# ARE YOU MOVING? WITHDRAWING YOUR STUDENT?

Parents/Guardians: If you plan to withdraw your child from POA, please notify the Guidance team or the front office. There is an "official" form that must be filled out and kept on file before a student can be withdrawn.

Thank you!

# HISTORY FAIR



The POA Middle School History Fair will be Thursday, January 19 in the gym (judging day). On Friday, January 20 classes will be able to walk through and view the projects.

There will also be a parent night on January 19 from 6:30-7:30pm. Please join us as we celebrate the hard work and creativity of our middle school students

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Martin Luther King Day-No School
District Spelling Bee
History Fair Parent Night
High School Showcase
SAC Meeting
Class Pictures
Parenting the Snap Chat Generation

Mon., Jan 16, 2017 Weds, Jan 18 Thurs., Jan 19 at 6:30 pm Thurs., Jan 19 from 3:30 to 7 pm at WGV Tues., Jan 24 at 3:45 pm Fri., Jan 27 Tues, Jan 31 at 6:30 pm

# **DISTRICT WIDE EARLY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DATES!**



Weds. Feb. 15 from 1pm -5 pm
Thurs. Mar. 23 from 9am to 1 pm
Tues. Apr. 4 from 1 pm to 5 pm
Mon. May 15 from 9 am to 1 pm

Registration packets and information about required documents can be found on our website, or on the St. Johns County School District website. Please note that incomplete packets will NOT be accepted. You must provide ALL required documents, including a Florida DH680 Shot Record showing that all required immunizations are complete, and a School Entry Physical dated 8/11/2016 or later. Lease or rental agreements must not be expiring before 8/10/17.

# DISTRICT SPELLING BEE



The St. Johns County District Spelling Bee will be held on January 18 at 9am at First Coast Technical College, Building C.

Best of luck to Gabe Smith who will be representing Patriot Oaks.

Go Chargers!

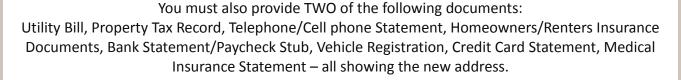
# ADDRESS CHANGE REQUIREMENTS

In order to update your child's record, SJCSD 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 Acknowledgment Form and Affidavit of Residency Form)



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





#### Patriot Oaks 2017 Basketball Schedule

Jan. 18	vs. Fruit Cove	Away	Girls 5:30 pm	Boys 6:30 pm
Jan. 23	vs. Swiss Point	Home	Girls 5:30 pm	Boys 6:30 pm
Jan. 25	vs. Sebastian	Home	Girls 5:30 pm	Boys 6:30 pm
Jan. 30	vs. Landrum	Away	Girls 5:30 pm	Boys 6:30 pm
Feb. 1	vs. Murray	Home	Girls 5:30 pm	Boys 6:30 pm
Feb. 6	vs. LPS	Away	Girls 5:30 pm	Boys 6:30 pm
Feb 8	vs. Pacetti Bay	Away	Girls 5:30 pm	Boys 6:30 pm
Feb. 13	vs. GRMS	Home	Girls 5:30 pm	Boys 6:30 pm
Feb. 15	vs. Valley Ridge	Home	Girls 5:30 pm	Boys 6:30 pm
Feb. 22	Playoffs Rd 1	TBD	Girls 5:30 pm	Boys 6:30 pm
Feb. 27	Semifinals	TBD	Girls 5:30 pm	Boys 6:30 pm
Mar. 1	Championships	TBD	Girls 5:30 pm	Boys 6:30 pm



# MURRAY MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS APPLICATION DEADLINE

# R. J. Murray Middle School Center for the Arts

5th graders wishing to apply to the Murray Center for the Arts follow the same process as those applying to SJCCA. (See following page under High School Academies)

Students must apply by Feb 10 and must audition on Feb 17 to be considered.

Please go to http://academies.stjohns.k12.fl.us/join and scroll down and click on Murray Center for the Arts. Students not zoned for Murray must make arrangements for their own transportation to and from school.

