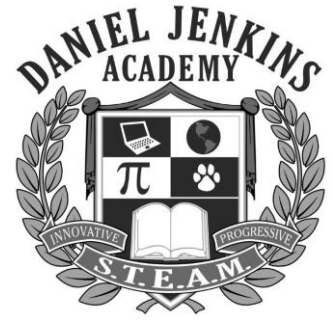




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Tips for Going Beyond!

Just Keep Reading!

Reading is a skill to be acquired and honed. As students mature, it is easy to forget the importance of reading. Unfortunately, just like any skill it is easy to fall out of practice, no matter the person's skill level. Whether deciphering word problems in Math class, or learning about Newton's Laws of Motion, reading is closely intermingled in every subject and is a key to our students' success across content areas.

Once a day, Daniel Jenkins students are expected to participate in Sustained Silent Reading, while on campus. However, every bit of practice our students can get will help them to go beyond their goals for the year.

Please, partner with us, as we encourage our students to find the love of reading. The fact that they are reading and practicing their skills, matters more than the subject they are actually reading. If its novels they enjoy, great! If they prefer to read informational books about hunting and the outdoors, more power to them. Even if they're simply reading the latest magazine, what matters is that they are reading. While at home, please encourage your child to find something they enjoy reading. Also, once they find something to read spend some time discussing it with them. You'd be surprised how this small step will impact their learning.

Reading Rainbow said it best...

***Reading is the Magic Key
It takes you where you want to be!***



Reigning Jaguars

Well done to November and December's students of the month!

November

8th Grade

Cody Wilkinson
Jessica Luongo

7th Grade

Miles McCants
Madison Robinson

6th Grade

Diego Ortiz-Alcantar
Kiley Brito

December

8th Grade

Adalberto Martinez
Rafeena Hussain

7th Grade

Cole Spence
Claire Straw

6th Grade

Anthony Ramos-Rodriguez
Johanna Gordillo

These students were chosen because they show exemplary behavior both in the classroom and outside of it. They have stellar grades and are considerate to all who visit our campus. They truly represent what it means a Jenkins Jaguar, and deserve our heartfelt congratulations.

Game On!

Boys Basketball schedule:

Varsity starts at 7:30pm

JV starts at 6:30pm



12/3 Jewett Middle Academy @Daniel Jenkins (Home Game)

12/8 Daniel Jenkins @ Dundee Ridge Middle (Away Game)

12/15 Jewett School of Arts @Daniel Jenkins (Home Game)

12/18 Daniel Jenkins@ Boone (Away Game)

Math

ATTENTION ALL 6th GRADE STUDENTS!

Math Counts Club is still looking for 6th graders wanting to participate. If you can attend club meetings on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4:00 – 5:00 the group would love to have you. Club members will also be selected to represent DJA at the competition. Our goal is to have all grade levels represented. Club Members are also invited to participate in the Math Bash Crash Celebration coming up soon. If you're interested in joining Math Counts, please see Mrs. Walker for more information.

Also, remember the FSA is coming in the spring! Please take a few minutes each day to study basic math concepts like simplifying fractions, Order of Operations, and even some division hints.

Social Studies

All 8th Grade students will be participating in a career planning day, during their U.S. History course on Monday December 15th or Tuesday December 16th. Students will be given the opportunity to explore different career paths and create a college/career plan portfolio that can be accessed from school or home. Participation in this course is a requirement for 8th grade students to continue on to high school and can be revisited throughout the high school years. Eighth grade parents are welcome to visit the website www.flchoices.org once their student has completed the Choices course to review student answers and encourage further exploration of the website.

Electives

On December 12th the Environmental Science students will be visiting Busch Gardens from 9:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. There will also be a Coach V Memorial, 2-mile Jingle Bell Run/walk at Davenport School of the Arts on December 18th at 4:30 p.m. The event is free to enter, and Daniel Jenkins Academy students are encouraged to wear their P.E. shirt.

The Inside Scoop...

Language Arts

The Language Arts department hosted one of the Regional Spelling Bees on campus. It took place on Wednesday, November 19th in Ms. Wimberly's classroom. A representative from the District came from Bartow to call out the words to our students. The school will be notified of the results by the county. Stay tuned to hear if any of our students will be representing Daniel Jenkins Academy at the District Spelling Bee that will be held in March.

