March 18th, 2024

Good Morning Chargers!

Welcome Back everyone!  Here we are:  the fourth quarter… we know that this is the month where our students are ready to show what they have got!  This time of year often feels like you have a “rocket on your back,” so slow down, and enjoy this exciting and fun time.  We hope everyone enjoyed the week home and are rested and ready to go for a great start of the quarter.  As always, reach out if there is anything you need.  Make it a great week everyone!

**Come Charge Ahead with Us**

**C-** Come on time each day, ready to learn. (August)

**H**-Hold tight to kindness and caring. (September)

**A-** Anchor yourself in honesty and fairness. (October)

**R-** Rally around differences- celebrate/respect them.  (November)

**G-** Greet each day with a positive attitude.  (December)

**E-** Engage with your learning to show responsibility. (January)

**R-** Reflect on learning opportunities to build trustworthiness.  (February)

**S-** Strive to do your best so you can grow.  It truly takes a village to raise our children.  This week we will spend time reflecting on the wise words of “If the fingers on the hand are fighting, they cannot pick up the food.”    Our POA community acts like the fingers on a hand: when everyone works together, things get done more easily, like when we all pick up the classroom together or work together on a special project.  Working together makes everything easier for everyone, including our children.  So, this week, let’s strive to do the best we can, so our children can grow!

**New Website and Digital Absence & Change in Dismissal Forms**

We have redesigned our website with a modern look.  [Please click here to check it out now!](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FZ9tAdjftvICzOL-Q5zbBmw~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn2Y-zP0QhaHR0cHM6Ly93d3ctcG9hLnN0am9obnMuazEyLmZsLnVzVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpl6DNc-GWHWEqqUiBMZWlnaC5TY2hvdWVzdEBzdGpvaG5zLmsxMi5mbC51c1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cc3c00a9275b646bd408008dc475f386d%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638463721494875699%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YhqD9fUymXIdRkQ9HzMBVo4HazwgJdPuwF5waIophqc%3D&reserved=0)  We are also “beta testing” a [Digital Absence & Change in Dismissal Form; please click here to submit yours now](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FCAeMIws2t4HazWuZ5ANFZg~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn2Y-zP0QtaHR0cHM6Ly93d3ctcG9hLnN0am9obnMuazEyLmZsLnVzL2F0dGVuZGFuY2UvVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpl6DNc-GWHWEqqUiBMZWlnaC5TY2hvdWVzdEBzdGpvaG5zLmsxMi5mbC51c1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cc3c00a9275b646bd408008dc475f386d%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638463721494888515%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=G%2BDMEvl5OzoqxMCXJUvtS1xkg4LaNo9ruARPVQJNm0g%3D&reserved=0).  Please know that hard copies will continue to be accepted for the remainder of the school year.  We appreciate your support as we try to go fully digital!

**2024-2025 Kindergarten & New Family Registration is now Open!**

New Student and Kindergarten Registration is now Open!  [Please click here to register your new student today.](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2Fh85PZnTap8Ff8JhicGGxbg~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn2Y-zP0QvaHR0cHM6Ly93d3ctcG9hLnN0am9obnMuazEyLmZsLnVzL3JlZ2lzdHJhdGlvbi9XB3NjaG9vbG1CCmXoM1z4ZYdYSqpSIExlaWdoLlNjaG91ZXN0QHN0am9obnMuazEyLmZsLnVzWAQAAAAB&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cc3c00a9275b646bd408008dc475f386d%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638463721494897118%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=eLNUhKblysx%2FQwre6JkuFUTFuM5nJaO3%2BqDpQqEhaVE%3D&reserved=0) New Kindergarten families will receive a special email follow-up once registration is complete.

**Revised Grading, Reteaching, and Resting Policy for Families!**

To best serve our students and school community support the implantation of the B.E.S.T. standards, provide a guaranteed and viable curriculum for all students, and align with research-based best practices, [this is a summary of Patriot Oaks Academy’s grading, reteaching, retesting, and homework policies](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FYSZjkBYY_s2ZNu0OR58IbA~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn2Y-zP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPUxucE1EOG5NaGJnJm1hbD05YmNjZTM5MWNlMzZhZTkyYWE4YjFkMzMzN2FjZTUwMTRiNGQ0MzNlZTI0MjQ3YmY2ZmYxODE0NDU1NGNjNzRjVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpl6DNc-GWHWEqqUiBMZWlnaC5TY2hvdWVzdEBzdGpvaG5zLmsxMi5mbC51c1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cc3c00a9275b646bd408008dc475f386d%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638463721494905509%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zgdPUTgmsR%2BeWRgI3HYL%2FC054VCsQttqu5YYeZnv8V0%3D&reserved=0) .

