



From Principal Kelley:

State mandated testing continues this month with third grade ELA testing on March 27 and 28. Starting on April 10, third graders will take the FSA math assessment. Testing will continue throughout the month as fourth and fifth graders will take both the FSA ELA and Math assessments. Fifth graders will also take the FCAT Science assessment in May. All testing is scheduled to take place from 9:00am until 10:30am. You can access our testing schedule to see specific dates and times by going to the South Woods website and clicking on the calendar icon in the upper right hand corner.

Please note that if a student begins a test session and leaves campus before completing it (for lunch, an appointment or illness, etc.) he or she will not be allowed to return to that test session and will be tested on a makeup day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.

Students will have an opportunity to participate in a practice sessions to become familiar with the item types and response formats that are used on the FSA assessments. You and your student can get more information about the FSA assessments by visiting the FSA Portal at www.FSAAssessments.org and using the Students & Families tab on the left side of the page as well as Practice Tests tab on the right. I encourage you to explore the FSA website.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS PROCTORS

We need proctors to assist teachers with the FSA and DE assessments.

Here is general information:

- Proctors must be approved volunteers (School Access form completed and cleared)
- Proctors will receive training before testing begins
- Proctors may not proctor for their child or any relative (niece, nephew grandchild, etc.)
- Testing will generally take place in the mornings

If you think you'd like to help, please contact Cindy Willey at 904-547-8596

or email cindy.willey@stjohns.k12.fl.us. She can give you specific dates and times that we need you.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance!

The most important way you can help your student be prepared for testing is to have them in school, on time, every day. Daily attendance is extremely important to your student's academic success!

You can support your student by encouraging them to try different ways to solve a problem before asking for help, work through challenges and praise their effort and willingness to keep trying. Also, keep in regular contact with your child's teacher, ask questions, and support the home-school connection.

Upcoming Events

March 20th

Teacher Planning Day-No school

March 21st

School resumes for students

March 27th

Third quarter report cards go home

March 27th & 28th

FSA ELA Assessment 3rd grade

March 30th

Spring Student photos

March 31st

Box Tops due

April 10th

PTO Involved Parent Meeting 5:30pm

April 10th

Monthly PTO Meeting 6pm

April 10th

FSA testing continues

April 11th

ESE Parent Advisory Committee
6:00pm-7:30pm
(see announcement below)

ESE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

St Johns County Schools (SJCS), Florida Diagnostic Learning Resources Services (FDLRS), and Florida Inclusion Network (FIN) offer

Topic: OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMS & SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM AND RELATED DISABILITIES

Date/Time: 4/11/17 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Pedro Menendez High School 600 FL-206, St. Augustine, FL 32086

Goal: To ensure parents of students with Autism have knowledge of available resources.

[PTO News](#)

Contact PTO at: southwoodspto@gmail.com and like our Facebook page “South Woods Elementary PTO” to stay up to date with Events and Info for our school!

[Upcoming PTO Events](#)

ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

Involved Parent Meeting Monday, April 10, 2017 at 5:30pm

We are in search of parents that would like to be more involved with the PTO events for the 2017-2018 schoolyear. On April 10th at 5:30pm we are having a quick involved parent meeting. We will be discussing what our needs are for the upcoming year and how you can help lend a hand at PTO events. This meeting will be held before our regularly scheduled monthly PTO meeting that is at 6pm. We will have snacks and will go over what we hope to put together for the 2017-2018 school year. We really hope that we can get some of our amazing parents and volunteers to get more plugged into the PTO events at South Woods!



Help your child's class win a party for the month of March! March Box Tops will need to be turned in by Friday, March 31st.

Please remember to clip, save, and turn in your Box Tops each month so that your child can have a chance to celebrate a win with a class party!

Don't forget to ask all of your family, neighbors, churches or other organizations to save Box Tops for you. Maybe your class will win the next party! Make sure the student's name and the teacher's name are on the sheet or envelope, or your class will not get credit for your Box Tops! Thanks for all of your hard work!

Important Reminders

Extended Day

There is still room in our Extended Day Program. Pick up an application in the Front Office. We have availability in the morning from 6:30am to 8:00am for \$10.00 a week and in the afternoon from 2:45pm to 6:00pm for \$52.50 a week. There are part-time options and a \$25 registration fee.

Student Planners

Please sign your student's planner each night.

Visiting South Woods

In order to be in our school while students are present you must have a completed School Access form on file. You may use this link to fill out the School Access form: <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply>

Attendance

Please make every effort to have your student to school on time every day. This is one way to support your child's success at school.

Tardy Students

We are continuing to experience a large number of tardy (late) students on a regular basis. Please make every effort to have your student to school on time as instruction begins at 8:30am. Any missed instructional time (no matter how small) can have a negative effect on student achievement.

Transportation Changes

Transportation changes must be received in the front office by 2:15pm (1:15pm on Wednesday). This will ensure a safe and timely dismissal for all students. Thank you for your cooperation!