

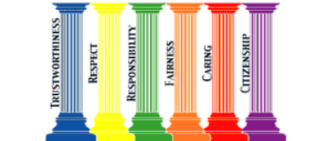
Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

April 19, 2024

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:
April — All Pillars

Important Dates

Friday, April 19
Student/Teacher Holiday

Tuesday, April 23
Interims Issued
Student v Staff Basketball

Friday, April 26
PTO GLOW Dance 2-4pm
Arbor Day pick-up 5-6pm

Tuesday, May 14
SAC meeting 2:30pm

Friday, May 17
8th Grade Sea World
Gradtastic

Friday, May 24
Last Day for Students /
Fourth Quarter Ends

Monday, May 27
Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28
Last Day for Teachers -
Teacher Planning Day

School Hours
7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal
@ 12:50pm

The building is open
from 7:00am to
3:00pm.

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Mission Statement

Fruit Cove Middle School will inspire in all students a passion for lifelong learning, creating educated and caring contributors to the world.

GLOW Dance



Let's GLOW! The FCMS PTO is sponsoring the final dance of the season after school on Friday, April 26 from 2-4pm. Tickets are \$10 and include a slice of pizza, chips, and bottled water. There will be a DJ, photo booth and games. Additional candy and Gatorade will be available for purchase (small bills appreciated). Students can color the world in kindness (our school motto this year) by wearing their BRIGHTEST attire to school that day!

We are looking for many volunteers to help it run smoothly! Please click below to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=10C0E4BAFA723A5FDC25-49086599-glow&useFullSite=true#/>

Tickets are still available and can be purchased here:
<https://fcmsglowdance2024.cheddarup.com>

Art and Music Recognitions!



Congratulations to Caleb Muirhead for being named Honorary Mention in the Drawing category at the St. Johns All-County Middle School Art Show. Fruit Cove has seven student artists in the show. The art show is on display at the St. Augustine Art Association until April 28, 2024.



Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Solo/Ensemble MPA. All of these students earned Superior ratings!

8th Graders

Sanvi Banerjee – Snare Drum

Gideon Bartlett – Trumpet

Gunnar Ernsting - Tuba

Leon Mendoza – Drum Set

Eva Nguyan – Alto Saxophone

Seyoum Negasi – Tenor Saxophone

Phedre Nelligan – French Horn

Phedre Nelligan – Trumpet

Ryan Schwartzkopf – Trombone

7th Graders

Ire Banjo – Trombone

Will Caudill – Flute

Ella Cotnoir - Trumpet

Aadhana Nair – Bass Clarinet

Women in Need Drive



Make Your Mom Proud!

March 18 - April 23, WEB is working with 2 Men and a Truck to host a supply drive for women in need. We are collecting shampoo, soap, baby food, diapers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks for women and children, lotion, feminine hygiene, new XL twin sheets, and non-perishable food. These items will be delivered to women in local shelters on Mother's Day. Local shelters receiving the packages include: The Betty Griffin House, The Hubbard House and The Quigley House. Students may bring donations to their first period class. Thank you for your consideration and kindness. Let's color the world with kindness this Mother's Day!

WEB News

Student v Staff Basketball Skills Contest



Your WEB Team is bringing a fun new event to our school. On Tuesday, April 23, we are hosting a student versus staff basketball skills contest. Would you like to see some of your favorite teachers compete against our students in a free throw contest, 3-point contest and dribbling relays? It is sure to be a fun morning! Save your PBIS points because tickets go on sale when we return from spring break.

Planting Kindness for Arbor Day

The WEB Team and the Art Club are teaming up to help color the community with kindness. These groups are holding a FREE tree and shrub sapling give away on Arbor Day, Friday, April 26th from 5-6pm. The kids are planting seeds, ordering saplings native to Florida. They are even making a special surprise for our guests. Pick up your FREE saplings in the parent



SAC News



Join us for the next SAC meeting,
Tuesday, May 14 at 2:30-3:00pm in the Media Center.

