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The Webster School

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February 2015

- 2nd Teacher In Service Day – No School
Student Holiday
- 2nd Registration Deadline and Auditions for
the St. Johns County Center for the Arts
at Murray Middle School
- 4th Kindergarten, VPK and New Student
Registration 9:00 – 1:00
- 5th SAC / PTO Meeting Webster Wind and
Strings Alive will be performing
- 6th Third Quarter Interims
- 7th Character Counts Run at Palencia
- 9th- 12th Candy Grams will be sold \$1.00
each in the morning outside of the
Cafeteria
- 12th ESE Parent Night at Webster 5:30-7:00
- 16th President's Day – No School
- 17th Cambridge Registration Opens at
Murray Middle School
- 19th District ESE Parent Advisory Council
Meeting 6:00 pm at The District Office
40 Orange St.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We want to thank everyone who contributed to the Webster School's first annual College and Career Fair. This fair was organized as part of the school's AVID goals for the year. AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) is a program that teaches students the skills needed to be successful in college and careers. The students did an incredible job researching career options and really learned a lot. We were also very impressed with the turn out and appreciate all of the families who came out to support us. We hope that the information provided to parents was helpful. We want to thank the committee of dedicated teachers that planned the event and our PTO for their amazing, ongoing support.

The Webster School is thrilled and honored to announce that Mrs. Amanda Devany has been chosen as one of the top 5 finalists for the St. John's County Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Devany teaches fifth grade at TWS and is most deserving of this honor. The winner of the county teacher of the year will be announced this Wednesday, February 4th at the Teacher of the Year banquet. If chosen, Mrs. Devany will go on to compete for the state wide title. We are all rooting for Mrs. Devany and are so very proud!

We are also proud to announce the winner of this year's essay contest hosted by The Alligator Farm, Kylee Acton in Mrs. Thomas' Fourth Grade class. Kylee competed with fourth grade students across St. Johns County in an essay contest to win a baby alligator for their classroom for the remainder of the year. Students wrote essays addressing the question "Why are American Alligators Important?" Entries were evaluated on: originality/creativity, quality, relevance to question, message portrayed and accuracy of factual information. We are extremely proud of Kylee for her dedication and determination.

We hope you will join us on Thursday, February 12th for our ESE Parent night from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. The meeting will address Medicaid and agency resources, behavior supports, access points/alternative assessment, Special Olympics and technology supports. If you have any questions please contact Christy Chancey at 547-3861.

March 2015

- 12th PTO Sponsored Movie Night
Third Quarter Ends
- 12th Kindergarten, VPK and New Student
Registration 1:00 – 5:00
- 13th No School – Teacher Planning Day
- 16th – 20th Spring Break
- 23rd Classes Resume
Fourth Quarter Begins
- 24th PAWS Party
- 27th Third Quarter Report Cards Sent Home
Celebration of Champions



March begins the testing season and we need volunteers to proctor exams. If you are interested in becoming a proctor, please contact Mrs. Melody Cashwell at 547-3876.

R. J. Murray Middle School

Center for the Arts

Home of the
Bulldogs



R.J. Murray Middle School proudly offers the Cambridge Advanced Studies Program, an advanced middle school academic program sponsored by Cambridge University in England. An internationally recognized program for students in grades 6-8, The Cambridge Honors Program offers a rigorous and relevant curriculum. Academically talented students are encouraged to apply for entry at R.J. Murray Middle School. Registration opens February 17th. Please visit <http://www-mms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> or call (904) 547-8470 for more information.

CHARACTER COUNTS! 6 Pillars 6K/3K Run/Walk

Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 2 p.m.

The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine.

Walkers and runners will enjoy a scenic course running through the neighborhoods of Kensington and Las Calinas and can choose to participate in the 6K (3.73 miles) or 3K (1.86 miles) distance. Registration fees are as follows:

6K-\$20 before January 1, \$25 January 1-February 6, \$30 on race day

3K-\$15 before January 1, \$20 January 1-February 6, \$25 on race day

Registration forms and more information are available online at

www.racesmith.com/races/CHARACTERCOUNTS.html.

Box Tops Wanted



Box Tops bring in funds to support our School. Please save and send in your Box Tops.

Classes who bring in the most Box Tops will be rewarded. We have currently raised \$1099.50 with your Box Top donations.

