

## Message From the Principal

Parents, Guardians and Hawks,

I would like to start off my letter to you this month by calling your attention to some very important upcoming dates. First off, we will be sending home course request forms to our current and raising middle school students. On this form, your students will select their desired elective classes for the 2017-2018 school year. We are excited to be able to increase our elective offerings next year and I am confident that your child will be able to find courses that are truly engaging. We ask that these forms be returned to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> as we are well into the planning and scheduling process for next year.

I encourage all parents to participate in the upcoming School Advisory Council (SAC) Parent Survey that will be distributed within the next month. This survey is incredibly important and SAC uses the feedback as we help guide the direction of Valley Ridge moving forward. Links to this online survey will be posted on the VRA Homepage as well as within individual class newsletters and the Hawk Update.

The dates and times for Kindergarten Registration are posted on the school website with the next date being March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. As an ever growing community, we are continually having new families move into the area. If you know of any new families to the area that have small children, please direct them to our website or to call the front desk with any and all questions. Our current parents and families are the best advertisement and source of information for the school within the community.

Preorder sales are now being taken for the Valley Ridge Academy Yearbook. More information about ordering and dates for delivery can be found on the Valley Ridge website. Thank you to Ms. Frericks and her 8<sup>th</sup> grade yearbook team for all of their hard work on making this the best version yet!

Please join me in congratulating the five middle school students who represented VRA at the 2017 St. Johns County School District Science Fair. Participation in the Science Fair is voluntary and required 3+ months of independent research and experimentation done in their chosen field on their own time.

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Aditya Snigh, *Developing Distance-Based Edge Detection*

Zuhair Niazi, *After School Activities and Stress*

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6th Grade Students:

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Zuhair and Mahad Nazi received Honorable Mention in the Junior Behavioral Sciences Category. Aditya Singh received multiple awards and will be advancing to the state competition in March. Aditya was awarded Best Overall Junior Project of 2017; First Place in the Junior Engineering/Intelligent Machines/Mathematics Category; Broadcom Masters nomination, as well as special awards from the US Office of Naval Research; The Florida Association of Science Teachers (FAST); and Carlisle Interconnect Technologies.

Congratulations to each of you for your hard work and dedication and thank you to Ms. Kathy Shirley for her support and guidance throughout the Science Fair process.

I would also like to recognize Aditya Singh for being selected as the National Academic Quiz Tournaments Middle School Player of the Week for the week of January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Quiz bowl is a competitive, academic, interscholastic activity for teams of four students. The teams engage in matches that feature a blend of individual competition and team collaboration on a wide variety of topics and subjects. Aditya was the highest scoring individual player at the recent Classical Prep Academy tournament in Spring Hill and helped his team to finish in first place with a record of eight wins and zero losses! Congratulations to Aditya and good luck to him and his team at the Middle School National Championship Tournament in May!

Additionally, Aditya recently represented Valley Ridge Academy on February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Math Counts Competition! Math Counts is a national middle school coaching and competitive mathematics program that promotes mathematics achievement through a series of fun and engaging "bee" style contests.

Congratulations are also in order for 7<sup>th</sup> grader Tate Jones who represented Valley Ridge Academy at the St. Johns County School District Spelling Bee on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Tate was an excellent competitor and he represented the school at an extremely high level. Way to go Tate!

I am proud to recognize 8<sup>th</sup> grader Tatiana Donnelly for having her artwork selected to hang in the Florida Capital building as the representative artwork for St. Johns County. This is a tremendous honor and we are proud to have her artwork showcased within the state. Congratulations Tatiana!

Finally, I would like to highlight 11 students of our VRA Band for their incredible accomplishments at the Solo and Ensemble Festival held on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. These talented individuals gave 8 performances (3 duets and 5 soloists) with resulted in 6 Superior and 2 Excellent ratings.

Savannah Karlak – Flute Solo – Excellent Rating

Kayla Booth – Flute Solo – Superior Rating

Emily Norton and Ishae Sriguha - Clarinet Duet – Superior Rating

Gabriella Valdivia - Saxophone Solo – Excellent Rating

Emmie Hendrix – Snare Drum Solo – Superior Rating

Morgan Hall and Leah Oberkehr – Trumpet Duet – Superior Rating

Gahan Sriguha - Flute Solo – Superior Rating

Arianna Hoffman and Miranda Howley – Alto Saxophone Duet – Superior Rating

Thank you to Mr. Spaulding for your tutelage and dedication and congratulations to these outstanding and talented students and young musicians.