# **CLINIC CORNER**



Parents,

Flu season is here so just a reminder:

When fever is elevated above 100° and is accompanied by behavior changes or other symptoms of illness, such as fatigue, rash, sore throat, upper respiratory symptoms, vomiting,

diarrhea, etc. student must remain at home for at least 24 hours or until all symptoms subside without the use of medication.

# REGISTER NOW FOR MS GOLF TRYOUTS

Registration for the 2017 middle school golf tryouts is now active. We have made some changes to the entire middle school golf program. The changes can be reviewed on the St. Johns Middle School Athletic website at <a href="https://www.sjmsaa.com/golf">www.sjmsaa.com/golf</a>. This is where you register for the tryouts as well.

This year the competitive teams are going to comprised of 10 players on each team. Additional players will also have the ability to practice and play on the developmental team which is comprised of several schools. This gives everyone the opportunity to play and compete during the season. If a player cannot play or is unable to finish the competitive team season, the alternates will be selected from the development team selected by the judgement of the coach and instructor.

Any additional questions please contact Steven McNickle at 904.315.9294 or <a href="mailto:stevenmcnickle08@gmail.com">stevenmcnickle08@gmail.com</a>

# 8TH GRADE NEWS: IMPORTANT HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY INFORMATION

Did you know.....



- 8th Grade program of Choice First Time Applications for the 2017-2018 school year including Career Academies, St Johns County Center for the Arts, JROTC, IB and AICE can be submitted from Jan 19 to Feb 10 at 11:59 pm. Directions to apply can be found at http://academies.stjohns.ki12.fl.us/registration
- The High School Showcase will be held on Thursday, January 19 from 3:30 to 7 pm at World Golf Village for both PARENTS and STUDENTS.
- Academy Nights at specific high schools:

Jan 24: Pedro Menendez Jan 26: Nease

Jan 30: St Johns Technical Jan 30: St Augustine Jan 31: Bartram Trail Feb 2: Ponte Vedra

Feb 7: Creekside

All of these nights start at 6 pm except St. Johns Tech which will start at 5:30 pm

- Auditions for St. Johns County Center for the Arts are on Friday, Feb 17.
   Details can be found at http://www.sjcca.org. Students must apply by Feb 10 and must audition on Feb 17 to be considered.
- Notifications of acceptances and denials will be emailed to students and parents by Thursday Feb 23 at 11:59 pm.
- Online applications will be done through HAC. The student must log in using their Active Directory Account, which is the same account they use to log into the district network. (If students do not recall their Active Directory Credentials, they should ask their teachers. This information cannot be given to parents over the phone or by email. It can be given to them if they come into school and show proof of guardianship.
- More information for both parents and students is available on the Academies website at: http://academies.stjohns.k12.fl.us/

# MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER DANCE

# MS Winter Dance

Don't say goodbye to winter quite yet! January 27th will be the Middle School Winter White Dance. The night will be filled with dancing, food, fun and games. More information to come soon! Tickets will be on sale the week of the dance during lunch.



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COURSES



The St. Johns County School District invites you to participate in a new session of Community Education adult evening courses available at

five different school sites. You can enroll in courses in Microsoft Office and Excel, retirement planning, memory improvement, sewing, photography, art, Spanish and French languages, guitar, banjo, songwriting, bluegrass string band, yoga, belly dancing, and improvisational theatre. Courses start soon. To register or for information on prices, dates, and locations visit the website at <a href="http://communityed.stjohns.k12.fl.us/courses">http://communityed.stjohns.k12.fl.us/courses</a> or call 547-7565.

# BEN SHALTERS TO REPRESENT POA IN FMEA ALL-STATE HONOR BAND



On January 11-13, 7<sup>th</sup> grade euphonium player Ben Shalters, accompanied by band director Mr. Lance Rauh, will travel to Tampa, FL to represent Patriot Oaks Academy in the annual Florida Music Educators Association (FMEA) All-State Honor Band. Ben was among 126 students from schools all over Florida to participate in the prestigious wind ensemble. FMEA encompasses the entire state of Florida.

