



Daniel Jenkins Academy Newsletter

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Tips for Going Beyond!

*I mustache
you a
question!*



The new Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) is just around the corner. Testing will begin in March and continue through April and May. The first subject to be tested is writing. Unlike last year, all grade levels will be taking the Writing FSA. Students will be expected to read a text and write an essay using the information they gathered from their reading to help support their answers.

As we all know, middle school students don't ever fall short on having opinions. However, it is when they are asked to justify their answers and create a persuasive argument that they struggle.

Our Tip for Going Beyond these nine weeks is to help your student practice creating persuasive arguments and encouraging them to explain their answers whenever possible. This can be done through conversation and simply asking them "Why?" Having to answer questions like,



"Why should I allow you to go to the park?"

or

"Why do you think buying that new video game is a good idea?"

will help your student build the skills they will need to create a cohesive argument on the Writing FSA. The more often they have to explain themselves verbally, as well as in their writing, the more successful they will be on the coming FSA.

Reigning Jaguars

Well done to January's students of the month!



8th Grade
Ryan Arwood
Margarita Gomez

7th Grade
William Kennon
Oluwatoyosi Adigun

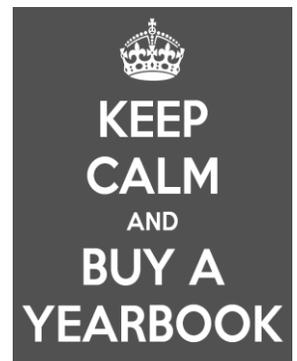
6th Grade
Justin Noles
Galilea Cabrera

These students were chosen because they show exemplary behavior both in the classroom and outside of it. They have stellar grades and are considerate to all who visit our campus. They truly represent what it means a Jenkins Jaguar, and deserve our heartfelt congratulations.

Yearbook News!

The 2014-2015 Daniel Jenkins Academy Yearbook is now on sale! Parents, be sure to purchase a school yearbook for your child as soon as possible. The yearbook is sixty four pages and every page is in color.

The yearbook is now on sale for \$25.00. The price will be going up soon. There will only be 200 copies of the yearbook ordered and there will not be any extras. The yearbook is filled with hundreds of photos and special memories that will last a lifetime for your child. Please see Ms. Wimberly or Mrs. Walker to pick up an order form before they run out.



The Inside Scoop...

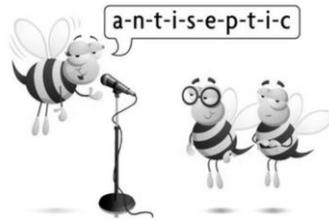


Daniel Jenkins Academy would like to wish a heartfelt thank you to Bargain Carts for your support of our Music Program. It's through the generosity of people, like those at Bargain Carts, that allows our band to be successful!

Language Arts:

Congratulations to Matthew Saag! He was one of thirty-two students in the county who qualified for the Final District Spelling Bee. Daniel Jenkins Academy is proud to have Matthew representing us at the District Spelling Bee on March 19, 2015.

Best Wishes and Good Luck
Matthew!



Math

Our Math Counts competition is February 7, 2015 at Teneroc High School, in Auburndale. The competition team has been selected and Mr. Arscott continues to meet with the entire Math Counts Club on Monday and Tuesday immediately after school. Join with us, in wishing our talented Math students good luck!

Reading

The Reading department has been busy with FAIR's second assessment period. FAIR is the state of Florida's progress monitoring tool. The students take an assessment three times per year to see if they are progressing in the areas of reading comprehension, vocabulary knowledge, word recognition, and syntactic knowledge (focusing on their understanding of sentence structure). In all reading classrooms, students are continuing to work on strategies to build their skill level in these areas.

As a reminder, if your child is a student in an intensive reading class they need earbuds or headphones daily.

Physical Education:



Students are preparing to begin soccer and tennis. Students in tennis are permitted to bring their own racket if desired, however equipment will be provided.