Congratulations again to all of these outstanding students. These are just a few of the many exceptional students who I am proud to have represent Valley Ridge Academy throughout the community, district and state. They truly model the “VRA Way.”

With Regards,

Sandra McMandon

## Congratulations to our “Of the Year” Awardees.

**Adult Volunteer of the Year – Laurie Shreve**

**Senior Volunteer of the Year – Burton Sheperd**

**School Related Employee of the Year – Andres Vega**

## What to Expect As You Transition To High School

Presented by Nease High School

<http://www-vra.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2015/06/8th-Grade-parent-night-December-2016-VRA.pdf>

### Dismissal/Transportation Changes



All changes will now be e-mailed.

Please use this link for **Dismissal Changes**.

This link will lead you to the dismissal change form.

It is also available on our school website.

**Changes over the phone will not be accepted.**

2:15 PM is the deadline every day except Wednesdays.



## Calendar of Events

3/2 Middle School Character Counts

3/3 Elementary School Character Counts

3/10 Third Quarter Ends

3/13-17 Spring Break

3/20 Teacher Planning Day

3/21 Classes Resume

3/21 SAC Meeting 3:30 p.m.

3/24 Kindergarten Registration 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

4/14 Student/Teacher Holiday

## Online Registration For Volunteer Clearance

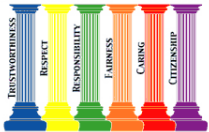
In an effort to provide safety and security to our students and staff, **we check identification for all vendors, visitors, volunteers and parents each time you enter the building.**

**All adults must have clearance to enter the building.**

If you have not already been cleared, please submit a

[school access form.](#)

# CHARACTER COUNTS!



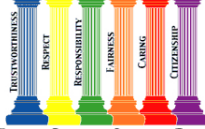
ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## The following students were chosen by their teachers in January for exemplifying The Respect Pillar of Character

Preston Anderson	Trent Desaulniers	Marlee McClellan	Nitin Sridhar
Ellie Armbruster	Lila Di Donato	Ellie Mirgeaux	Parker Stamschror
Sophia Arvay	Brajan Dolorezi	Logan Mitchell	Charlotte Suggs
Ethan Ash	Mason Dunn	Dylan Nelson	James Syme
Isabelle Aspen	Izzy Ellenz	Joshua Noboa	Emsley Thornton
Ryne Barkey	Tristan Evans	Mariia Nosenko	Mason Triplett
Kyra Benfield	Emily Fitzgerald	Katelyn Paster	Nathan Trinidad
Kendall Bennett	Evie Foster	David Pondo	Raquel Vega
Avery Brown	Maddox Garcia	Jaden Price	Tatiana Vega
Kennedy Brown	Timothy Gorelik	Julia Procacci	Abbie Vernacotola
Matheus Carneiro	Kai Green-Cramer	Daveed Rizzo	Nicholas Vernacotola
Connor Case	John Grinjoti	Max Roberti	Luke Wagers
Reilly Chavez	Noah Hicks	Ethan Romosz	Brooklyn Washington
Sasha Cherepanova	Poppy Hill	Bhavya Saxena	Alex Weemhoff
Abbie Chinchilla	Kasey Kellezi	Carter Schultz	Elijah Williams
Ella Clark	Alyssa Lassonde	Grant Sheppard	Ethan Young
Jonathan Couturier	Evie Llewellyn	Kaitlin Shirley	Zoe Young
Sienna Dankworth	Grave Matvey	Zora Slayden	
Jack Davis	Jackson McConnell	Navin Sridhar	



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ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## The following students were chosen by their teachers in February for exemplifying The Caring Pillar of Character

