

JAGUAR NEWS & NOTES

The Newsletter of Daniel Jenkins Academy

April 2017

8th Grade Baby Pictures

8th Graders are asked to start bringing in baby pictures for the 8th grade awards ceremony

Students can bring in a hard copy to be scanned or have their parents email the baby picture to: Marah.Ernest@polk-fl.net

All baby pictures must be submitted by May 19th to be included in the 8th grade awards ceremony

*Please make sure all pictures are labeled with the student's name to ensure the pictures are



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Important Dates

- 4/10-4/11 6th Grade FSA Math
- 4/12-4/13 7th Grade FSA Math
- 4/14 No School
- 4/17-4/18 8th Grade FSA Math
- 4/19-4/20 6th Grade FSA ELA Reading
- 4/22 Earth Day
- 4/24-4/25 7th Grade FSA ELA Reading
- 4/26-4/27 8th Grade FSA ELA Reading
- 5/1-5/5 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/2 8th Grade FSA Science
- 5/4 Band Field Trip to Bethune
- 5/5 Interim Reports
- 5/8-5/9 Geometry and Algebra EOCs



WeatherSTEM

Be sure to check the DJA WeatherSTEM station at: <http://polk.weatherstem.com/dja> for daily weather reports!

Thank you to Duke Energy for providing the funding for this advanced weather station!

Department Notes:

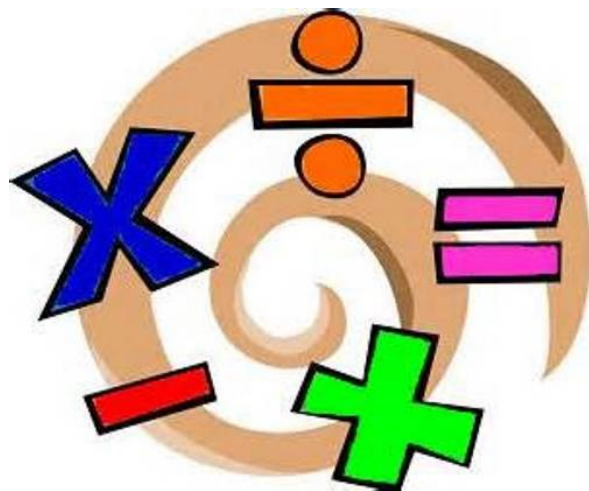
Language Arts:

DJA students will soon receive their rubric for their Language Arts research projects. This is a multi-media project that will incorporate various technology elements. Students will be expected to use all of the research skills they have been learning in their Media Center lessons. Students will be using both online and print resources to research their topics and create their presentations. We will also be using PowerPoint and OneDrive to create and save/submit these projects. Students can expect this project to be a significant percentage of their grade for the final quarter of this school year.

Math:

Top 10 Study Tips from a Math Teacher

10. Select a consistent place to study.
9. Don't wait until the last minute.
8. Buy an agenda book and use it
7. Dedicate time to practice after class.
6. Stay organized throughout the year.
5. Make study cards.
4. Make your own study guide.
3. Talk about assignments with friends.
2. If you are struggling, ask for help.
1. Make academics a focus in your life.



NHD
NATIONAL
HISTORY DAY

Social Studies:

Congratulations to Darly Louis who will be advancing to the State Competition with his Individual Website entry "The Little Rock Nine". Darly earned second place at the County Competition in Bartow on February 24th. The State Competition will be held in Tallahassee on May 7th-9th.

Students of the Month

February

6th Grade
Jonathan Lithgow
Tiffany Huang

7th Grade
Jorge Garcia-Mendoza
Toni-Ann Roye

8th Grade
Ethan Mitchell
Valerie Picado

March

6th Grade
Benjamin Nguyen
Ashley Gwinn

7th Grade
Angel Ruiz
Natalie Williams

8th Grade
Justin Eveillard
Amy Santana

A **from the Band Room...**



to Aubrey Moore and Natalie Williams who performed as part of the Polk All County Band last Friday at Florida Southern College! We are so proud of you ladies!