These policies were revised in alignment with our district policies and with collaboration among all teachers and team leaders on campus.  Policies are designed vertically to ensure student success at POA and beyond.  At Patriot Oaks Academy, we are “committed to every student, every day,” and these policies are our commitment to our students.

There is nothing exceptionally new, however, we are committed to these policies and for consistency for our children and families.

**Parent Teacher Input Form 2024-2025**

We spend a lot of time creating elementary classes & middle school master schedules for our students. We truly believe that finding that right match and creating the opportunity for a solid relationship between a student and a teacher is the basis for a successful school year. We want you to know that throughout the process, we discuss each child individually and strive to make that best match. We cannot promise that we do not make any mistakes, but we do want you to know that many hours are spent on this process and we do our very best for each of your children.   
  
Please know, we do not take teacher requests. However, if you would like the opportunity to share your child’s specific needs and the type of teacher that you feel they need, please complete this form by the last day of school, Friday, May 24th.   
  
We welcome your thoughts and respect that you know your child best. If you have multiple children, please fill out this form for each student.

[Please click here to provide your input for your student’s 2024-2025 teacher!](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FPWPxa7_LI6JWDlT_RkoRjA~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn2Y-zP0SEaHR0cHM6Ly9mb3Jtcy5vZmZpY2UuY29tL1BhZ2VzL1Jlc3BvbnNlUGFnZS5hc3B4P2lkPVY5Q3pzeEw4UDAtUzlISy1ib1JEVWZ4bFcxbm80VnRDbHRCcklSQ0IyMEZVT1ZwVFRWWlNOVFJMUkZGYU1sTXdTbFpNVjFJNFdqRktXUzR1VwdzY2hvb2xtQgpl6DNc-GWHWEqqUiBMZWlnaC5TY2hvdWVzdEBzdGpvaG5zLmsxMi5mbC51c1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cc3c00a9275b646bd408008dc475f386d%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638463721494914611%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=BSJMdXaXSiN7EFyOqsLkYxUIFIlwofKkwpRYWBtt9%2Bc%3D&reserved=0)

**BRAVE Summit 2024**

BRAVE — Be Resilient and Voice Emotions — is a program UF Health St. Johns created to support youth mental health. But what about their parents, caregivers and guardians? This free event is for you and aims to empower you and help you navigate the challenges associated with guiding the next generation. Open to all parents, caregivers and guardians, the event aims to empower and assist in navigating the challenges associated with guiding the next generation. Don’t miss this enriching opportunity to connect with and learn from experts in the youth mental health field.

[Please click here to register today!](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FFWl6GSQDZfHbHm9lzVkXpA~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn2Y-zP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPUxucE1EOG5NaGJnJm1hbD0zNGVhY2M2NmQ0N2U5ZmYyMjEwNWVlMDE0YWE2NjYzZjAyMWVkYmUyYzViN2FjZGMzYTYzMmMxNjZhZDQ3MzYwVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpl6DNc-GWHWEqqUiBMZWlnaC5TY2hvdWVzdEBzdGpvaG5zLmsxMi5mbC51c1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cc3c00a9275b646bd408008dc475f386d%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638463721494923427%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MB7%2B1DVNAoZtBRqzM0ZchlZLFIXn6WdS8hv7PLA%2Feaw%3D&reserved=0)

**School Safety Reminder & Updates**

Our first and most critical priority at Patriot Oaks Academy safety of our students.  We are proud of the work we do day in and day out to ensure every child is physically, academically, and emotionally safe here on campus.  If you ever have a question or concern, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Chiodo directly at the contact information below.