Addison Arthur	Leila Dixon	Aliya Medure	Adelynn Rosario
Sam Balger	Ella Drake	Virginia Molis	Valentina Rubino
Tori Batt	Emma Drake	Rayne Morris	Carons Scinto
Miles Baur	Chloe Dresback	Rina McIntire	Wyatt Shearon
Morgan Bondra	Ryan Farischon	Jaxon McKim	Peyton Smith
Emery Brown	Matt Foreman	Skye Mills	Madison Soto
Connor Bourke	Isabelle Gast	Sophia Muenchen	Meylinn Soto
Jack Burton	Rasesh Gautam	Ashley Nelson	Zach Szilagyi
Jaxon Cally	Parker Gunnell	Hudson Nivelos	Isabel Theiner
Avery Carlson	Sophie Harrison	Katerina Noon	Ava Thomas
Cooper Carlson	Jessica Japzon	Erin Orlando	Hadley Thompson
Allison Carrino	Maya Johnson	Matthew Ostrander	Anthony Tomkunas
Richi Chopra	Braxton Kiernan	Makoto Peng	Lola Wagers
Ashlyn Collins	Bella Kimball	Armando Pepja	Kathryn Walls
Noah Connor	Brianna Kirkwood	Jaxon Perez	Carly Young
Caleb Daveline	Addyson Knight	Zach Power	Griffin Zobel
Keira Davidson	Casper Kuczkowski	Cailey Price	Riley Zukowski
Josh Deligero	Zoe Kurtz	Nishita Ramesh	
Dash Dexter	Graham Maroney	Ellie Reiner	
Lila Di Donato	Sarah LaPorta	Kayla Reynolds	





# GUIDANCE CORNER



Mrs. Dail has wrapped up her guidance lessons for the year. K-2 grade students have practiced skills to help them be better learners, friends and problem solvers.

The guidance department encourages all families to use the problem solving steps poster at home to continue to help children learn how to solve problems in a respectful and effective way.

Later this year, second grade classrooms will participate in the “Safety Matters” lessons and information will be sent home for parent to review before the lessons.

Ms. MacNaught is wrapping up her unit on emotional management with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Please ask your child to sing the Calm in Down Dance to get a better understanding. The Safety Matters curriculum for 5<sup>th</sup> grade is also wrapping up. Please see the attached letters for a better understanding of what was discussed.



Ms. MacNaught will be in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms in February and March to start the unit on emotional management and problem solving.

<http://www.vra.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2017/02/child-safety-matters.pdf>

## NE Florida Community Hospice Services For children and adults who have experienced the death of a loved one



### CAMP ELIGIBILITY

- Children between the ages of 7 and 17 can attend camp.
- The death has occurred at least three months prior to the camp date but no longer than one year.
- A 24-hour bereavement counselor's space and a related space completion of camp.
- Pre-camp assessments are necessary for all camp attendees.

### Express Yourself at Camp Healing Powers<sup>®</sup>

Grieving the death of a loved one is difficult, especially for a child. Grieving children are likely to feel different and alone.

Recognizing the need to help children through the grieving process, Community Hospice of Northeast Florida started Camp Healing Powers, a therapeutic camp open to any child age 7 – 17 who is grieving the death of a loved one.

Mental health professionals who specialize in grief and bereavement plan and lead camp activities that help children identify and express their feelings and learn skills to help them navigate through the grief journey in a safe, supportive, and fun environment.

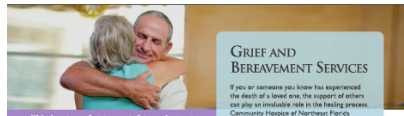
All camps are held at the Marywood Retreat and Conference Center in northern St. Johns County, approximately four miles south of US95 on State Road 13.

February 24 - 26, 2017  
Registration deadline:  
February 3, 2017

September 8-10, 2017  
Registration deadline:  
August 25, 2017



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### GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT SERVICES

If you or someone you know has experienced the death of a loved one, the support of others can play an invaluable role in the healing process. Community Hospice of Northeast Florida provides an array of services that can help guide you through your personal grief journey.

### Community Programs and Resources

**Understanding Grief**  
Because grievers often ask "Is this normal?" and "What can I expect?" Community Hospice developed Understanding Grief, a specialized 90-minute workshop designed to help individuals answer these questions. The workshop helps participants recognize common grief reactions, as well as identify positive ways to cope with the loss. Participants must be 18 years of age or older, and the death should have occurred within 90 days of program attendance.

**Hope for the Holidays**  
This workshop during the holiday season (November – December) helps attendees reflect on their loss, cope with grief reactions and restore a sense of hope for the upcoming season, including ways to rebalance energy on positive activities and rituals to honor and to remember loved ones. Participants should be at least 18 years of age or older.

**Camp Healing Powers<sup>®</sup>**  
A therapeutic weekend camp, it is open to any child between the ages of 7 and 17 who is grieving the death of a loved one. Camp activities are designed to help children identify and express their feelings and learn skills to navigate through the grief journey. To attend camp, the loss cannot be within 90 days of camp attendance and should have occurred within the last two years.