While in their Physical Education classes, students are not only learning about and playing sports, but our Coaches are teaching their students about the importance of remaining fit throughout their entire lives. They also strive to teach students simple ways they can do this as they grow older.

This semester, students were asked to write articles discussing Jenna Wolf, renowned fitness correspondent for The Today Show, and the exercises she describes in "Simply Strong." Below is one group of students' response to the Lesson Essential Question (LEQ).

LEQ: How do the four exercises in "Simply Strong," by Jenna Wolf help you improve your quality of life?

Authors: Reefha Tasnia, Mayra Barajas, and Savanna Demoulin

According to Jenna Wolf, author of "Simply Strong," these four exercises keep your body strong, slim and fit – even as you grow older. The exercises are easy and if you do this workout three times a week, it can help improve everyday functions, such as: reaching, grabbing and moving. This workout keeps your core and midsection strong. The exercises and how many you should do a day are as follows:

- Squats – 10 to 15 a day
- Assisted Pushups (like a regular pushup but you do it on your hands and knees) – 5 to 10 a day
- Concentrated Mountain Climbers – 20 a day on both the left and right side of your body
- Planks – start at 20 seconds and then work your way up to a minute.



Extramurals:

Any student attending DJA is eligible to participate in Track and Tennis during the 4th nine weeks providing they meet the following standards:

- 2.0 GPA or higher
- No discipline referrals (Suspensions)
- Completed Physical Form
- Completed Consent Form

The earliest start date for practice would be April 6. Forms are due prior to attending practice. Information will be forthcoming through lunch periods and announcements.

Relay for Life!

In our effort to support Mrs. Bennett in her fight against cancer, Daniel Jenkins has created a team to participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. It will take place at Lake Eva Park on Saturday, March 21st from noon to midnight. Teams fundraise money for the event and participants take turns walking around the course to raise awareness. The relay goes until midnight because "cancer never sleeps." All proceeds go the

American Cancer Society in order to fund support for cancer patients and research for a cure. If you wish to join us in our fight against cancer please contact Mrs. Jessica Butts to volunteer.



Extended Learning Program

In an effort to help our students be as prepared as possible for the new Florida Standards Assessment, we have begun offering tutoring through our Extended Learning Program (ELP). Students who would like help in the areas of Math or Reading are welcome to join our teachers for after school help. During their lunches, all students received a copy of the ELP permission slip, and were asked to return it to the front office if they were interested. However, should you need a new copy of the permission form for your child; you can stop by the front office any time.

FSA Readiness!

The new Florida Standards Assessment is just around the corner! With that in mind, students can visit the following website and access practice tests. These tests look and feel like the new computer based tests that all students will be taking. By ensuring all students visit this site, we can make sure students are aware of all of the tools available to them during the test.

<http://www.fsassessments.org/training-tests>

Make the Grade with School Breakfast!

National School Breakfast Week March 2-6

Breakfast is part of the free and reduced program. Breakfast is \$1.00 or, \$0.30 for reduced. Free lunch students also receive free breakfast

Did you know?

School Breakfasts always include:

Fruits and Juice
More whole grains
Milk

Fast Fact:

Students who eat breakfast have better attention and memory.



Fast Fact:

Students who participate in School Breakfast show improved attendance, behavior, standardized test scores as well as decreased tardiness.

Fast Fact:

Students who eat School Breakfast attend, on average, 1.5 more days of school and score

Bring Your Own Device

Polk County is in the process of implementing the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative in all of its schools. Once a school begins BYOD, students will be able to bring their own technology devices (laptops, tablets, smartphones etc.) as well as be assigned a Polk County wifi login. This will enable students to access information through a secure network, which has many implications for your child's education.

Eventually, students will be able to use their own devices in the classroom in order to access online textbooks, research topics pertaining to a lesson, as well as create multimedia presentations. Students will also be able to work collaboratively on assignments both in and out of the classroom. As well as digitally share their work with teachers.

