

# Fruit Cove Middle School

# THE PILOT

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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March 27, 2026



Pillar of the Month:  
March - Trustworthiness

## Important Dates

**April 3**  
Student / Teacher Holiday

**April 27 - May 1**  
Teach Appreciation

**April 28**  
Interims Issued

**May 12**  
8th Grade Awards

**May 15**  
Gradventure

**May 25**  
Memorial Day  
Student / Teacher Holiday

**May 29**  
Last Day for Students  
12:50pm Dismissal

### Mission Statement

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

### School Advisory Council (SAC) Parent Survey



Survey Window is OPEN NOW until March 27

[CLICK HERE](#)



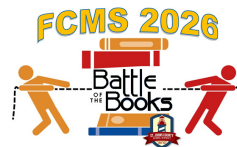
Next SAC meeting is April 14 2:00 - 2:30pm

Congratulations to Atharv Ajan who won the 4-H Public Speaking Contest and will represent Fruit Cove at the district contest in April.



The second place winner was Aahana Saini and the third place winner was Madelen Finch.

Congratulations to the 2026 FCMS Battle of the books team: Aarav Bukka, Srujan Dudda, Mudil Nair, Prerana Bhoomi Reddy, Samkit Sancheti, Anvika Sontineni, and Derek Zheng! The SJCS Middle School Battle of the Books was held virtually on March 25. The FCMS team came in third out of 17 SJCS middle school teams.



**School Hours**  
7:30am-1:50pm

**Wednesday Dismissal @**  
**12:50pm**

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

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES:** April 9, April 23 and May 7 (last meeting of year). Meetings dates will always be posted on the Schoology group page. Parents, please arrange for your child to be picked up in the front of the school by 3:00pm (or walk/ride bike home).



# April & May Testing

FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL						
April 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	3/30 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade BEST WRITING	3/31 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade BEST WRITING	1 BEST WRITING MAKE-UPS	2 BEST WRITING MAKE-UPS	3 NO SCHOOL Good Friday	4
5 Easter Sunday	6 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade BEST WRITING	7 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade BEST WRITING	8 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade BEST WRITING	9 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade BEST WRITING	10 BEST WRITING MAKE-UPS	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL						
May 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 CIVICS EOC	2
3	4 CIVICS EOC	5 8 <sup>TH</sup> FAST READING AM & PM	6 6 <sup>TH</sup> FAST READING	7 6 <sup>TH</sup> FAST READING	8 7 <sup>TH</sup> READING AM & PM	9
10	11 8 <sup>TH</sup> FAST MATH	12 6 <sup>TH</sup> FAST MATH	13 6 <sup>TH</sup> FAST MATH	14 7 <sup>TH</sup> FAST MATH AM & PM	15 GRADVENTURE MAKE-UPS	16
17	18 ALGEBRA 1 EOC	19 8 <sup>TH</sup> SCIENCE	20 8 <sup>TH</sup> SCIENCE	21 GEOMETRY EOC	22 MAKE-UPS	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26 MAKE-UPS	27 MAKE-UPS	28 MAKE-UPS	29 MAKE-UPS	30

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

## FCMS PROCTORS FOR MAY TESTING

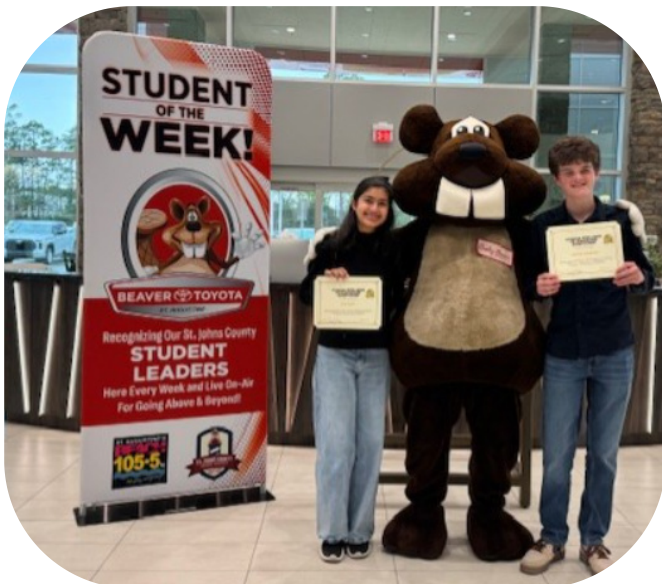
If you are an approved volunteer and would be interested in proctoring for May testing at FCMS, contact Debra Dill at [Debra.dill@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Debra.dill@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