Congratulations to the following students who won our school Spelling Bee:

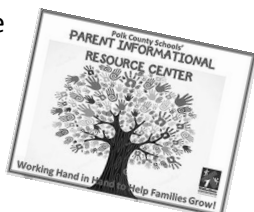
6th Grade-Zech, Caleb, Alitzel

7th Grade-Lyanny, Aria, Alyssa

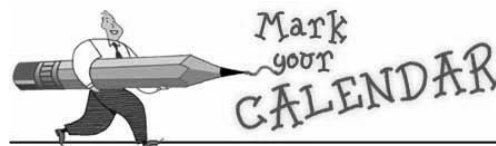
8th Grade-Jessica, Matthew, Gianna

Reminders for Parents

- The School Improvement Plan, Parent Involvement Plan, and School Public Accountability report are available in the front office in the parent involvement notebook and on our school website. These documents are available in other languages upon request.



- Visit a Parent Informational Resource Center or attend classes offered by Parent University, for access to free information and resources that will help your child to go beyond this year. For more information visit the websites provided in the Quick Links section of our newsletter.



Open Enrollment

November 18th – January 9th

Winter Band Concert

December 16, 2014

Winter Vacation

December 22 – January 2

First Day Back From Break

January 5, 2015

Student Holidays

January 16, 2015

January 26, 2015

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

School Closed

January 19, 2015

Report Cards Distributed

January 30, 2015

Early Release Dates

February 18th

March 25th

June 4th

Open Enrollment

Please note that the Open Enrollment dates have changed for Magnet and Choice Schools. Effective this year, Open Enrollment will begin November 18th and conclude on January 9th. Eighth grade students wanting to participate in a career academy should enroll at that time.

Guidance

DID YOU KNOW?

- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Don't let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make him/her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session



Cold Weather Has Arrived!

As we enter the season for colder weather, please take note of the dress code regulations when preparing your child for the cold. Students are expected to wear Daniel Jenkins cold weather attire, unless the temperature drops to 42 degrees or below. At such time, students are permitted to wear their personal warm weather gear. For more information about dress code regulations please see the student handbook.

Daniel Jenkins offers two different options for cold weather wear. We have a Daniel Jenkins Sweatshirt that is currently being sold for \$15.00. Students may also purchase a zip-up fleece jacket for \$40.00. These items can be purchased at any time through the front office.

Internet Safety

Attached to the end of the Newsletter there are two permission forms that NEED to be returned to the guidance office in a timely manner. These forms allow us to ensure that all members of Daniel Jenkins are aware of the policies regarding using the internet as well as the implementation of BYOD.

Quick Links

Daniel Jenkins Academy Website:
<http://schools.polk-fl.net/dja/>

Parent Portal:
<http://www.polk-fl.net/parents/parentportal.htm>

Parent Center:
<http://www.polk-fl.net/parents/involvement/pirc.htm>

Parent University:
<http://www.polk-fl.net/parents/involvement/plugin.htm>

Free Typing Skills Website:
<http://www.typingweb.com>

Florida Standards Website:
<http://www.cpalms.org/Public/search/Standard>

Campus Safety

In order to keep our students as safe as possible, it is important that everyone on campus abide by the following guidelines:

- There isn't supervision available for students before 8:30. Therefore, please ensure that students are not dropped off prior to that time.
- Once students arrive, they are to remain on campus until dismissal. Students, who leave campus for any reason, without being checked out, will receive the appropriate consequences.
- Parents who drop students off after the tardy bell (9:00 a.m.) need to come into the office and sign their child into class; otherwise the tardy will remain unexcused.
- Guests are not allowed behind the front counter of the office, unless properly checked in by a member of the front office staff.
- To ensure all students are able to get home in a timely manner, the latest time students are allowed to be checked out of class is 3:30 p.m.

Discipline Information

| November | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Description of Discipline Referral | # of Discipline Referrals |
| Abusive Language/Conduct-Others | 7 |
| Dress Code Violation | 1 |
| Disruptive Behavior | 9 |
| Fighting w/o injury | 4 |
| School Bus Safety Violation | 2 |
| Tardy | 2 |

Total Incidents

25