District ESE Parent Advisory Council

The ESE Parent Advisory Council meets to inform the school district of ways in which it can improve efforts in serving students with disabilities. The next meeting is February 19th (6:00 – 8:00) at the District office 40 Orange Street, 3rd floor auditorium, St. Augustine, FL 32084. All parents of students with disabilities are invited to participate. For more information, contact the ESE office at 547-7712.

Gifted Parent Advisory Council

The Gifted Parent Advisory Council meets quarterly to enhance communication and provide feedback and suggestions to the school district for improving its efforts in serving gifted students. Parents of K-12 gifted students are invited to attend the next meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2015 from 5:30 – 6:30 at Landrum Middle School. Please contact Gifted Program Specialist Helen DiMare at Helen.Dimare@stjohns.k12.fl.us or 547-7692 with questions or comments.

Gifted Transfer Request

Beginning in the 2008-2009, all elementary and middle schools began providing services for gifted students. In 2013-2014, all high schools began providing services for gifted students. As services and enrollment have grown and improved at all of our schools, we have eliminated the concept of "gifted cluster sites". Therefore, transfer requests solely to access gifted services will not be accepted beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. Students who are currently attending out-of-zone schools to access gifted services may request to continue by contacting Helen DiMare, ESE Program Specialist, at Helen.DiMare@stjohns.k12.fl.us. Other students may request hardship transfers through the School Services department at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/depts/schoolserv/transfers> (same criteria applies to gifted students as apply to general education students). If you have any questions, please contact Helen DiMare at 547-7692.

Valentine's Celebrations for Webster's Wolverines

Candy Grams

Order your Valentines to be delivered to your friends, teachers, or anyone at The Webster School for \$1.00 each.

Candy-grams will be on sale each morning in front of the cafeteria from February 9th - 12th. All Candy-grams will be delivered on Friday, February 13th by Webster's own WEBex crew.



Head Lice

If a student is suspected of having lice, they will be sent to the clinic for a check. If lice are present, the student will need to be picked up by parent/guardian and treated. ***The student may return to school the following day, if free of lice and nits.*** School policy requires school personnel to conduct a head check before a student is permitted back into class. If lice or nits are still present, they will be sent home and will be rechecked in the clinic before returning back to the classroom. If the child has a sibling in another class, the class will also be checked.

Attendance & Tardiness

Regular school attendance is a necessary part of a student's education. Excessive absences and tardiness impairs a child's educational progress and can impact whether the child passes or fails a grade. We ask that you do not schedule trips or appointments during the school day when your child can miss out on academic instruction. Students miss important instruction that teachers cannot replicate when your child is out of school. Remember, getting to school on time is important for each child to begin their day.

20th Annual Tools for Success Family Conference

This will be the 20th Annual Conference for and about families of children with Special Needs ages Birth to 22. 8:00 am – 3:15 pm on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at UNF Adam W. Herbert University Center 12000 Alumni Drive, Jacksonville, FL. 32224.

Some topics that will be presented at this year's conference include Trauma Informed Care, Pediatric Anxiety, Learning Strategies for Children with ADHD, Picky Eaters, Social Skills for Middle School Students, Social Security and Government Benefits to name just a few. For more information or special accommodations please contact FDLRS/ Crown: (904)346-4601 ext. 119. To register online please use the following link: <https://eventbrite.com/event/14727617701/> or Visit our website: www.fdlrcrown.org

Registration Deadline is Thursday, February 12th

Super Summer Spectacular 2015

Summer Camps 2015

The Recreation & Parks Department summer Camps are for children ages 5-12 (five year olds must currently be in Kindergarten to be eligible, VPK children are not eligible), and held at six locations in St. Johns County. Camps emphasize outdoor activities and are staffed by experienced, motivated leaders from our community. Campers get to participate in a variety of activities including field trips, arts & crafts, and swimming.

Summer Camp Registration Drawing Dates March 2-13, 2015

Registration for the drawing will be open from March 2 through March 13, 2015. Registration is not on a first come first serve basis. Names are drawn at random so that all resident children entered have an equal chance at participation. The drawing will be held on March 27, 2015. You do not need to be present. Results of the drawing will be mailed out no later than April, 2015. For more information go to <http://www.sjcf.us/Recreation/Youth/summer.aspx>

Diesel Mechanic Needed

The St. Johns County Transportation Department is now hiring for a diesel mechanic position. This is a 12 month position affording the opportunity to take part in the District's benefits as well as in the Transportation Department's annual maintenance training which includes training sponsored by school bus manufacturers. The contact person is Alex Vasquev at 338-2077 if you are interested!