### Individual and Family Counseling Services

Community Hospice bereavement counselors offer individual and family therapeutic grief counseling for adults and children in Northeast Florida. Our counselors have experience supporting a variety of losses, including sudden traumatic death.

**Therapeutic Support Groups**  
Community Hospice offers therapeutic grief support groups several times throughout the year. The age-specific series covers common grief reactions, coping strategies and ways to stay connected to your loved one. The groups are offered in Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties.

Please call 904-657-7981 to obtain grief and bereavement literature or to learn more about the programs offered.



### Grief Literature

- Community Hospice provides grief literature designed to help those who have experienced the death of a loved one:
- Understanding Grief, Loss and Bereavement** – an informational booklet to help you cope and understand emotions following the death of a loved one.
  - Approaching Loss: A Practical Checklist** – an important pamphlet to help survivors handle the administrative death after a death.

These programs are free of charge due to the support of our community partners, donors and the efforts of the Community Hospice Foundation.

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# Registration, Residency, & Immunization Requirements

## Early Kindergarten Registration Dates

Thursday March 23rd from 9:00-1:00

Tuesday April 4th from 1:00-5:00

Monday May 15th from 9:00-1:00

**Drop ins only – No appointments taken**

Registration packets must be completed prior to coming to the open registrations. Registering kindergartners must have the required shots\*\*\* and a physical dated August 11, 2016 or after. Lease or rental agreements will not be accepted if they are expiring prior to August 10, 2017.

Rising kindergartners with birthdays falling after preregistration dates will need to register during the summer after they have received their updated physicals and immunizations. Summer registration dates and times will be posted once the current school year has ended.

\*\*\*Four or five doses of DTaP,  
Four or five doses of IPV  
Two doses of MMR  
Three doses of Hep B  
Two doses of Varicella

## Attention All 6<sup>th</sup> Graders!!

The Tdap immunization shot is required for all 7th graders and must be recorded on a Florida 680 form. As soon as your student receives this shot, the form can be brought to the front office, faxed (904-547-4095) or emailed

(to [paige.lange@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:paige.lange@stjohns.k12.fl.us)) even if the student is still in 6th grade. **Per district policy, all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students that do not have this shot will not be allowed to start school on August 10, 2017.** Please contact Paige Lange, Registrar at 904-547-4096 with any questions.



## Address Change Requirements

In order to update your child's record, SJCSJ now requires you to complete a "Student Change of Address Form". Along with the completed and signed form, you must submit the following:

Mortgage Statement/Property Deed/Settlement Statement/Closing Documents

\*OR\*

Lease/Rental Agreement with names of occupants

(And, if applicable, a Homeowners Acknowledgement Form & Affidavit of Residency Form)

You must also provide TWO of the following documents:

Utility Bill, Property Tax Record, Telephone/Cell phone Statement, Homeowners/Renters Insurance Documents, Bank Statement/Paycheck Stub, Vehicle Registration, Credit Card Statement, Medical Insurance Statement—all showing the new address.

In addition, you must show a valid photo ID/drivers license.



## Attention Rising 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Graders

The District is now requiring ALL rising 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students prove residency. You will be receiving a district letter along instructions on what documents are acceptable. All residency documentation is due to your student's Homeroom teacher or the front office by March 3, 2017. Failure to submit documentation will result in students not receiving their middle or high school schedules.



Any questions, please contact Paige Lange, Registrar at 904-547-4096.

# Middle School Happenings

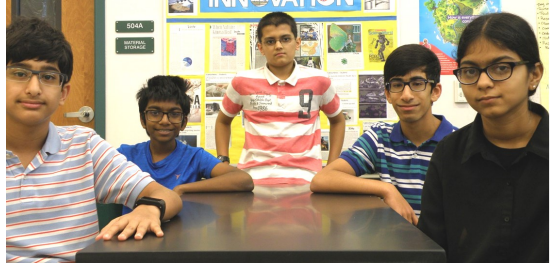
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(from the left) Mahad, Charan, Aditya, Zuhair and Ishae

Two projects received special recognitions:

