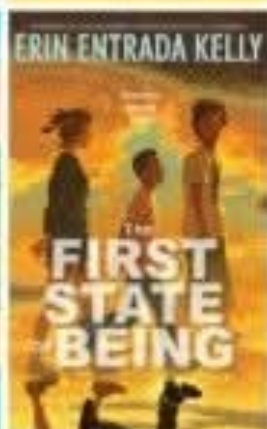
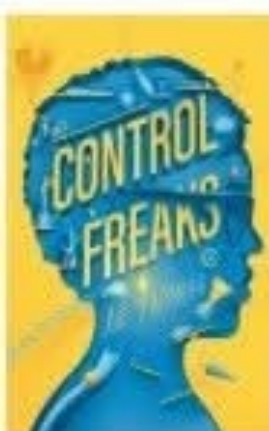
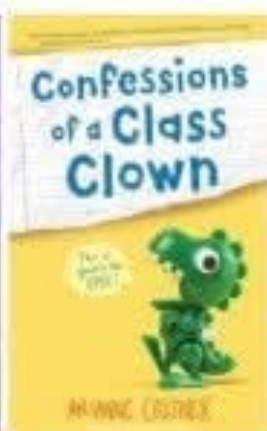
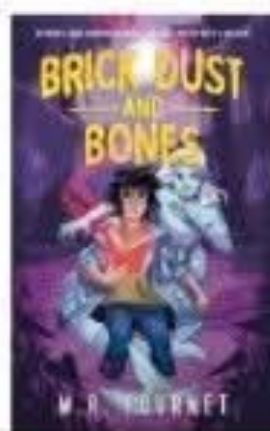
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# How Do I Get Approved to Access the School Building?

<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.



# 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.



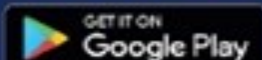
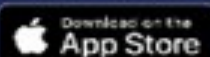
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