This festival affords the band students the opportunity to interact and perform high level literature. The students will enjoy 3 days of intensive rehearsals and perform in the prestigious All-State concert at the FMEA Conference. This event is attended by thousands of music educators, ranging from the kindergarten to University level teachers.

### YEARBOOK ORDERING INFORMATION

Yearbooks are available to purchase for \$30 from now until February 1<sup>st</sup>. Between Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> yearbooks will be available for \$35. Online yearbook ordering will close on April 2<sup>nd</sup>! You may not order a yearbook up until the last day of school. Instead, there will be a waiting list to purchase yearbooks after April

Yearbook Ordering Info: www.yearbookordercenter.com School code: 14848

# PARENT REVIEW OF SOCIAL STUDIES TEXTBOOK

WEARBOON .



The St. Johns County School District will hold a parent review of the final social studies resource/textbook selections currently up for adoption on Monday, January 30, 2017, in the auditorium of the Fullerwood Center (10 Hildreth Drive, St. Augustine, 32084) from 4-6 p.m. Student materials will be available for examination including access to computer hardware and software as required. Cards may be filled out with questions and feedback on the materials. St. Johns County School District staff will be available for support.

# LITERACY WEEK ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

# "Literacy Changes Our World" ~ January 23-27, 2017

**K-2**<sup>nd</sup> **grade**: students will read stories focusing on changing the world, discuss as a group, participate in writing original books based on the theme.

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: students will: **brainstorm** problems in our world, **research** for understanding and discuss possible solutions, **create and present** solutions using media center makerspace materials

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: #bookthemes - students will create a hashtag about changing our world (based on a book) and pose for a picture with the novel

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Selfie Quotes** – students will present and be photographed with inspirational quotes from literature – based on the theme.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Theme Memes – based on literature, students create theme memes based on literature

**Middle School Art Club** will create backdrop for images as well as hallway display. All pictures will be on display in the media center (or front office) in the form of a Presentation.

**6-8 grade ELA classes** will also be preparing for author visit – which will be hosted 8:30-11:30 on Feb. 3, 2017. Polly Holyoke, author of The Neptune Project, will be spending the morning with middle school students presenting on her life as an author and hosting a writers' workshop. The Neptune Project is a Sunshine State Novel for grades 6-8.

Entire school: All students are invited to participate in the Legos in Literature competition



# Legos and Literature Contest

Deadline: January 23 - 26

The Patriot Oaks Media Center is hosting a Legos and Literature contest during Literacy Week. Charger students are invited to create a Lego display that depicts a scene or character from a favorite book. Bring in your project to the POA media center and enter it into our contest during the week of January 23-26. All entries must be received by 3:00 on January 26 to be eligible for prizes.

#### Contest Rules:

- Build a LEGO creation that represents a character, setting, or any other feature from a favorite book.
- 2. Students must use LEGO pieces from home and must create their LEGO display outside of school.
- 3. Commercially-made characters may be used as part of a larger original literature-based LEGO display. (Ex.- a Harry Potter LEGO piece may be used, as long as it's as part of a larger Hogwarts castle display that you create.)
- 4. LEGO creations may be completed by individuals or groups of students.
- 5. LEGO creations must fit on a base no larger than a 12" square.
- 6. LEGO creations can be stationary or include movement.
- 7. To enter a LEGO display, complete the entry form and turn it in to your teacher no later than Friday, January 13. Only the entry card needs to be turned in by Jan. 13. Actual LEGO displays will be brought to school media center the week of January 23.
- 8. Print out a color copy of your book's cover (from Amazon, Google images, etc.) and place it in the top-right corner of the entry form.
- All LEGO displays must be taken home on Friday, February 3, except for the 3 winning LEGO
  creations which will be displayed in the trophy case.
- 10. Winners will be announced on January 27. The top three (3) LEGO displays will be selected by a panel of judges. Winning LEGO creators and their LEGO displays will be featured in the Patriots Press Newsletter and presented with a special certificate! Winning displays will be chosen based on originality and creativity.
- 11. Prizes: Three winners will be chosen to receive \$25 worth of Book Bucks for the Spring Book Fair.