Follow this link to sign-up to be a volunteer at FCMS:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D48A8AC2BA0FF2-62100722-mayproctors>

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

to Eira Puri and Patrick Chapman who were named Beaver Toyota's Students of Week!



Fruit Cove Middle School

**Yearbooks For Sale!!**

*We are down to our final quantities!!!*

**Spring into memories before they're gone!**

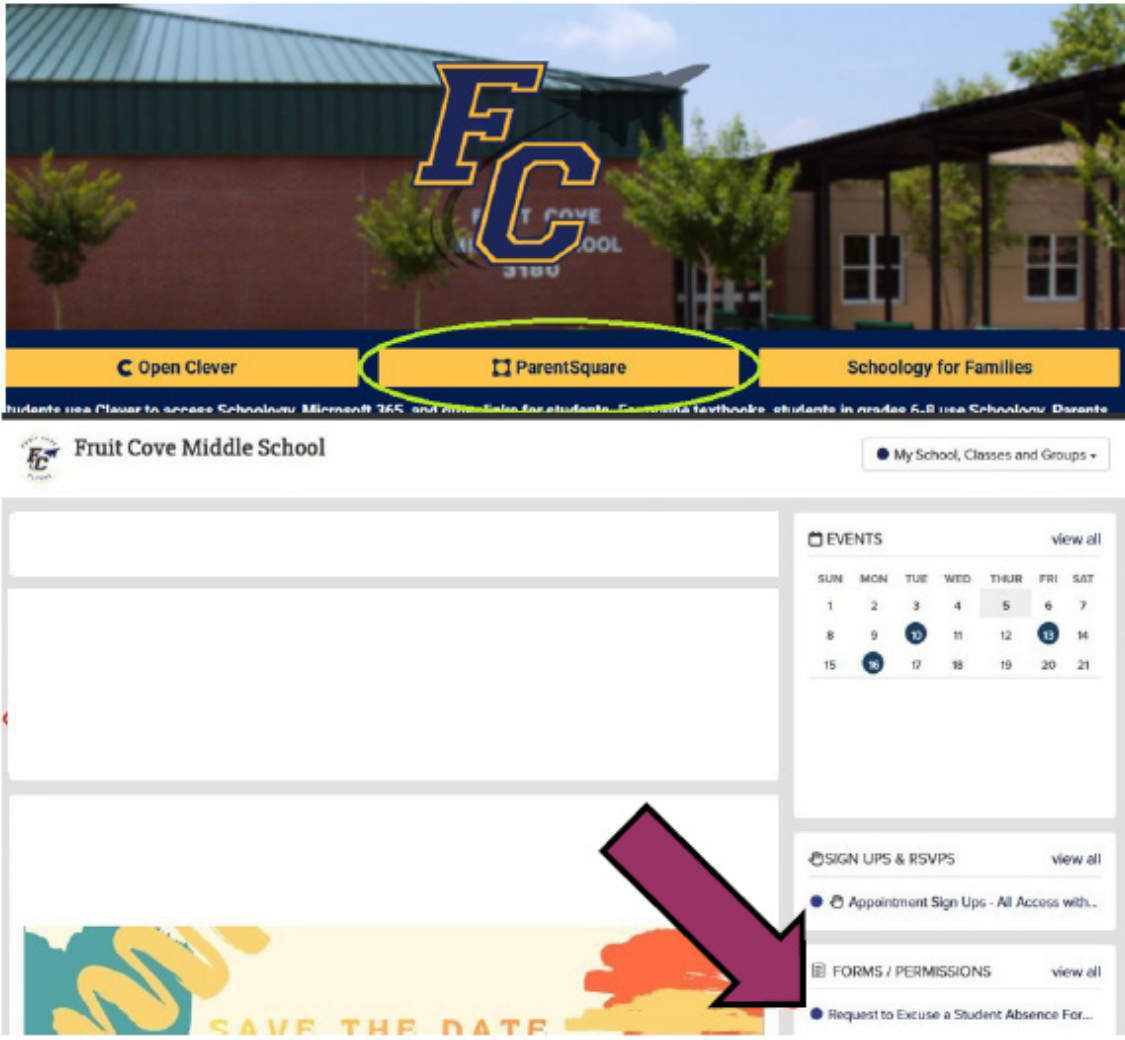
**\$45**

[www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com)

**School Code: 10456**



Beginning March 9, online absence forms will now be available through Parent Square. Parents will follow the same process as before, filling out the form and uploading any pertinent information.



## Cell Phone Reminder

Florida law prohibits middle school students from using wireless devices during the instructional school day, from the time they arrive on campus until the end of the day. This means phones must be powered off and stored away. Students may not call parents if in school. PLEASE add the school phone number to your contacts so your student or administration can reach you via phone if necessary.

The number is (904) 547-7874.



## Library News

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

7:10am—12:50pm Wednesday

Jennifer Jaeger, Media Specialist

Please check the [Media Center homepage](#) for more information.

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](#)


## Front Office Reminders

**Forgotten items:** Please drop off any schoolwork, projects, PE clothes, or band instruments by 8:15 AM. After that, only lunch, lunch money, glasses, or medicine can be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Early checkout:** To pick up your student early, arrive by 1:20PM (12:20PM on Wednesdays). After that, you'll wait until dismissal at 1:50PM (12:50PM on Wednesdays).

**School Access:** Non-staff individuals must complete the district's volunteer application for school access, valid for 3 years. For assistance with the online application, call (904) 547-3945.

**Attendance:** If a student misses school, the parent/guardian must complete an online form or submit a note within 48 hours detailing the absence date, reason, and signature. Emails and phone calls are not accepted for notifying absences.

 