Visit a Piece of History

The tall ship El Galeon, a replica of a Spanish galeon from the colonial period, is back in St. Augustine and open for tours through early February. The ship is docked at the St. Augustine Municipal marina, with daily tours available from 10 am - 6 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$10 for kids ages 5 - 12; free for children under 5; veterans and St. Johns County residents receive a \$2 discount per ticket. Tickets can be purchased at the ship, at the Ripley's Red Train booth located at the marina.

The Annual School of the 16th Century

The Fountain of Youth Park is hosting its Annual School of the 16th Century event on Saturday, February 7th from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The event includes period re-enactors portraying life as it was 450 years ago. This historically authentic event is great for the whole family. It is educational and entertaining at the same time. Visitors can browse displays of 16th-century artifacts. The Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park is located at 11 Magnolia Ave. in St. Augustine and general park admission rates apply. For more information on this event please call (904) 829-3168.

Dr. Joyner's Corner The Superintendent's Weekly Review

Is posted at <http://blogs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/supt/>

Kindergarten, VPK and New Student Registration Information 2015 - 2016

St. Johns County will be holding registration for entering Kindergarteners and students new to St. Johns County and/or public schools at all elementary schools on the following dates:

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| Wednesday, February 4, 2015 | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, March 12, 2015 | 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, April 15, 2015 | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. |
| Friday, May 8, 2015 | 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. |

To be eligible for kindergarten, children must be 5 years old on or before September 1st and must reside in The Webster School zone. To register for first grade, children must be 6 years old on or before September 1st and have documentation of completion of kindergarten.

**Don't wait to register there are currently 20 slots available for VPK registration.
If you have questions, please call Marcia McNabb at 547-3864**

News from our Clinic

Ms. Nina Hall and Mrs. Wanda Someillan are our school nurses. We are happy to have them on our campus to help with our student's medical needs. If your child has any medical concerns or needs medication given during the day, please contact them. Ms. Nina Hall 547-3802 and Mrs. Wanda Someillan 547-3868.



Required Documents to Register:

1. Proof of age: birth certificate (child must be 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2015 for K)
2. Proof of immunization on a Florida immunization form HRS FORM 680
3. School physical (must be within 12 months prior to the 1st day of school for K)
4. 3 proofs of residency
 1. Mortgage statement or lease agreement
 2. Driver's License (with current address)
 3. Utility bill, car registration, property tax record or Homestead exemption
5. Report Card from previous school grades 1-5



UPDATE EMERGENCY INFORMATION!

Please keep your child's records up-to-date...address, phone, emergency contacts, etc.

Call Marcia McNabb @ 547-3864.

Thank you for helping to keep your child safe!

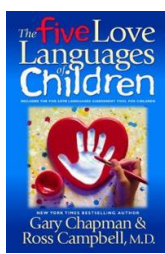
ATTENTION ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS & GUESTS

To enter The Webster School for ANY reason you must fill out the on-line "School Access Form" and be approved by the St. Johns School District & St. Johns Sheriff's Dept.

This process can take up to 4 weeks so don't wait!

Hard copies are available for those who do not have internet access.

<https://knt3.keepntrack.com/HTML/KnTOnlineVolunteerApplication.html?db=stjohns&version=2.75.1-20131023>



The Webster Cookie Café for Parents

The Webster Cookie Café will take place in February and we would love for you to be a part of it! This is a special opportunity to read and discuss books related to your child's education and/or behavior while enjoying freshly baked cookies. The first book we will discuss is called *The 5 Love Languages of Children* by Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell. From the back cover: *discover you child's love language, understand the link between successful learning and the love languages, see how the love languages help you discipline more effectively and build a foundation of unconditional love for your child.* **Contact Melissa Gullo, School Psychologist at 547-3870 to reserve a copy of the book and get more details regarding this unique opportunity.** Please sign up today; there are only 10 slots available! Please note child care will not be provided. Book discussion date to be announced.