HAVE FUN and BE CREATIVE!!!! If you have any questions, please see Mr. Richards in the Media Center or contact him by email at david.richards@stjohns.bt2.fl.us

# **CODECADEMY INFORMATION**

# Codecademy









# "Extreme" Grades 3rd-5th

- Dates: Extreme Tuesdays, 1/10,1/17,1/24,1/31, 2/7, 2/14
- Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m. (Please be available to pick your student up @ exactly 4:00 p.m. if they are NOT extended day students)
- Room location: Technology room 820

# Codecademy









#### "Recruit" Grades K-2nd

- Dates: Recruit Thursdays,
   1/12,1/19,1/26,1/31, 2/2, 2/16.
- Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m. (Please be available to pick your student up @ exactly 4:00 p.m. if they are NOT extended day students)
- Room location: Technology room 820

# FUNDRAISER TO HELP BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

# BE THE CHANGE



AND Patriot Oaks Academy COULD WIN THE SOUPer BOWL TROPHY January 23-27, 2017



Help Blessings in a Backpack's

"Feeding the Future of St. Johns County"

By dropping a coin or two to help feed a fellow student in need.

This is a county wide contest and the school who collects the most change, will win with SOUPer Bowl Trophy!

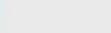


Collection buckets will be placed around the school between January 23-27. Winner will be announced at the SOUPer Bowl Event on February 2, 2017 at Nease High School.

# PARENTING SEMINAR

# Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30pm **At Patriot Oaks Academy**





Parenting Seminar, "Parenting the Snapchat Generation", includes: What makes student issues different today than when you were young?

How do I get to the heart of my child?

Internet rules to live by, the latest apps your child is using, and parental controls!

The top three things parents need to DO BY EXAMPLE for their children! Three essential things your children must OBSERVE from you!

And much more!!