Because Bring Your Own Device requires specific technology that will support a large amount of devices Daniel Jenkins has not yet begun to implement BYOD. However, we are in beginning stages of implementation and are on the list to receive the technology in the near future.



Attached to the previous newsletter was a permission form that must be signed by both the parents and student before a child is allowed to participate in BYOD. If you haven't yet returned your child's form, please make sure they are turned in to the front office, so that your child can participate in this great learning opportunity. Should students need an additional copy of the permission slip, they can ask for them during their lunch hour, or parents can stop by the front office at any time for a new copy.

Shoe Drive

The school is participating in a Shoe Drive to raise funds for the Relay for Life Team Bennett. Students are asked to donate by bringing in gently worn shoes, from now until February 20, 2015.

Shoes collected during our shoe drive will be used to start and maintain micro-enterprises in developing nations. Individuals in these communities will repurpose and sell the gently worn, used and new shoes, offering financial support and sustainability for themselves and their families.

By definition, micro-enterprises are small businesses with minimal employees and minimal capital. In a developing country, necessity compels micro-entrepreneurs to represent the vast majority of the small business sector. The donated shoes will be sold or repurposed and represent an opportunity for individual families and their communities to develop micro-businesses within their areas. It is the only possibility for true self-sustainability.



Reminders for Parents

- The School Improvement Plan, Parent Involvement Plan, and School Public Accountability report are available in the front office in the parent involvement notebook and on our school website. These documents are available in other languages upon request.
- Visit a Parent Informational Resource Center or attend classes offered by Parent University, for access to free information and resources that will help your child to go beyond this year. For more information visit the websites provided in the Quick Links section of our newsletter.



Mark your Calendars!

Presidents' Day

No School
February 16, 2015

Valentine's Day Dance

February 12, 2015

Interim Reports

Distributed
February 27, 2015

Early Release

Dates
February 18th
March 25th
June 4th

End of the Year

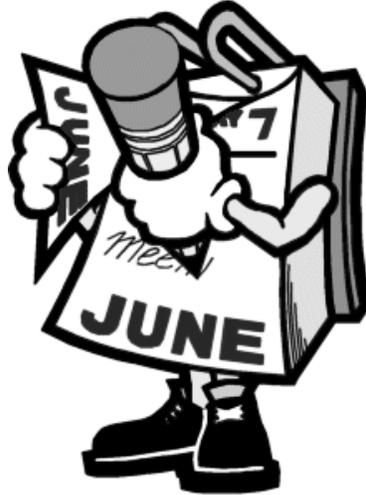
Awards

Ceremonies

6th Grade:
June 2, 2015

7th Grade:
June 3, 2015

8th Grade:
June 4, 2015
Lake Eva Center



2015 FSA Testing Schedule

6th grade:

Writing FSA (120 Minutes): March 4th
Reading FSA Session 1 (85 Minutes): April 20th
Reading FSA Session 2 (85 Minutes): April 21st
Math Session 1 (60 Minutes): April 29th
Math Sessions 2 and 3 (120 Minutes): April 30th

7th Grade:

Writing FSA (120 Minutes): March 4th
Reading FSA Session 1 (85 Minutes): April 15th
Reading FSA Session 2 (85 Minutes): April 16th
Math Session 1 (60 Minutes): April 27th
Math Sessions 2 and 3 (120 Minutes): April 28th
Civics EOC (80 Minutes): May 4th

8th grade:

Writing FSA (120 Minutes – On Computer): March 2nd
Reading FSA Session 1 (85 Minutes): April 13th
Reading FSA Session 2 (85 Minutes): April 14th
Math FSA Session 1 (60 Minutes): April 22nd
Math FSA Sessions 2 and 3 (120 Minutes): April 23rd
Science Sessions 1 and 2 (160 Minutes): May 4th

