

Fruit Cove Middle School

THE PILOT

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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April 10, 2026



Pillar of the Month:
April - All Pillars

Important Dates

April 23
Seussical the Musical 6pm

April 24
Seussical the Musical 6pm

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

School Hours
7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal @
12:50pm

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

Mission Statement

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

Congratulations to our WEB Team on winning the grand prize in the Len Mattiace Anti-Bullying Contest! Our WEB Leaders dedicate the entire year to fostering a culture rooted in kindness, compassion, inclusion and strong character. Some of the events our WEB Team has hosted include a "Donut forget to be Kind" campaign, a week of "Donut Forget to be Kind" Valentine activities, the "No One Eats Alone" program, Character Counts and Kindness Lunches on the patio, cards and small gifts for our new students, new student tours and the management and fulfillment of the PBIS store. Congratulations WEB Team!



NJHS officer elections for next year will take place April 13-24. It will be online through Schoology. Any 7th grade member may run for an office by registering with Mrs. Doemel or Ms. Farbo by April 10th. Offices include president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and historian.



**Scholarship, Service,
Leadership, Character, and
Citizenship**



Congratulations to Anvika Sontineni! She is a recipient of the NJHS Outstanding Achievement Award Scholarship this year. We are so proud of her wonderful accomplishment!



Join us for a magical evening as our students present **Seussical the Musical** on [Thursday, April 23](#) and [Friday, April 24](#).

Doors Open: 5:30 PM Show Time: 6:00 PM
Tickets: \$5, available on SchoolPay

Our students have worked very hard this year and are excited to share an evening filled with singing, dancing, and Seuss-inspired fun. We hope you'll join us for this delightful performance the whole family will enjoy!

May Testing

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

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

Follow this link to sign-up to be a volunteer at FCMS:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D48A8AC2BA0FF2-62100722-mayproctors>

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



FCMS has teamed up with 2 Men and a Truck to collect soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, baby items, women's and children's socks and nonperishable food for women and children in need at the Betty Griffin House. Can you help? Please consider sending donations in to your child's P1 class. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

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.

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 SchoolPay:

**SchoolPay: Hard Cover
 Library Book (\$20)**

**SchoolPay: Paperback
 Library Book (\$10)**

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](#)



UPCOMING MEETING DATES: 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).



IMPORTANT

Reminder

**This is LAST CALL
for purchasing a
yearbook.**

**! 45 Books
Left !**

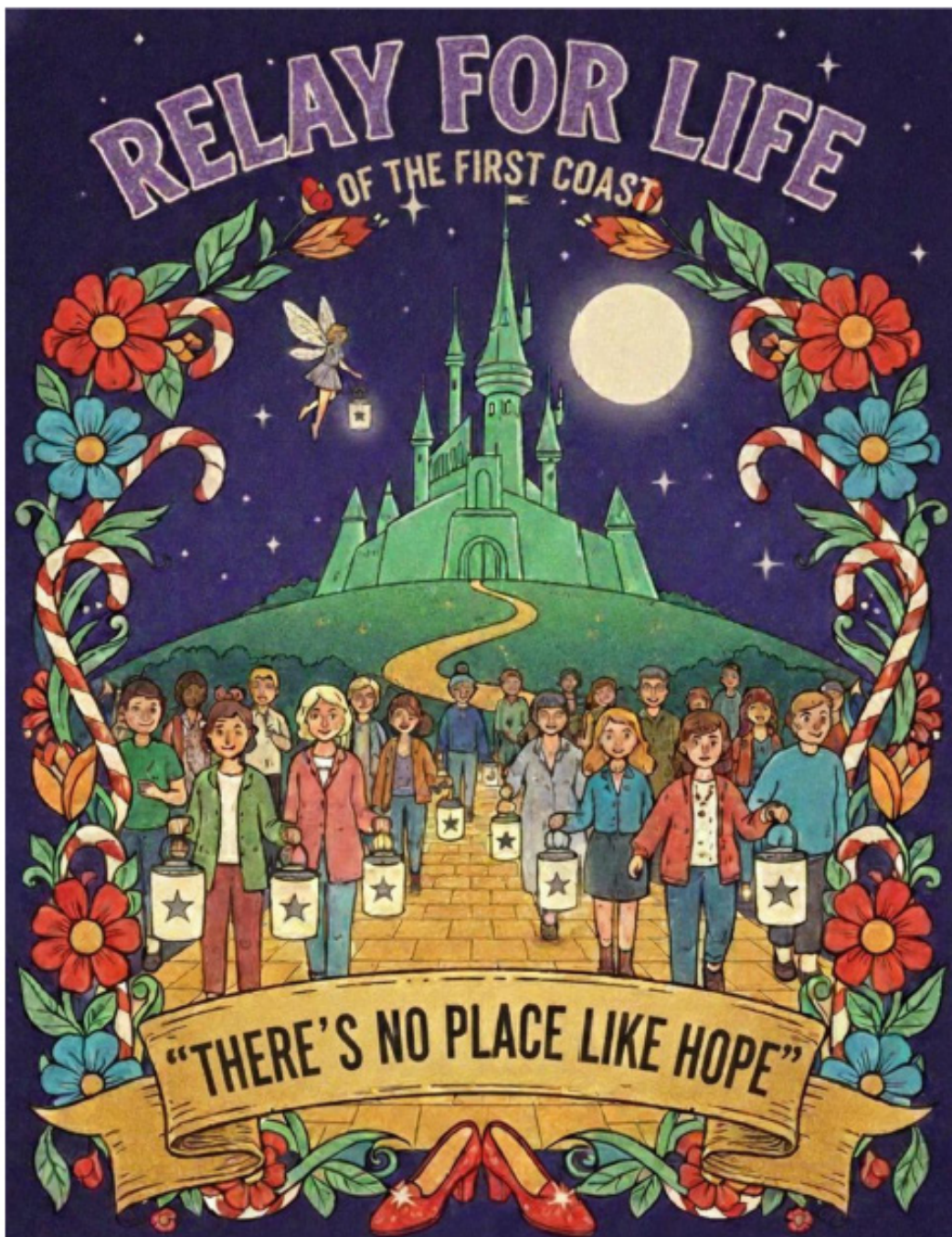
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School Code 10456

