

# JAGUAR NEWS & NOTES

The Newsletter of Daniel Jenkins Academy

October 2016



## Important Dates

11/3-11/5 *WE3 Expo at the Lakeland Center*

11/3 *8th Grade WE3 Field Trip*

11/4 *Internet Safety Lessons*

11/8 *Writing Progress Monitor II*

11/10 *Flu Vaccines at DJA*

11/11 *Veterans Day (No School)*

11/16 *Early Release Day*

11/17 *Great American Teach-In*

11/18 *Wellness Lessons*

## What is the WE3 Expo?

The WE3 EXPO is a groundbreaking showcase of elementary, middle, high and adult schools! Local business and industry professionals partner with Polk County Public Schools to create the new and expanded WE3 EXPO, a collaborative effort that highlights Polk County Public Schools wide variety of school options.

Innovative programs will be showcased by teachers and students at more than 400 booths with an opportunity for businesses, local service providers and other education centric vendors to also exhibit. It is expected that more than 10,000 students, parents and community members will attend the event this year. The benefit to attendees is significant and this year is anticipated to be bigger and better!

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On Thursday, November 17th, community members will visit schools across the District to share how school helped them achieve success, as Polk County Public Schools celebrates the Great American Teach-In. The annual event is held nationwide each year to celebrate American Education Week.

It is an opportunity to show students where education can take you but it is also a great way for visitors to appreciate what teachers do. Connecting classrooms to community builds trust and transparency.

Parents, if you are interested in participating in the Great American Teach-In, please contact the school coordinator Ms. Ernest, [Marah.Ernest@polk-fl.net](mailto:Marah.Ernest@polk-fl.net)

## Clubs: Let's Meet Up!

### National Junior Honor Society:

Please congratulate the following students that were elected as National Junior Honor Society officers for the 2016-2017 school year!

President- Lydiah Gracia  
Vice President- Emma Waldron  
Secretary- Abbey Conrad  
Treasurer- Kristiana Helms  
Historian- David Rosado



### Chess:

Listen up students! The chess team is looking for you. If you play chess the chess club is for you. Chess is every Wednesday before school and the team this year has an opportunity for you to be a part of the chess tournaments.

### Math Counts

Mathcounts is now underway!  
When?: Every Tuesday 4-5pm

## Students of the Month

### September

#### 6th Grade

Lance McMahon  
Idalis Medina

#### 7th Grade

Jason Ramsarup  
Corissa Quarterman

#### 8th Grade

Marquise Potter  
Isabella Pantoja-Santiago

### October

#### 6th Grade

Roberto Cendejas  
Kamille Stevenson

#### 7th Grade

Austin Rodriguez  
Skyla Jones

#### 8th Grade

Chase Wade  
Brianna Rodriguez



### Staff of the Month (September):

Mr. Sitek,  
Network Manager

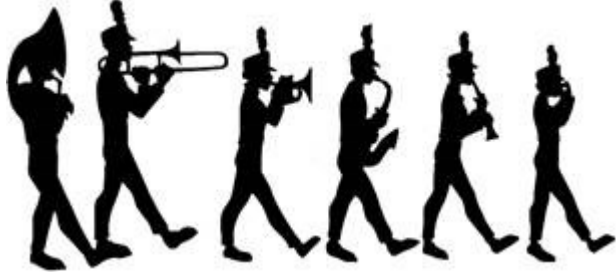
Mr. Sitek is new to us this year, but has made a huge impact on our campus! He is quick to take care of technology issues, is proactive in handling situations, and has a great attitude! Thank you for your dedication to DJA!

## A note from the Band Room....

[www.sites.google.com/site/danieljenkinsacademyband](http://www.sites.google.com/site/danieljenkinsacademyband)

The Band Room is open for 30 minutes before school and 30 minutes after for students to practice and get help with their music! Practice is the key to success! Every music student should spend at least 15-20 minutes practicing outside of class every day!

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by merit and select musical criteria to perform as a part of the Polk Middle School Honor Band:



Natalie Williams  
Roland Carcases  
Walker Rud  
Dariel Jaime  
Aubrey Moore  
Justin Eveillard

These students joined with other middle school band students from around Polk County to perform the Nation Anthem and the pop tune "Funkytown" at the High School Marching Band Music Performance Assessment on Sat-



Holiday Brass is a performance group open to all 2nd and 3rd year brass players. This popular group will be performing at several venues this Holiday Season! Rehearsals are every Monday from 4-5pm in the Band Room. Students should be picked from the Band Room at the back of the school on Wood Ave. at the end of rehearsal

Wish Us Luck!

Some of our most aspiring 2nd and 3rd year band students are working hard to prepare an audition for the Polk All County Band. Auditions will be held on Thursday, Nov 17th at Lake Region High School. Let's show Polk County that we have some of the best! Auditioning students are asked to stay after school as often as possible for private

Thursday, October  
22<sup>nd</sup>!