Another big **Congrats!** to the Symphonic Band who gave a great demonstration of their best efforts in their MPA performance. You young musicians have brought so much pride to the band program this year and Mrs. Bennett is extremely proud of you!

The Band Room is open daily for 30 minute before and after school for students to practice, pick up or drop off their instruments. ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE PRACTICING FOR AT LEAST 15 MINUTES OUTSIDE OF CLASS EVERY DAY.



Calling all trumpeters, guitarists, and violinists:



MARIACHI BAND!

This "just for fun" group meets every Thursday from 4-5 pm in the band room! No stress, just music! Students should be picked up from the band room at the back of the school on Wood Ave.

Mrs. Bennett would like to personally thank all of the "honorary zebras" out there who showed their support for Team Bennett at this year's Relay for Life! It means so much to be thought of by so many!



A from the band room...



Upcoming Events

Thurs, May 4 @ 10am – Sym Band/ Guitar Ens. perform at Bethune

Thurs, May 18 @ 7pm- Spring Concert at HCHS

Thurs, May 25 @ 6:30pm- Band/ Guitar Banquet (tentative)

Special Thank You!

A special thank you to the Polk Education Foundation for providing funds for the Teacher to Teacher and School to School grants! This money helped fund the giant games which were used for the second Jaguar Big Ticket Event and the Terra Cotta Soldiers used in Mr. McCullough's World History Class.



Relay for Life Results



Thank you to everyone who purchased a Team Bennett shirt, zebra gram, or came out and participated in Relay for Life on Saturday, April 1st! Team Bennett raised over \$700 at this event for the American Cancer Society! Way to go Jags!

Staff of the Month (February):

Mrs. Hodge
Media Specialist

Mrs. Hodge is new to DJA this year but has left an impact on staff and students with her willingness to facilitate the writing workshops and start back up the Sunshine State Young Readers program! Mrs. Hodge has added a great new aspect to our media center program and is very help-





Buzzer Beater: Sports!

Track Practice Schedule

Wednesday, 4/19 4-5:30pm
Thursday, 4/20 4-5:30pm
Wednesday, 4/26 4-5:30pm
Wednesday, 5/10 4-5:30pm
Thursday, 5/18 4-5:30pm

Track Meet Schedule

Tuesday, 4/11 @ Denison 6:30pm
Tuesday, 5/2 @ Denison 6:30pm
Saturday, 5/20 County Track Meet

Tennis Practice Schedule

Wednesday, 4/12 4-5:30pm
Thursday, 4/13 4-5:30pm
Tuesday, 4/18 4-5:30pm
Wednesday, 5/3 4-5:30pm
Tuesday, 5/9 4-5:30pm

Tennis Matches Schedule

Monday, 4/17 @ BAM 4:30pm
Thursday, 4/20 @ DALA 4:30pm
Monday, 4/24 @ LCMA 4:30pm
Tuesday, 4/25 @ St. Joe's 4:30pm
Thursday, 4/27 @ JAM 5:00pm
Monday, 5/8 @ BOK 4:30pm
Thursday, 5/11 @ Citrus Ridge 4:30pm
Monday, 5/15 @ BAM 4:30pm

Girls Soccer Tournament Results

Congratulations to the Girls Soccer Team for winning the Middle School Soccer Championship this past Saturday, April 8th! Our Girls Soccer Team proceeded through the brackets and won the final game through a series of penalty kicks against Bok Academy. Way to go Lady Jags!

Staff of the Month (March):

Mr. C. Gonzalez
8th Grade Math Teacher

Mr. Gonzalez is recognized as the Staff Member of the Month for March due to his constantly positive attitude! Fellow staff members commend him for consistently going above and beyond for his students and mentoring all students who may need extra help with Math, or just with