Other EOC's

Algebra EOC (90 Minutes): May 6th and 7th
Geometry EOC (90 Minutes): May 6th and 7th

Discipline Information

January	
Description of Discipline Referral	# of Discipline Referrals
Abusive Language/Conduct-Others	4
Alcohol	1
School Bus Safety Violation	2
Dress Code Violation	3
Disruptive Behavior	14
Insubordination	1
Personal Communication Device	1
Tardy	4

Total Incidents

30



**Telay Kendrick
Principal**



**Miguel Rivera
Assistant Principal**

In an effort to make Magnet and Choice schools more financially accessible for students across all income levels, the School Board has enacted a new uniform policy. This policy will go into effect for Daniel Jenkins Academy, in August of the 2015-2016 school year. Our hope in sharing this information with you is so you can make the necessary preparations for the new school year; should you choose to change how you purchase uniforms.

Beginning in 15-16 students will have the option to purchase uniform shirts and jackets through the school, or to purchase the appropriate uniform attire through stores such as Walmart, Target, and JcPenny. However, should you elect to purchase your child's apparel through another company it would then be the expectation that the Daniel Jenkins Academy logo or, STEAM logo when appropriate, is embroidered on the clothing through our outside vendors.

A standard Daniel Jenkins uniform consists of a red or navy Daniel Jenkins polo and twill pants that are khaki in color, as well as a Daniel Jenkins navy full-zip fleece jacket. This will not change. Students, who do not purchase uniforms through the school, will be expected to select their uniform apparel with that in mind. They will not be allowed to wear anything other than a polo shirt in the appropriate colors, with the logo embroidered on the front left side. Shirts must be a plain red or navy polo style without any other logo or symbol on it. For cold weather, students are expected to have a navy fleece jacket. They must be full-zip, without a hood, as well as have the school emblem embroidered on the front left side.

For your convenience, we have located two different vendors who are able to embroider our logos on your uniform tops. Embroidery from either location will cost \$7.00 including tax, per shirt. They have been advised of our school uniform policy and will do their best to help you meet our standard of dress. Their locations are included on the back.

In the past, we have allowed our students the option of purchasing Daniel Jenkins t-shirts and sweatshirts. For the comfort of our students this will not change, however since t-shirts and sweatshirts are not considered the standard uniform for Daniel Jenkins these will only be sold through the front office. Students will not be allowed to purchase these items from a different location. We will also continue to sell polo shirts and jackets through the school as we have done in the past. Physical Education will also be offering a second option for the purchase of P.E. Uniforms. Students will be receiving information regarding P.E. uniforms later in the year.

We are always willing to answer as many of your questions as we can. Therefore, should you have any questions about the new uniform policy or the preorder form, please do not hesitate to call the front office.

Sincerely,

**Telay Kendrick, M.A., Ed.S.
Daniel Jenkins Academy**

May Be Purchased Through DJA		May Be Purchased Elsewhere (Target, Walmart, JcPenny, Old Navy, Bealls, etc.)	
Polo w/logo (Red or Navy)	\$22.00	Polo Shirt (Red or Navy)	
T-Shirt w/logo (Red or Navy)	\$12.00	Fleece Full-Zip Jacket (Navy)	
Sweatshirt w/logo (Red or Navy)	\$15.00	Twill Pants (Khaki in Color)	
Jacket w/logo (Navy)	\$40.00	Twill Shorts (Khaki in Color)	
		Twill Skirts (Khaki in Color)	

*Shirts and Jackets purchased elsewhere **MUST** have the DJA or STEAM logo embroidered on the front left side, by one of the vendors listed below.

** Shirts and Jackets **may not** have any other logo or symbol on it.

Locations to Embroider Logo	Cost Per Item
Ray Graphic's 1895 West Executive Rd. Winter Haven, Fl. 33884 863-324-3049	\$7.00 including tax
Embroidery & Print by Design 121 Marker St. Davenport, Fl. 33837 863-422-3215	\$7.00 including tax