Or online via MS Teams

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 292 334 630 422

Passcode: xJwcuq

Or call in (audio only)

+1 904-420-0831, 463144645# United States, Jacksonville

Phone Conference ID: 463 144 645#

8th Grade GradTastic Field Trip

Friday, May 17 Depart FCMS during 6th Period around 12:45pm for SeaWorld Orlando. Arrive back to Publix off Race Track Road on Saturday, May 18 around 2:15am.

Students attending the trip must be in school the day of the trip and wearing their GradTastic T-Shirt. The students will leave their backpacks home the day of the trip. They may bring a drawstring bag to carry water & snacks, devices, chargers, etc on the charter bus; however, we cannot take responsibility for these devices if they are lost and/or stolen. They may leave items on the locked bus during their time at the park.

Only fanny packs allowed in SeaWorld. Drawstring bags will NOT be allowed in SeaWorld (their rules).

Stay in contact via Remind. Text to 81010 @gvfcm24 for general information and/or questions. More information will be sent out as we near the trip date. You may also reach out to Ms. Carroll at 904-547-7880 or teeha.carroll@stjohns.k12.fl.us



Chess Club News



Chess Club upcoming meeting dates are April 30 and May 7 (*last meeting*).

Only students with a completed application and signed permission form submitted to Mrs. Bass can attend meetings.

Meeting dates are posted in the Schoology group. If you will not be able to attend a meeting, please send a message to Mrs. Bass. The club has reached maximum capacity for this school year.

New membership applications will be available in September of the next school year.

B6 News



B6 Club upcoming meeting dates are April 25, May 2 & May 9 (*last meeting*).

Only students with a completed application and signed permission form submitted to Mrs. Bass or Mrs. McLaughlin can attend meetings.

Meeting dates are posted in the Schoology group. If you will not be able to attend a meeting, please send a message to Mrs. Bass or Mrs. McLaughlin.

B6 is a club for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The name B6 means Be all 6 (of the Character Pillars). The club has reached maximum capacity for this school year. New membership applications will be available in September of the next school year.

SSYRA News

The votes are in!

The favorite SSYRA book at FCMS is Skandar and the Unicorn Thief by A. F. Steadman! Thanks to everyone who voted.



Just a reminder that April 26, 2024 is the last day to take a quiz.

Testing News

Computer-Adaptive Testing Video

A comprehensive video explaining Florida's statewide computer-adaptive testing (CAT) is now available on the statewide assessment portal: <https://flfast.org/resources/general/florida-statewide-assessments-computer-adaptive-testing-video>.

This video walks through the different components of how a CAT is designed, how CATs function while a student is taking a test, and how adaptive tests are scored.

Please note: this video describes the functionality of current FAST and B.E.S.T. EOC assessments and next year's Science and Social Studies assessments when they are fully adaptive. For more information about this year's Science and Social Studies assessments, please see the [CAT FAQ](#).

The May testing calendar is available on the website:

<https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/>

May 2024						
TESTING WINDOW MAY 1-24						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 CIVICS EOC	2 CIVICS EOC	3 6 TH GRADE READING	4
5	6 6 TH GRADE READING	7 7 TH GRADE READING	8	9 8 TH GRADE READING	10 6 TH GRADE MATH	11
MAKE-UPS WILL BE WHEN ONE RETURNS TO SCHOOL						
12 Mother's Day	13 6 TH GRADE MATH	14 7 TH GRADE MATH	15	16 8 TH GRADE MATH	17	18
MAKE-UPS WILL BE WHEN ONE RETURNS TO SCHOOL						
19	20 ALGEBRA EOC	21 GEOMETRY EOC	22 8 TH GRADE SCIENCE	23	24 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS	25
MAKE-UPS WILL BE WHEN ONE RETURNS TO SCHOOL						
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

Yearbook News

UH OH...