Band Parent Meeting	Mon, Nov 7	6:00pm
DJA Band Room (Park in Back of School)		
Band & Guitar Winter Concert	Tues, Dec 6	7-8:30 pm; call time- 6:30
RCHS		
Harrison School of the Arts Info Mtg.	Wed, Dec 7	7pm

### **Staff of the Month (October):**



Mr. Mate  
ITV/Reading Teacher  
Mr. Mate has brought back the ITV morning news program to DJA. His exceptional broadcasts and guidance of students has helped develop an interesting new elective and program for our students.



## Want to Volunteer at DJA?

### POLK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2016-2017 VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

In order to apply, you will need to:

1. Confirm with the school that you are not already an approved volunteer.
2. Review the qualifications carefully before you sign the application.
3. Obtain a personal check or money order payable to the Polk County School Board in the amount of \$25.00 to cover the Florida Department of Law Enforcement background check required for all applicants. \*\*Active and sworn law enforcement officers with arresting power, current / retiring PCPS employees, active Kelly substitute teachers, registered PCPS students and college students majoring in Education are EXEMPT from paying the \$25.00 background check fee. Attach a copy of verifying documentation such as an officer photo ID badge and member number OR an employee / student ID badge.
4. Bring completed application and non-refundable \$25.00 payment to the school (please allow 2 to 3 weeks to complete the application process).

### ***Department Notes:***

#### **Civics End of Course Exam News from the Studies Department**

All 7th grade students will be participating in a Civics EOC Assessment in the Spring of 2017. This test measures student achievement of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS), as outlined in the Civics course description, and will count as 30% of their final grade in the class. Students can begin preparing for the Civics EOC by practicing their skills on the games provided on the [www.iCivics.org](http://www.iCivics.org) website.

Please encourage your 7th grade student to visit this site on a regular basis and play the various games that review important concepts. If you have any questions about the EOC please feel free to contact Mrs. Smith, Social studies teacher and department chair, at [Sarah.Smith01@polk-fl.net](mailto:Sarah.Smith01@polk-fl.net).

#### **Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest**

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a letter from Governor Rick Scott for their participation in the 2016 Hispanic Heritage Month Contest:

Oluwafunmini Adigun, Edith Garcia-Garcia, Sajana Patel, Natalie Williams, Nusrat

and

#### **Administration:**

Principal: Mr. Brad Tarver [brad.tarver@polk-fl.net](mailto:brad.tarver@polk-fl.net)

Assistant Principal: Mr. Miguel Rivera [miguel.rivera01@polk-fl.net](mailto:miguel.rivera01@polk-fl.net)

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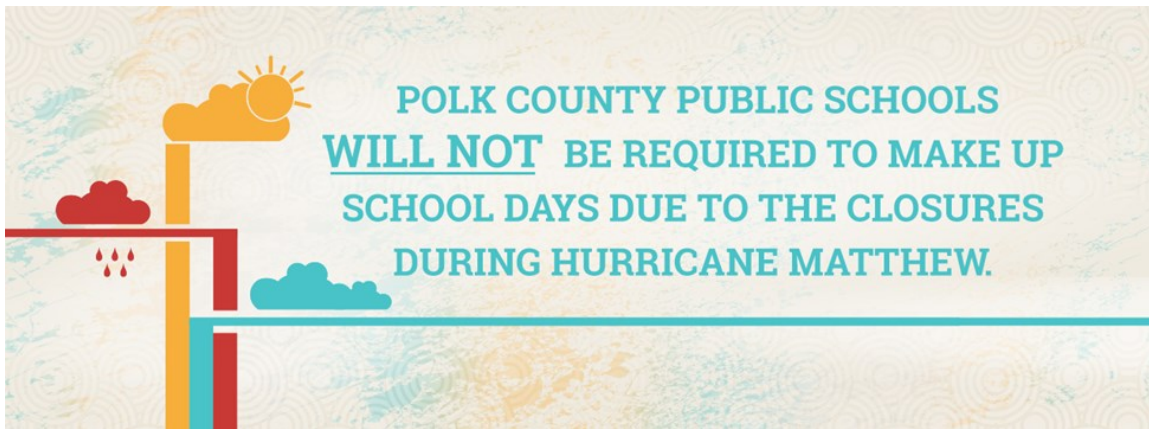
## Jaguar Shout Outs!

Awesome job to the students below for representing DJA while volunteering at the Lake Hamilton Women's Club. Several people from the community commented on what a wonderful group of students we have and how impressed they were by their dedication to helping out that day. Great job Jags!

Beatriz Salcedo  
Anthony Ramos

David Rosado  
Brittney Bornemann  
Erik Torres

Valerie Picado  
Kristiana Helms



## Buzzer Beater: Sports!

### Volleyball:

Girls Volleyball Schedule:

Middle School Girls Volleyball Schedule 2016 JV games start at 6:30, Varsity at 7:30 (Varsity only 6:30)

11/ 1      DRMA @ DJA  
11/10      DJA @ LAA  
11/15      DALA @ DJA  
11/29      DJA @ CR (V Only)  
12/13      DJA @ LMC

### Boys Basketball:

Middle School Boys Basketball Schedule 2016 JV at 6:30 Varsity at 7:30 (Varsity only 6:30)

11/3        DRMS @ DJA  
11/14      DALA @ DJA  
11/28      DJA @ LMC  
12/5        DJA @ BOONE (V Only)  
12/12      DJA @ DALA