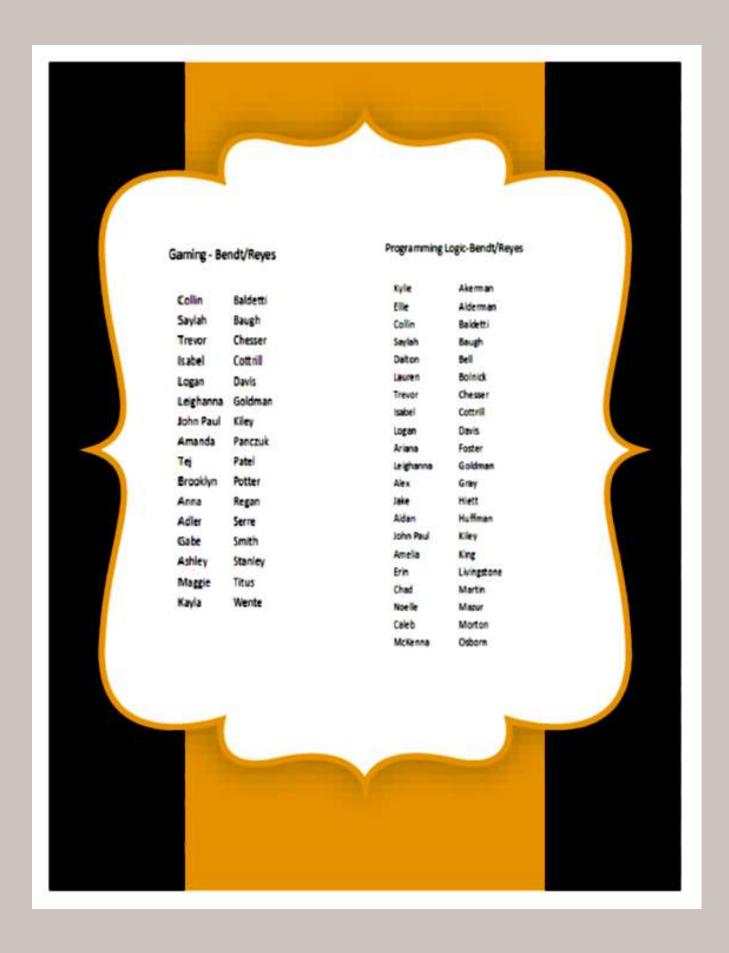
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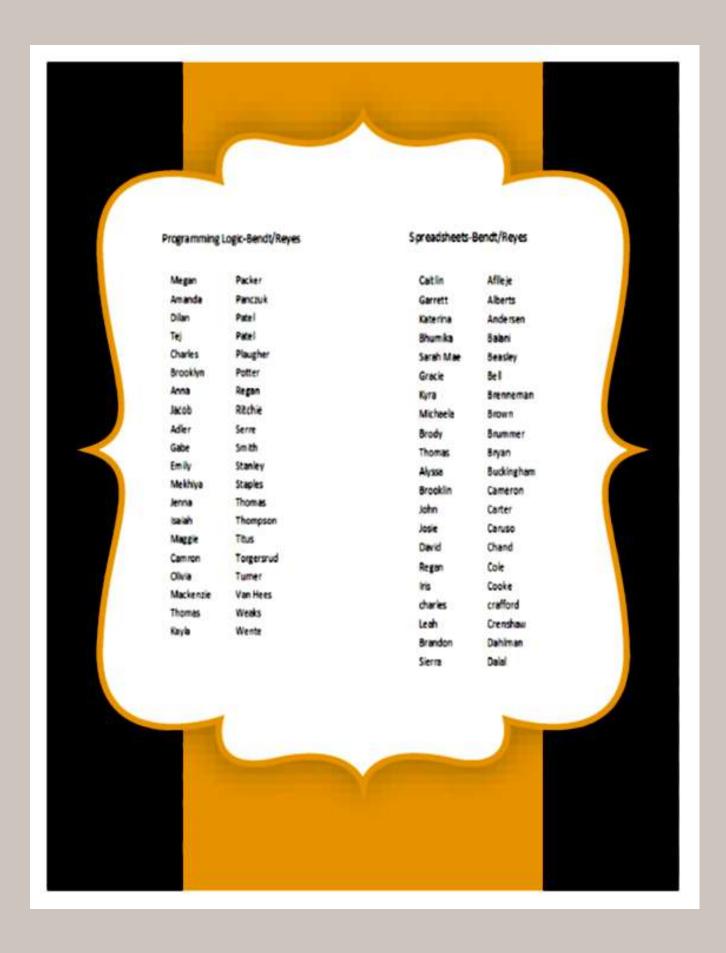
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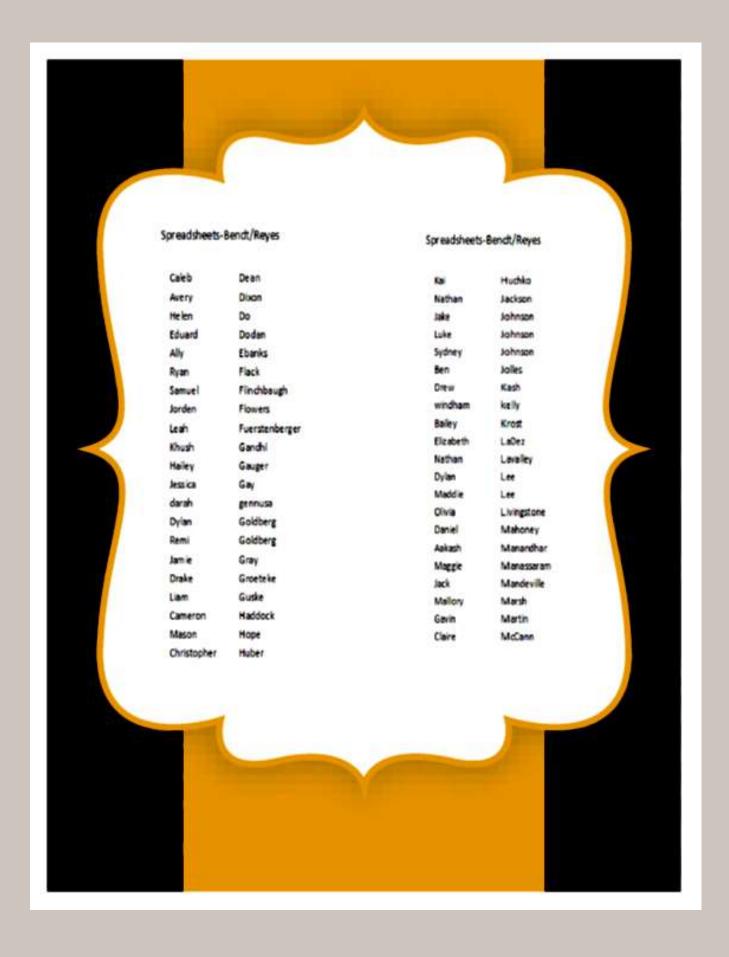
Assembly is open to all Patriot Oaks Academy Parents