The state of Florida and the SJCSD have developed intentional protocols and resources for if a perceived threat is made.  It is our commitment to you, and your children, to follow these protocols with absolute fidelity.  Please [click here for details and again](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FLlM3Wm7C1s_WebS2jlzRUw~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn2Y-zP0Q0aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuc3Rqb2hucy5rMTIuZmwudXMvc3NzL3RocmVhdC1tYW5hZ2VtZW50L1cHc2Nob29sbUIKZegzXPhlh1hKqlIgTGVpZ2guU2Nob3Vlc3RAc3Rqb2hucy5rMTIuZmwudXNYBAAAAAE~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cc3c00a9275b646bd408008dc475f386d%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638463721494932729%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=f%2BN%2F%2BO29fEnLBEbW93ZscRzHO8jpLJCxQ1OqYRUUZHk%3D&reserved=0), please reach out if there is anything you need.

**Middle School Dress Code Reminder**

The purpose of our dress code is to help all students be modest and appropriately dressed for school. These guidelines pertain to school and all school sponsored functions, unless otherwise stated. At POA, there is a difference in dress code between elementary and middle school students because elementary students participate in daily PE and recess activities outside in their daily school clothes. Middle school students change clothes for PE and are otherwise, not outside in the heat during the school day. Due to this significant difference, shorts can be shorter than fingertip length for elementary students if they are appropriate and modest.

**2023-2024 SAC Survey is now Open!**

Please click here to complete the [2023-2024 School Advisory Counsel (SAC) survey!](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FYPwHHHLNjWCeIHYQ31oVVA~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn2Y-zP0RDaHR0cHM6Ly9zdXJ2ZXlzLnN0am9obnMuazEyLmZsLnVzL1Rha2VTdXJ2ZXkuYXNweD9TdXJ2ZXlJRD1sbE1KOG4yS1cHc2Nob29sbUIKZegzXPhlh1hKqlIgTGVpZ2guU2Nob3Vlc3RAc3Rqb2hucy5rMTIuZmwudXNYBAAAAAE~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cc3c00a9275b646bd408008dc475f386d%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638463721494941197%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=BADAczWlccmKe9SXFNEUkqvutrpbUKwwotfukstxCyE%3D&reserved=0)  This survey is completely anonymous and helps us begin planning for next school year.  Your feedback helped created our school goals and develop our programming and allocation of resources.  Please complete the survey (just one per family) before March 31, 2024!

**PTO Spotlight (**[patriotoakspto@gmail.com](mailto:patriotoakspto@gmail.com)**)**:

**Night of the Arts** (March 25, 6:00-8:00 pm).   
RSVP required! This event will celebrate the creativity of our student artists and will include performances from the POA Elementary Chorus and MS Jazz Band, displayed art from all POA elementary students and MS art students, book fair shopping opportunity in the Media Center, plus interactive, hands-on creative activities for families to complete and enjoy together. We ask for a donation of $10/family for this event. All funds raised will go directly to POA resource classes. Families may drop in at any time during their selected signup time.

RSVP is required for capacity purposes at this [SUG link](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2Fux-GXVG-iaRwrEfJOXrTcg~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn2Y-~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cc3c00a9275b646bd408008dc475f386d%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638463721494949719%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=KiuETDy4SDMowxaTwR0BVHO43iAMqD0Ey%2B%2FB5P3JEC8%3D&reserved=0). Volunteers needed - including lots of opportunities for teens to earn hours - click [here](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2F8MD2MfLMpNhNp7NCkAcB4Q~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn2Y-zP4S-&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cc3c00a9275b646bd408008dc475f386d%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638463721494963635%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=H14TQcoV54ej%2BS9XDAVSt6GfroM40f5Wmf7FuPXa7VM%3D&reserved=0) to sign up.

**Book Fair**

Our Literati Spring Book Fair begins March 25 and runs through April 5.  Elementary school classrooms will visit the fair during their regularly scheduled Media 1 resource time. Middle school students will have the opportunity to shop each morning between 8:00-8:20. Look for more information to follow!

**Week at a Glance, March 18, 2024:**

* Monday, March 18:
  + Teacher Planning Day, building is open until 4.

* Tuesday, March 19:
  + Students return, day 1 of Q4

* Thursday, March 21:
  + 4th Grade Field Study to Agricultural Center Day 1
  + Spring Picture Day!

* Friday, March 22:
  + 1st Grade Field Study: Magic Wardrobe
  + Counselors off Campus at District Required Training
  + 3rd Quarter Report Cards Released

That’s all for now Chargers.  Work Hard. Learn Something. Be Kind.

Respectfully,

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