St. Johns County School District has introduced ParentSquare, a sleek communication platform for sharing vital updates from the district, your child's school, and teachers—all in one place. Please download the app Google Play or Apple Store!



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[Support our positive choices initiative!](#)  
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Thank you for your support!



<<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.



# PTO

MARCH 27

# "FLYER"



Website



Instagram



Facebook

## 2026-27 PTO BOARD POSITIONS



### WE ARE LOOKING FOR

#### Business Partners

Works with Fundraising Chair to foster relationships with our current business partners and looks for new business partners to support FCMS. This is a valued position as the support is critical for the success of the PTO and the resources we provide to FCMS.

#### Communications

Makes consistent posts on social media pages, highlights business partners regularly, makes flyers for events. This position also creates the bi-weekly newsletter (with help from the Presidents).

#### Membership

Helps drive the PTO membership from August through October.

#### Secretary

Takes notes during virtual quarterly Board Meetings and General Meetings.

#### Teacher Appreciation

Decorates the Teacher's Lounge for holidays, helps with teacher gifts, brainstorms new ideas to spoil the teachers and staff!

#### 8th Grade Events

Manages details for one semi-formal and 8<sup>th</sup> grade fun day.



## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

APRIL 27TH-MAY 1ST

*Please donate to help buy  
gift cards for our teachers  
and staff!*

[HTTPS://WWW.FCMSPTO.COM/DONATE](https://www.fcmspto.com/donate)



Join us for the  
next PTO General  
Board Meeting:  
March 30<sup>th</sup> at  
6:00pm. **Please  
click here to join!**

## 8TH GRADE FUN DAY

*Celebrate the end of your  
middle school years!*



ACTIVITIES

**THURSDAY,  
MAY 28TH**


GAMES

TREATS

# THANK YOU

to the PTO BUSINESS PARTNERS

## Maverick



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