



Daniel Jenkins Academy Newsletter

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Tips for Going Beyond!



Avoiding Surprises...

FSA, Florida Standards Assessment, we've been talking about it since the beginning of the year and it is finally here. This month's tip for going

beyond is simple. Let's avoid surprises. As the time for FSA testing draws near, we want to make sure that our parents and students fully understand all the changes that have taken place in the area of testing. Kids can be creatures of habit, whether they choose to sit in the same spot in the classroom or eat the same thing every day. It is definitely human nature to find routine.

It is also, in human nature to freak when something out of the ordinary happens, that ruins our expected routine. If the students do not fully understand the HUGE changes that have taken place with the new standardized test, it is very likely on the day of the test, their performance will drop due to the stress of what is expected of them.

We have done our best to expose all students to the new tests, by having them participate in training tests for Reading, Writing, and Math. However, whenever possible please encourage your student to access the training site and practice the new tests.

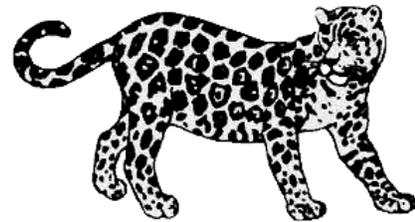


CHILL
We're
Passing
Tests in
Here

For your convenience we have created a website for you. This website is a compilation of all the websites and information you will need to know, to help your child be successful on the new standardized test. Please be sure to visit the website below, and check regularly for updates. This is imperative for our students' success on FSA.

www.sites.google.com/a/mypolkschools.net/fsa-success/

Reigning Jaguars



Well done to February's students of the month!

8th Grade

Lorenzo Gonzalez
Sadie Large

7th Grade

Johnathan Gables
Melissa Luongo

6th Grade

Ethan Mitchell
Brittney Bronemann

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.

The Inside Scoop...

Language Arts:

The Language Arts students recently competed in a school-wide poetry contest. All the students worked very hard on their entries. We would like to wish a big congratulations to our School-Wide Poetry Contest Winners:

6th Grade:

Kinsey Akers
Ali Rodriguez
Ava Peisher

7th Grade:

John Corriveau
Abigail Glass
Crista Lee
Alyssa Moore

8th Grade:

Crystal Alcalde
Kelsey Fairel
Eva Taube

The students worked very hard this year. All of their poems will move on to compete in the District Poetry Contest. The Poetry Award Ceremony will take place at Florida Southern on May 5, 2015. We are very proud of our students! They have done a great job!

Oh Betty-Sue my
heart doth burst.

I love you more
than liverwurst!



Math

The 2014-15 Math Counts Competition for the Ridge Chapter recently took place at Tenoroc High School. It introduced some challenging concepts, but our Jaguar team really did us proud.

For the first time in six years, a female Mathlete captured the top ten rankings in the individual competition. This mathlete deserves special recognition for her valiant efforts. A very special congratulations goes out to Melissa Luongo as she placed seventh overall as an individual. Melissa competed against 250 of Polk County's top math students and truly shined.

However, Melissa was not the only one who shined. Our entire Jaguar team really did a spectacular job. The team ranked ninth overall, out of twenty-five competing schools. The following students worked hard to prepare for their competition, and their efforts were definitely not in vain.

The students who were on the "on-stage" competition team, were:

Jessica Luongo
Jessie Thurman
and
Jan Vazquez

Our support
team, also
included:

Rachel Williams
Vishesh Patel
Claire Straw
and
Reefa Tasnia



Fantastic Job! We couldn't be any prouder of our mathletes.

Physical Education:

This nine weeks our students in P.E. have been learning the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle. Below is a group of students' response to the question, "What does 'Healthy Kids Learn Better,' really mean?"

Authors: Emily Glass, Destiny Collins, Denise Maldonado, Stephanie Perales, Zoe Rosado, Kyra Rosario, Faleena Hussain

Research shows a strong link between a young person's fitness and their healthy habits; simply put, when a good diet is combined with regular physical activity, your mind will work harder and one will see an improvement in their overall life outcomes.

Current findings show:

- Almost immediately after engaging in physical activity, students are better able to concentrate on classroom tasks.
- Consistent physical activity over time provides immediate and long term academic achievement.
- School breakfasts are improving attendance.
- Healthy snacks are contributing to rising test scores.

"If we want to increase the academic achievement of our young people, we have to promote physical activity and healthy eating."

