March 29th, 2024

Good Morning Chargers!

Happy Long Weekend Everyone!  We are sending our weekly communication today so our families may enjoy the Easter Holiday uninterrupted.  This past week was full of excitement as we had many field trips and celebrated our “Night of the Arts!”  Every day is an incredible adventure at Patriot Oaks Academy, and we are grateful to be on it with you!  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 (March).

**!-** All Pillars of Come Charge Ahead with Us (April)- This week we reflected back on the golden rule: treat others the way you want to be treated.  We’ve learned a lot together this year, now let’s see how we can apply it:  do we know how to address situations differently, or maybe do we know when it’s a good time to simply listen versus giving solutions… just something to think about Chargers!

**Month of the Military Child**  
April is Month of the Military Child, and we want to celebrate the children of military members serving at home and overseas. On Monday, April 1 we are asking Chargers to wear purple as we celebrate our military children with special recognition. Our military children are also invited to share their experiences as children of active duty or retired military members. Please click [HERE](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FW66EDC3Yxg7XCvR_TeWFag~~%2FAAAAAQA~%&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C3e064de881954f635c6308dc50008b42%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638473210483285128%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=r60mkkvuYJK9mIG2YErn8I5Clu8yAbCpRJkPwh6UN0s%3D&reserved=0) to read the details and find the template for your child to complete, if they wish. We would love our military children to share a picture of themselves and/or their military parents along with a little of their experience as a military child. If your child chooses to participate, please send in the picture and write-up to your child’s teacher anytime the first week of April (April 1-5). Please include your child’s teacher and grade on the back. The photo and write-up will be displayed for all to see on our Month of the Military Child bulletin board and we will return the item at the end of the month along with a certificate honoring your student as a military child.

**It's the final week of our Spring Book Fair!**

We are excited for our Literati Spring Book Fair which starts next week and runs March 25-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. For all shoppers, please send in cash or check (made out to POA PTO) with your children on their respective shopping days. For younger shoppers, we find it helpful to put cash in a labeled Ziploc bag.

NEW THIS SPRING – ONLINE SHOPPING & GIFT CARDS

We are offering an online book fair to accompany our in-person book fair.  This is a great way to share the book fair with friends, family, loved ones and anyone who may want to support our fair through an online purchase.  All books ordered online will be shipped to the school at the close of the fair and will be distributed to families through homeroom teachers, approximately 10 days after the end of the fair.

Also new this year, you have the opportunity to purchase a gift card through the Literati website for your child to bring into the fair. Please note, if your child is attending the fair the first week (March 25-March 28), please have your gift card purchased by Sunday, March 24.  If your child is attending the fair the second week (April 1-5), please have your gift card purchased by Sunday, March 31. This will allow us to prepare accordingly.

If you are interested in shopping online or buying gift cards, click [HERE](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FsTtLXoJ-0f0JlP-QB3t2EQ~~%2FAAAAAQA~%~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C3e064de881954f635c6308dc50008b42%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638473210483297514%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=NVz0P%2Bx5RE0HlKS3F%2Fc2icyvRK2mfxgWW8OYGBi%2F4a0%3D&reserved=0) and you will be taken to the site.

EVENING FAMILY SHOPPING EVENT

Bring your family and join us Monday, March 25 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Families can enter through the gym (trophy) door to get to the media center. In addition to books, we will be offering a selection of posters, journals, bookmarks and more! The book fair will be open this evening in conjunction with our PTO Night of the Arts event! So, if you are coming for Night of the Arts, feel free to stop in and visit the book fair as well!

PLEASE NOTE: The materials available for purchase at the Book Fair were not selected by the St. Johns County School District. We encourage parents to review their child’s wish list and have a conversation about what they are allowed to purchase at the book fair before sending money to make any purchases. By sending money in with students, you agree to the list of books being provided. Families can choose to shop together at the evening event, or online, if preferred.

