

Welcome Back PES families!

It was so good to see you all at our Meet the Teacher sessions. We had almost 100% of our students and families come into school that Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. Parent involvement in our school elevates student learning and the overall quality of our children's school experiences. In the weeks ahead, you are invited to come in for an evening Curriculum Chat to learn about grade level curriculum expectations and to better understand a "day in the life" in your child's classroom. Our teachers put much effort and planning into these evenings. We hope to see you there! This is an adult only event.

Our biggest team building, and fundraising event of the year is around the corner. The Booster Fun Run kick off is on Tuesday, August 29th and culminates in the outdoor run, on Friday, September 8th. Parents who are cleared for school access are welcome to come cheer on their child. Have you completed your school access application yet? <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/> Remember to bring valid photo ID. Tentative run times: 8:40-9:40 AM for 2nd & 3rd grades, 9:45-10:45 AM for Kindergarten & 1st grade, 10:50 – 11:50 AM for 4th & 5th grades. During the two-week Booster event, students and classes as a whole can earn prizes and / or experiences such as: pizza party, silly sock day, extra recess day, bring a stuffed animal to school day, etc... Each class customizes reward experiences and works collectively towards meeting goals.

The blazing heat wave eased up a bit at the end of last week and students were finally able to play outside. Everyone was so happy to have outdoor recess, however it didn't take long for both students and teachers alike to feel ready to come back inside for some AC relief and water. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to class each day. Remember to label with your child's first and last name. The new swing set project is complete! 😊 We added 16 swings; 2 of which are ADA accessible. I'm excited for you to see them when you come for Curriculum Chat and the Fun Run.

It's going to be an incredible school year.

Together in Education,

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