The Fruit Cove Middle School Yearbook is officially sold out!

Thank you for supporting the 2023 - 2024 yearbook team! :)

Guidance News

Positive Affirmations

FOR AN ANXIOUS MIND

Worrying won't change the outcome	You are responsible for your actions not their perception	Don't believe everything you think
You don't have to weather every storm alone, ask for help	Your anxiety is lying to you	You don't have to drown in scenarios that don't exist

Library News

Welcome to the 2023/2024 School Year!

Hours: 7:10am—1:50pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
7:10am—12:50pm Wednesday

[Jennifer Jaeger, Media Specialist](#)

Vicki Barfoot, Media Aide

Please check the [Media Center homepage](#) for updates!

Students may check out three books at a time and keep them for two weeks. Overdue book notices are sent by email every Wednesday at 9:00am. There are no overdue fees, however, students who lose or damage a book are responsible for the cost of the item. Payments can be made using these links to SchoolPay: \$10 for paperback books, \$20 for hard cover books. These links are also available on the Media Center website.

Make sure to include your student's name when paying!

SchoolPay: Paperback Library Book (\$10)

SchoolPay: Hard Cover Library Book (\$20)

Parents who wish to restrict titles their child may check out in the school library should complete the form linked below and return it to your child's teacher or the media center. This link is also available on the media center homepage. No form is necessary if there are to be no restrictions.

[Library Book Access Form](#)

All library books are due on Friday, May 10

PBIS Wish List



PBIS Rewards is a schoolwide management system that assists our school with Positive Behavior Interventions and Support. This platform makes it easy to continuously recognize students for meeting and exceeding behavior expectations from anywhere in the school! We love using PBIS and are looking for your help to stock our school store using the Amazon Wish List below!



https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/12ZC1TLXAE366?ref_=wl_share

Important Attendance Information!

All absence notes or online attendance submissions MUST be submitted within 48 hours of your student's return to school following an absence. Notes or submissions received after the 48-hour window will not be accepted, and the absence will remain unexcused. **8th grade parents – please keep this in mind as more than 15 unexcused absences in the school year will disqualify your student for the SeaWorld 8th Grade Behavior Reward Field Trip.**

Still have questions? Please contact Ginny Michalski at ginny.michalski@stjohns.k12.fl.us

School Website

<<http://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us>>

Visit often for up-to-date information about our school!

Check out our Instagram Pages @ FCMSWEB and @FruitCove_Flyers

Don't forget to check the *Peachjar* for eflyers about community events.

The April and May testing calendars are available on the website:

<https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/>



FCMS PTO



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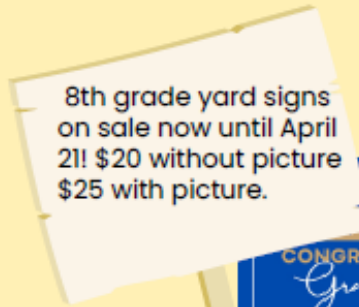


Tickets:

<https://fcmsglowdance2024.cheddarup.com>

Volunteers

<https://bit.ly/3U6muk3>



8th grade yard signs on sale now until April 21! \$20 without picture \$25 with picture.



<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/8th-grade-yard-signs-1525>



It's not too late to donate to the PTO fundraiser. Cheddar up link is still open: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/kindnessmatters>

Important Dates

- April 26 | 2:00-4:00 Let's Glow Spring Dance
- May 6-10 | Teacher Appreciation Week (fcmstota@gmail.com)



SALE

Spirit Wear



Visit fcmstpta.com for all your spirit wear needs!



or donate here

<https://bit.ly/teacherappreciationdonate>

The PTO Board is Almost Filled! We're just waiting for you!



If being president or leading fundraising is your jam, reach out to Joslyn. She will share all of her genius with you and set you up for success next year. fcmstptopresident@gmail.com



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