If you'd like to volunteer to help with book fair you can sign up here - [LINK](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FDbse56vpnU23_VmsbUyVww~~%2FAAAAAQA~%~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C3e064de881954f635c6308dc50008b42%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638473210483308730%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=RLBPJOA24muMKnduNRB%2FQZiSc91lcibp5tySze6J8dA%3D&reserved=0)

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

This policy is now up on our website.  [Please click here to read through it!](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FHKGh-U-TfgxsZ7I3GB1h4g~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn6ApTP0SuaHR0cDovL2Nocm9tZS1leHRlbnNpb246Ly9lZmFpZG5ibW5ubmlicGNhanBjZ2xjbGVmaW5kbWthai9odHRwczovL3d3dy1wb2Euc3Rqb2hucy5rMTIuZmwudXMvd3AtY29udGVudC91cGxvYWRzLzIwMjQvMDMvUE9BLUdyYWRpbmctUmV0ZWFjaGluZy1SZXRlc3RpbmctSG9tZXdvcmstUG9saWNpZXMucGRmVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpmBdPWBmbWIRD9UiBMZWlnaC5TY2hvdWVzdEBzdGpvaG5zLmsxMi5mbC51c1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C3e064de881954f635c6308dc50008b42%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638473210483317143%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=mDfpnuJbObSAD5BeVVSjh2RTcopMIfbKwRwJkWipJkw%3D&reserved=0)

**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%2FnlVLNY3QdGwBtvRbjkVuPQ~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn6ApTP0SEaHR0cHM6Ly9mb3Jtcy5vZmZpY2UuY29tL1BhZ2VzL1Jlc3BvbnNlUGFnZS5hc3B4P2lkPVY5Q3pzeEw4UDAtUzlISy1ib1JEVWZ4bFcxbm80VnRDbHRCcklSQ0IyMEZVT1ZwVFRWWlNOVFJMUkZGYU1sTXdTbFpNVjFJNFdqRktXUzR1VwdzY2hvb2xtQgpmBdPWBmbWIRD9UiBMZWlnaC5TY2hvdWVzdEBzdGpvaG5zLmsxMi5mbC51c1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C3e064de881954f635c6308dc50008b42%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638473210483326223%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JR2RCbcEMPtXJJnoGMWc2xVnxU7HHYusOYOqCUwjG0s%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%2F-es3CZm7dHf8wgqGaoua3A~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn6ApTP0Q0aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuc3Rqb2hucy5rMTIuZmwudXMvc3NzL3RocmVhdC1tYW5hZ2VtZW50L1cHc2Nob29sbUIKZgXT1gZm1iEQ_VIgTGVpZ2guU2Nob3Vlc3RAc3Rqb2hucy5rMTIuZmwudXNYBAAAAAE~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C3e064de881954f635c6308dc50008b42%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638473210483333969%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ThfHdD6vEl8BBrdDD%2Fh6pmzp3p9r%2FYLKaYmjdV0kkK4%3D&reserved=0), please reach out if there is anything you need.

**Middle School Expectation Chit-Chats**

Our Middle School Team will be meeting with middle school students over the next week weeks to informally remind students of our expectations to finish out the year.  We’ve had a great year so far and appreciate your continued support!

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

**Elementary Family Event: Sock Hop**

It's time to Shake, Rattle and Roll! Our Elementary Family Night - Sock Hop Dance is Friday, April 12th, 6-8pm. RSVP is required with limited capacity! [Sign up Here!](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FG4syfITnVicvqClsvjAwzg~~%2FAAAAAQA~%~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C3e064de881954f635c6308dc50008b42%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638473210483342260%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=vUGyXBJBQlWbLVayOuBITE7ELDM1A491Kjw%2FEvb98Vk%3D&reserved=0)

Dinner pre-order available from Whataburger - Burger, Chips, Cookie & water bottle - $10 (Food pre-order closes April 1st)

This is not a drop-off event, you must accompany your child to the dance. Volunteer opportunities available for teens and adults - [Volunteer sign up](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FsYTXrJum8YT4B5p9ORsm1w~~%2FAAAAAQA~%_VIgTGVpZ2guU2Nob3Vlc3RAc3Rqb2hucy5rMTIuZmwudXNYBAAAAAE~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C3e064de881954f635c6308dc50008b42%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638473210483352035%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=siJtpUQjetGEfE3rKAb7heY2u1ESUZ9xA2DTgMPPmi4%3D&reserved=0)

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**Week at a Glance, Week of April 1st:**

* Monday, April 1:
  + ES Book Fair
  + First day of Month of the Military Child- wear purple today!!
  + National Assistant Principal Week!

* Tuesday, April 2:
  + ES Book Fair
  + World Autism Day- wear blue to spread awareness!
  + 5th Grade FAST Writing Assessment

* Wednesday, April 3:
  + ES Book Fair
  + Paraprofessional Appreciation Day!

* Thursday, April 4:
  + ES Book Fair
  + School Library Appreciation Day!
  + 2nd Grade Field Trip to Tree Hill
  + 4th Grade FAST Writing Assessment

* Friday, April 5:
  + ES Book Fair
  + Middle School FAST Writing Assessment

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

Respectfully,

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