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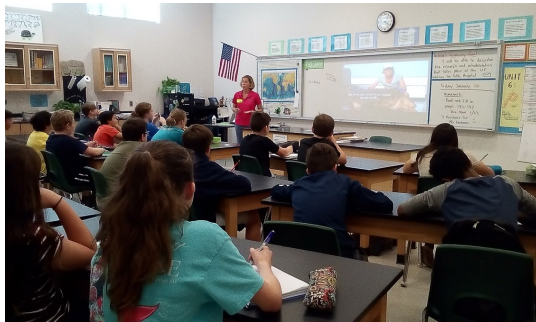
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US Office of Naval Research

Florida Association of Science Teachers (FAST)

Carlisle Interconnect Technologies

Ms. Catherine Eastman, Program Coordinator for the UF Whitney Laboratory Sea Turtle Hospital visited Mrs. Shirley's classes on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Students learned about sea turtle biology and the innovative research and rehabilitation work being done at the Sea Turtle Hospital. Based on satellite tracking data, it turns out that loggerhead hatchlings travel in the Gulf Stream currents, just like our NOAA Drifter Buoys!



The Education Team from Anastasia Mosquito Control District brought their Bti Toxicity Lab to Mrs. Shirley's classes on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. Students learned about mosquito ecology, how mosquitos are controlled in our communities and how to make a serial dilution bioassay.



# Middle School Sports

## VRA BASEBALL Team



Go Hawks!

Connor Case  
Jack Isaacs  
Ryan Miller  
Chase Toonk  
Anthony Tomkunis  
Michael Webb  
Luke Meade  
Ben Bogle  
Nathan Bunkosky  
Braden Clements  
Zian Mathews  
Logan Ryan  
Grant Stevens

## VRA Football Tryouts

March 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31

Register at [www.sjmsaa.com](http://www.sjmsaa.com)



## 2017 VRA Tennis Team

Kathryn Archer

AJ Baghalan

Nick Bohanon

Sullivan Caldwell

Tabitha Gottipati

Katherine Greene

Nishita Ramesh

Brady Schaffstein

Rohan Sunkara





# 7th Grade Reading Buddies



Two of Mrs. Hilton's Intensive Reading classes have become reading buddies with Mrs. Sanders' and Ms. Leighty's elementary classes. Above is a collage of the 7th grade group reading with their elementary buddies.

## Kindergarten celebrated the 100th day of school. It was all about the number 100 in math, reading, writing, and fashion!







## Blessings in a Backpack

Help second grade support our school family!



Help us collect food for local families:

Large cans of Chef Boyardee (with meat)

Microwave cups of Mac and Cheese

Oatmeal packets

Granola bars

Ritz snack packs (small sleeves of plain crackers)

Individual peanut butter (Jif to-go)

Pudding cups

Fruit cups

Applesauce cups



✓ Please turn in all items Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>-  
Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>



**January's Art Smart: Hundertwasser**  
In January, we introduced the students to **Frederick Hundertwasser**, an Austrian artist who is known as a painter, architect, and ecologist. He believed that art was all about the experience of the viewer, recognizing that different people see different things when looking at a picture.

The students created lollipop trees in the style of Hundertwasser.



**February's Art Smart: Ringgold**  
In February we learned about Faith Ringgold, a present day folk artist who is famous for painted story quilts - art that combines painting, quilted fabric and storytelling.

The students made Ringgold inspired story quilts.

Check out the Art Smart website if you would like to learn more about these lessons.  
<http://valleyofscarecrows.com/art/artsmart.html>

## YEARBOOK UPDATE

Online ordering will be available through the VRA website.

The cost for the 2016-2017 yearbook is \$40.

Yearbooks ordered prior to March 10 will be discounted to \$30

Questions? Please contact me at [Kathryn.Frericks@stjohns.K12.fl.us](mailto:Kathryn.Frericks@stjohns.K12.fl.us)

However, we need more candid photos!

We are seeking photos of school sponsored events such as the Hawk Hike, Fall Festival, School Dance, Class Fieldtrips, and more.

If you have a club, team, or class photo (or photos) that you would like to share, please submit them as soon as possible.

It is easy to share your photos with the Yearbook team.

Go to: <http://community.pictavo.com>

Set up your Pictavo account (takes just a minute)

The VRA school code is 64360

Upload your photos into the class or club of your choosing.

If time allows, please send me a quick email when the photos are added



### What are Spirit Sticks®?

Spirit Sticks® are the best student rewards ever! They are small embroidered patches students display on a backpack.

