April 14th, 2024

Good Morning Chargers!

There are many things to celebrate at Patriot Oaks Academy and this week we would like to highlight a major academic achievement:  Our 2023-2024 Math Counts Team finished in the top ten in the Florida State Competition! This is the first time this have ever occurred for a St. Johns County School District School and is certainly an incredible accomplishment.  This could not have been done with out the work of all our teachers and families… the hard work in kindergarten, all the way to middle school, has allowed our students to be recognized with this prestigious honor.

**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)- We are reflecting on where “blame” get’s placed… to often we look at other factors, events, or even people to explain why something couldn’t get done… this week we are pushing our Chargers to look in the mirror first and literally reflect on what they can do to help themselves.  Talk to your Charger this week about what it means to take ownership over one’s learning.

**April & May “Testing” Season**

There are many big dates in front of us as we head into this time of the year, so please take some time to review the information below and [check out our website for up to date information including all our testing and end of the year dates!](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FDPvaJ8C9dZ0WFPQBIoVOpA~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn_RUFP0QiaHR0cHM6Ly93d3ctcG9hLnN0am9obnMuazEyLmZsLnVzL1cHc2Nob29sbUIKZhCF4RtmIsw0hFIgTGVpZ2guU2Nob3Vlc3RAc3Rqb2hucy5rMTIuZmwudXNYBAAAAAE~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C040a427a15374d9ebef908dc5c8b436f%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638487000407945696%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ASIYe3sm89%2F%2BHSW0tDDiFV8HL8tBx7CJ1EFxct4rZNE%3D&reserved=0)

We are also always looking for proctors!  If you are willing and available, please [click here to sign up to support](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FGKY72qJx0R6zkjejtM3I2g~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn_RUFP0QdaHR0cHM6Ly9zaWdudXAuY29tL2dvL09vak9RelBXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmYQheEbZiLMNIRSIExlaWdoLlNjaG91ZXN0QHN0am9obnMuazEyLmZsLnVzWAQAAAAB&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C040a427a15374d9ebef908dc5c8b436f%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638487000407956870%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zb30vrpeDexMTdOW3LU9rnPBjLkJvDdHytoIlphNKE4%3D&reserved=0) us now!

**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%2FLzpHnBduLEw205gTYSpvJw~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn_RUFP0SEaHR0cHM6Ly9mb3Jtcy5vZmZpY2UuY29tL1BhZ2VzL1Jlc3BvbnNlUGFnZS5hc3B4P2lkPVY5Q3pzeEw4UDAtUzlISy1ib1JEVWZ4bFcxbm80VnRDbHRCcklSQ0IyMEZVT1ZwVFRWWlNOVFJMUkZGYU1sTXdTbFpNVjFJNFdqRktXUzR1VwdzY2hvb2xtQgpmEIXhG2YizDSEUiBMZWlnaC5TY2hvdWVzdEBzdGpvaG5zLmsxMi5mbC51c1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C040a427a15374d9ebef908dc5c8b436f%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638487000407964355%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VpOUmT0%2Bfx6ZM3fR%2Fl55z3Ee5jY6fhKJlkbf%2BkP5bnc%3D&reserved=0)

**Fifth & Eighth Grade End of the Year Ceremony Save the Date!**  
Our 8th Grade End of the Year Ceremony will be on Thursday, May 23rd at 4:00 in the gym.  Our Fifth Grade End of Year Ceremony will be on Friday, May 24th at 9:00, also in the gym.  Details will come out in May, but please mark your calendars now!

**Attention Rising 6th Graders: Charge Ahead Camp is for you!**

Please save the date for Tuesday, July 23rd for our 2024 Charge Ahead Camp! [Click here for details!](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FAIDH6BzLi8cWmPCdTCqWcw~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn_RUFP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPTJmb2JlSi1lT1k0Jm1hbD0zN2RmNzJmMTIxMWU0MDNkMGRmYmQ2OGUzOGZlOTBlNGFkYTVhNDQwNzc4NjVjODQwYWZkOGQxYjVkNDViNWE4VwdzY2hvb2xtQgpmEIXhG2YizDSEUiBMZWlnaC5TY2hvdWVzdEBzdGpvaG5zLmsxMi5mbC51c1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C040a427a15374d9ebef908dc5c8b436f%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638487000407972022%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=GuFsioCr3zqTuEEnMbQujTPyGL2OmUhh065%2F7xEncys%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%2FHvFi8uhf_noz0jMfZsEpug~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn_RUFP0Q0aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuc3Rqb2hucy5rMTIuZmwudXMvc3NzL3RocmVhdC1tYW5hZ2VtZW50L1cHc2Nob29sbUIKZhCF4RtmIsw0hFIgTGVpZ2guU2Nob3Vlc3RAc3Rqb2hucy5rMTIuZmwudXNYBAAAAAE~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C040a427a15374d9ebef908dc5c8b436f%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638487000407979647%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6E7L5NaXy3ZvzQaxCg%2BOShyhfl87Y8055%2Br%2BpTNFQ%2BE%3D&reserved=0), please reach out if there is anything you need.

**2024-2025 MS Cell Phone Policy**

The State of Florida [has revised legislation related to student use of cell phones during the school day](chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https:/www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2023/379/Analyses/h0379z.CIS.PDF). Please know that for the 2024-2025 school year, POA will have a revised cell phone policy that will be in full compliance with the state legislation. We recognize that this will require changes in behavior for our students and families, and we will continue to communicate polices as they ready for release.

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

Please check out our [PTO website](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2Ff48P-hbnDIbaX45ZOaG2aA~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRn_RUFP0QjaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cucGF0cmlvdG9ha3NwdG8ub3JnL2hvbWVXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmYQheEbZiLMNIRSIExlaWdoLlNjaG91ZXN0QHN0am9obnMuazEyLmZsLnVzWAQAAAAB&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C040a427a15374d9ebef908dc5c8b436f%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638487000407987134%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nNSKs6K5TDyL%2FOcKhMyocpN3aRcxGxyQdmBOIJothfw%3D&reserved=0) for the most up to date information.

**Week at a Glance, Week of April 15th:**

* Monday, April 15:
  + 1st & 2nd Grade STAR Reading
  + Kindie Field Study to Theater Words

* Tuesday, April 16:
  + 1st & 2nd Grade STAR Reading
  + MS Dance Tryouts after school

* Wednesday, April 17:
  + 1st Grade STAR Reading
  + MS Dance Tryouts after school

* Thursday, April 18:
  + 1st Grade STAR Reading

* Friday, April 19:
  + Teacher & Student Holiday.  Administration on Campus.
  + Campus is open from 8:00-4:00

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

Respectfully,

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