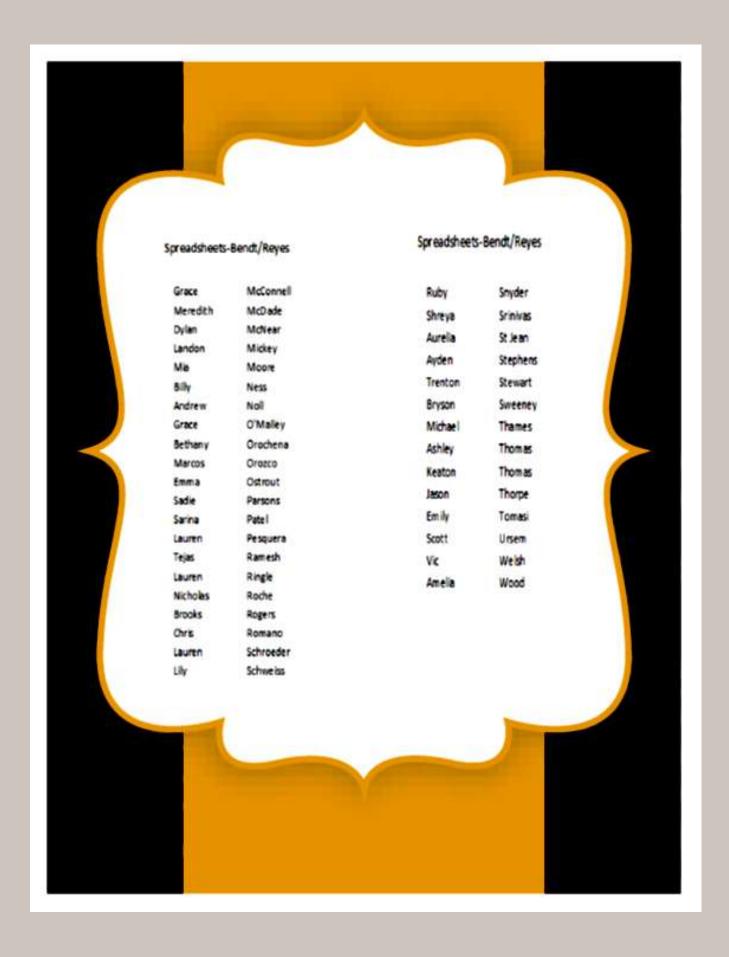
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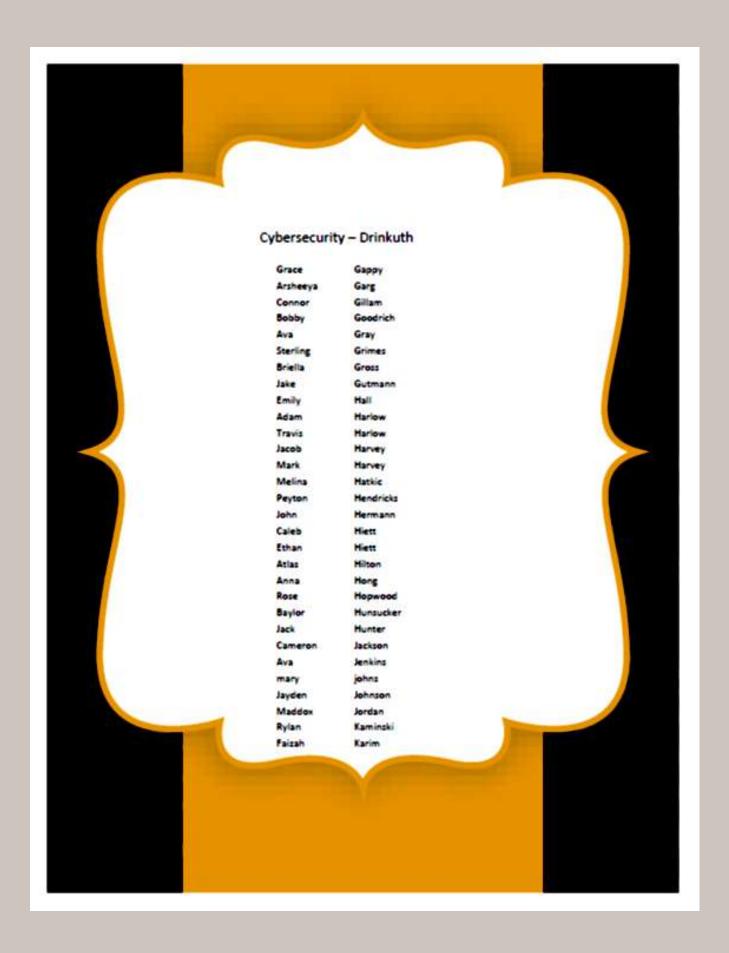