### How do students earn them?

There are lots of ways to earn a Spirit Stick®! Some ways students can earn them include: good grades, exceptional attendance, participation, great behavior, and so much more!

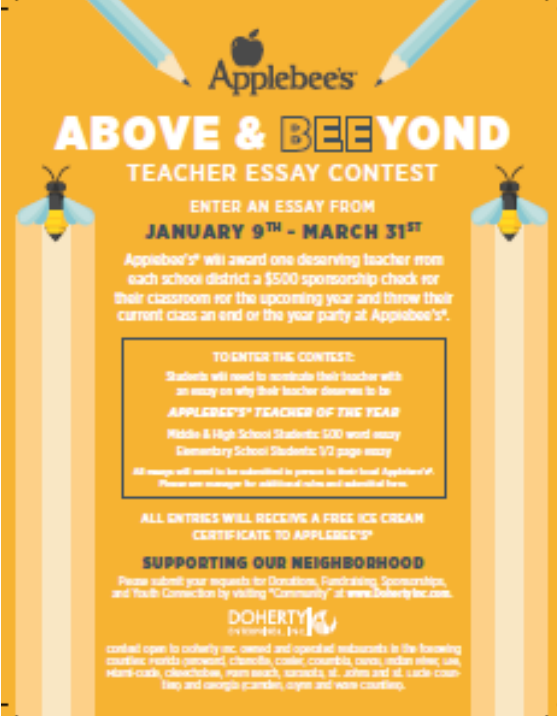
### Where do students display them?

On their backpack! Students will receive a special key ring to attach to their backpacks.

There's more! Keep an eye out for more ways to expand your Spirit Stick® collection with fun, limited edition Spirit Sticks® your child can purchase for just \$1.



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# ABOVE & BEYOND

## TEACHER ESSAY CONTEST

ENTER AN ESSAY FROM  
**JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> - MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

Applebee's® will award one deserving teacher from each school district a \$500 sponsorship check for their classroom for the upcoming year and throw their current class an end of the year party at Applebee's®.

**TO ENTER THE CONTEST:**  
Students will need to nominate their teacher with an essay on why their teacher deserves to be **APPLEBEE'S® TEACHER OF THE YEAR**  
Middle & High School Students: 500 word essay  
Elementary School Students: 3/2 page essay  
All essays will need to be submitted in person to their local Applebee's®. Please see manager for additional rules and submission form.

**ALL ENTRIES WILL RECEIVE A FREE ICE CREAM CERTIFICATE TO APPLEBEE'S®**

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Visit: [www.dohertyinc.com/youth-connection](http://www.dohertyinc.com/youth-connection)

888-227-7195

## Gifted Program Advisory Council

The Gifted Parent Advisory Council meets four times per year to inform the school district about ways in which we can improve our efforts in serving our gifted students. Parents of K-12 gifted students from throughout the district are encouraged to come to all of the meetings.

The Gifted Parent Advisory Council meetings have been scheduled for the 2016-17 school year. We communicate this information for inclusion in school newsletters. We hope to make St Johns County Schools a parent friendly environment!

Tuesday, April 25 – Landrum Middle School – 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Multi-Purpose Room



## Crime Stoppers Student Poster Competition 2017

Presented by:  
R. J. Lintz, State Attorney  
Crime Stoppers of NE Florida  
Tim Foxon, Superintendent St. Johns County Schools  
Sheriff David Shaw, St. Johns County Sheriff's Office

Entry Deadline: **MARCH 30, 2017**  
Drop off posters to: Tommy Bledsoe, St. Johns County School Board,  
40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084 phone 347-7565

**Theme: Make Your School, Your World, A Better Place.**  
Use artwork and/or an original slogan that illustrates shared responsibility for student safety and conduct. This is your contest and your voice matters.

**Guidelines:**

- Open to all students in grades K-12.
- Entries must be originals of the student artist. The use of copyright materials and/or designs is prohibited.
- Poster submissions should be no smaller than 8 1/2 by 11 inches and no larger than 11 by 14 inches.
- Suggested mediums are as follows: crayon, ink, paint, markers, camera or digital media. All submissions must be two-dimensional.
- Keep with the positive theme. Do NOT include the Crime Stoppers logo.
- There are to be no images of guns, killing or drug paraphernalia in the art work. Adhere to the Student Code of Conduct and Dress Code.
- Please encourage students to use bright colors, which reproduce better than pastel colors.
- Attach the below entry form to the back of each student's art submission. Entries without completed, attached forms will be disqualified. Print neatly.