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.



Saturday, April 25th, 2026

Orange Park Town Hall

2042 Park Avenue, Orange Park

NOON to SUNSET

Market Style Event with Games & Entertainment!



Register Here!

Want to Volunteer? Email us at:
FirstCoastRelay@gmail.com



Join our Fruit Cove Middle School team at
<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/fruitcove>


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 (ParentSquare) 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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SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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Students can earn PBIS points daily for exhibiting positive traits like citizenship, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, and caring. These points can be traded for rewards in our online PBIS store, managed by the WEB Team. To order, students log in via /clever, choose their rewards, and place orders by Tuesday for delivery on the first and third Friday of each month.

[Support our positive choices initiative!](#)
[Visit our PBIS store!](#)

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

APRIL 10

"FLYER"



Website



Instagram



Facebook

2026
class of

CONGRATULATIONS!

**CELEBRATE YOUR 8TH GRADER
WITH A CUSTOM YARD SIGN!**

TWO DESIGNS AVAILABLE:

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\$20

MUST BE ORDERED BY **APRIL 25TH**
PICK UP FROM SCHOOL THE FIRST WEEK
OF MAY

[HTTPS://WWW.FCMSPTO.COM/YARD-SIGN](https://www.fcmspto.com/yard-sign)

**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)



Help support
Fruit Cove Middle School

**Chick-fil-A DRIVE THRU
Spirit Day Fundraiser**

Thursday, April 16, 2026
6:00AM-8:00PM



Chick-fil-A SOUTH MANDARIN

11709 San Jose Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32223
Next to Brooks Rehab &
Across from Dogtown

**20% of their net sales
donated back will help pay
for events, equipment, and
other needs to support
students and teachers.**

**Must mention the fundraiser or Fruit Cove
Middle School when ordering. Drive-Thru only.**

JOIN THE
PTO BOARD
NEXT YEAR!



**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 critical position as the support & effort for the success of the PTO depends on the resources we provide to FCMS.
- Communications**
Makes consistent posts on social media pages, highlights business partners regularly, creates flyers for events. This position also creates the bi-weekly newsletter (with help from the President).
- Membership**
Helps to let the PTO membership know about PTO events through Google.
- Secretary**
Takes notes during virtual quarterly board meetings and General Meetings.
- Teacher Appreciation**
Receives the Teacher's Exchange for holidays, helps with teacher gifts, business cards, and also to help the teachers and staff.
- Gift Basket Events**
Manages orders for one semi-formal and 6th grade fun day.







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