- Howell Wechsler, Alliance for a Healthier Generation, CEO

ACTIVE BODIES = ACTIVE MINDS



Technology Student Association:

The following students will be representing Daniel Jenkins at the State Conference for the Technology Student Association in Orlando. We wish the following students lots of luck! We know that they will make us very proud!

Grade 8

Jessica Luongo
Crystal Alcalde
Jesell Munoz
Jaemyn Cole

Grade 7

Rachel Williams
Shalicia Harvey
Shaina Jean Louis

Grade 6

Jairyn Cole
Avery Gabriel

Extramurals:

Any Daniel Jenkins Jaguar wishing to participate in our 4th nine weeks sports of tennis or track and field must return a completed Consent and Physical Form **before Friday, March 27th**. Practices will begin after returning from Spring Break. Sport calendars with practice and match/meet times will be set up this month.

Parent Nights!

Please join us for a parent night coming up on March 19th. This night will be focused on helping you to understand everything that FSA entails, and providing you with strategies to prepare your child for success during this year's testing season. There will also be an opportunity for parents to earn a free dress down day for their student. Be sure to join us Thursday, March 19th from 5:30-7:30.

Shoe Drive

The results for Round 1 of the Shoe Drive Round are in! The winning class is Ms. Tucker's homeroom with a whopping 268 pairs of shoes! The winning student is Rachel Williams who singlehandedly brought in 134 pairs of shoes! Ms. Tucker's winning class received a donut party and Rachel will receive a \$50 shopping spree. Levi Armstrong came in second place and Tristin Longley and Stuart Tidwell tied for third – they also received prize packages!

Round 2 has a final deadline of Friday, February 27, and results will be released on Tuesday, March 3.

Although the contest itself will be over, shoe donations are still welcome until April. You still have a chance to make a positive impact on countries around the world and help raise funds for Team Bennett!

Thanks for your participation!

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.



Parent Night

March 19, 2015
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Early Release

Dates
March 25th
June 4th

Spring Break

March 30, 2015 -
March 3, 2015

Report Cards

Distributed
April 1, 2015

Honor Roll Party

April 1, 2015

Preparing for Next Year Parent Night

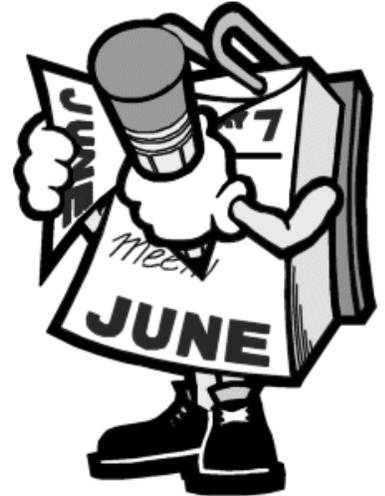
March 19, 2015
5:30-7:30 p.m.

End of the Year Awards Ceremonies

6th Grade:
June 2, 2015

7th Grade:
June 3, 2015

8th Grade:
June 4, 2015
Lake Eva Center



Mark your Calendars!

Discipline Information

2015 FSA Testing Schedule

February	
Description of Discipline Referral	# of Discipline Referrals
Abusive Language/Conduct-Staff	1
Abusive Language/Conduct-Others	3
Battery	1
School Bus Safety Violation	8
Dress Code Violation	2
Fighting w/o Injury or restraint	4
Disruptive Behavior	10
Personal Communication Device	2
Tardy	1

Total Incidents

32

6th grade:

Writing FSA (120 Minutes): March 4th
 Reading FSA Session 1 (85 Minutes): April 20th
 Reading FSA Session 2 (85 Minutes): April 21st
 Math Session 1 (60 Minutes): April 29th
 Math Sessions 2 and 3 (120 Minutes): April 30th

7th Grade:

Writing FSA (120 Minutes): March 4th
 Reading FSA Session 1 (85 Minutes): April 15th
 Reading FSA Session 2 (85 Minutes): April 16th
 Math Session 1 (60 Minutes): April 27th
 Math Sessions 2 and 3 (120 Minutes): April 28th
 Civics EOC (80 Minutes): May 4th

8th grade:

Writing FSA (120 Minutes – On Computer): March 2nd
 Reading FSA Session 1 (85 Minutes): April 13th
 Reading FSA Session 2 (85 Minutes): April 14th
 Math FSA Session 1 (60 Minutes): April 22nd
 Math FSA Sessions 2 and 3 (120 Minutes): April 23rd
 Science Sessions 1 and 2 (160 Minutes): May 4th

Other EOC's

Algebra EOC (90 Minutes): May 6th and 7th
 Geometry EOC (90 Minutes): May 6th and 7th