**Awards:**  
Cash awards will be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each division (Elementary, Middle and High) totaling in nine winners. The nine winners from Volusia, Flagler, Putnam and St. Johns Counties will then be judged on an overall circuit level. Each school division will have one overall winner:  
\$100- First Place, \$50- Second Place, \$25- Third Place

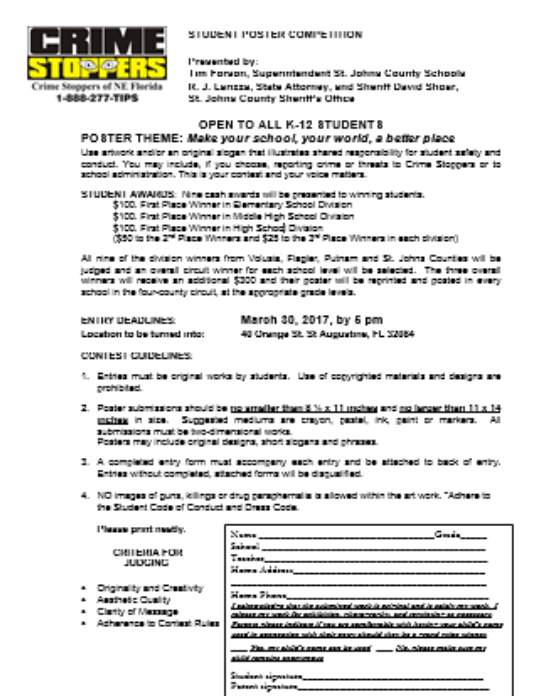
The three overall winners will receive an additional \$300. Their posters will be reprinted and placed in every school in the four-county circuit, at the appropriate grade levels.

**Criteria for Judging:**

- Adherence to the theme and contest guidelines
- Originality and Creativity
- Aesthetic Quality

**CRIME STOPPERS**  
STUDENT POSTER JUDGING

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
School \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
*I acknowledge that the submitted work is original and is solely my work. I release my work for exhibition, photography, and reprinting as necessary. Please please indicate if you are comfortable with having your child's name used in connection with their entry should they be a grand prize winner.*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*How my child's name can be used*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Do please make sure my child receives appropriate*  
Student signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_



**CRIME STOPPERS**  
STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION

Presented by:  
Tim Foxon, Superintendent St. Johns County Schools  
R. J. Lintz, State Attorney, and Sheriff David Shaw,  
St. Johns County Sheriff's Office

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**POSTER THEME: Make your school, your world, a better place**  
Use artwork and/or an original slogan that illustrates shared responsibility for student safety and conduct. You may include, if you choose, reporting crime or threats to Crime Stoppers or to school administration. This is your contest and your voice matters.

**STUDENT AWARDS:** (The cash awards will be presented to winning students.)  
\$100- First Place Winner in Elementary School Division  
\$100- First Place Winner in Middle High School Division  
\$100- First Place Winner in High School Division  
\$50 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners and \$25 to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners in each division

All nine of the division winners from Volusia, Flagler, Putnam and St. Johns Counties will be judged and an overall circuit winner for each school level will be selected. The three overall winners will receive an additional \$300 and their poster will be reprinted and posted in every school in the four-county circuit, at the appropriate grade levels.

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** March 30, 2017, by 6 pm  
**LOCATION to be turned into:** 40 Orange St. St. Augustine, FL 32084

**CONTEST GUIDELINES:**

- Entries must be original work by students. Use of copyrighted materials and designs are prohibited.
- Poster submissions should be no smaller than 8 1/2 x 11 inches and no larger than 11 x 14 inches in size. Suggested mediums are crayon, paint, ink, pencil or markers. All submissions must be two-dimensional work. Posters may include original designs, short slogans and phrases.
- A completed entry form must accompany each entry and be attached to back of entry. Entries without completed, attached forms will be disqualified.
- NO images of guns, killings or drug paraphernalia is allowed within the art work. Adhere to the Student Code of Conduct and Dress Code.

Please print neatly:

**CRIME STOPPERS**  
STUDENT POSTER JUDGING


- Originality and Creativity
- Aesthetic Quality
- Clarity of Message
- Adherence to Contest Rules

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
School \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
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