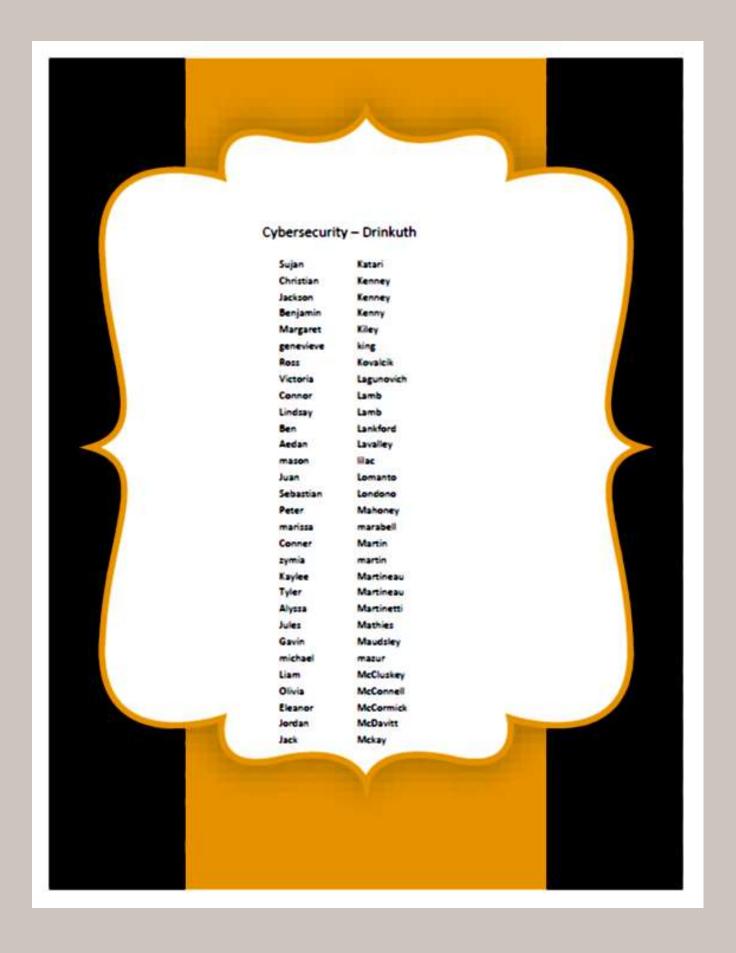


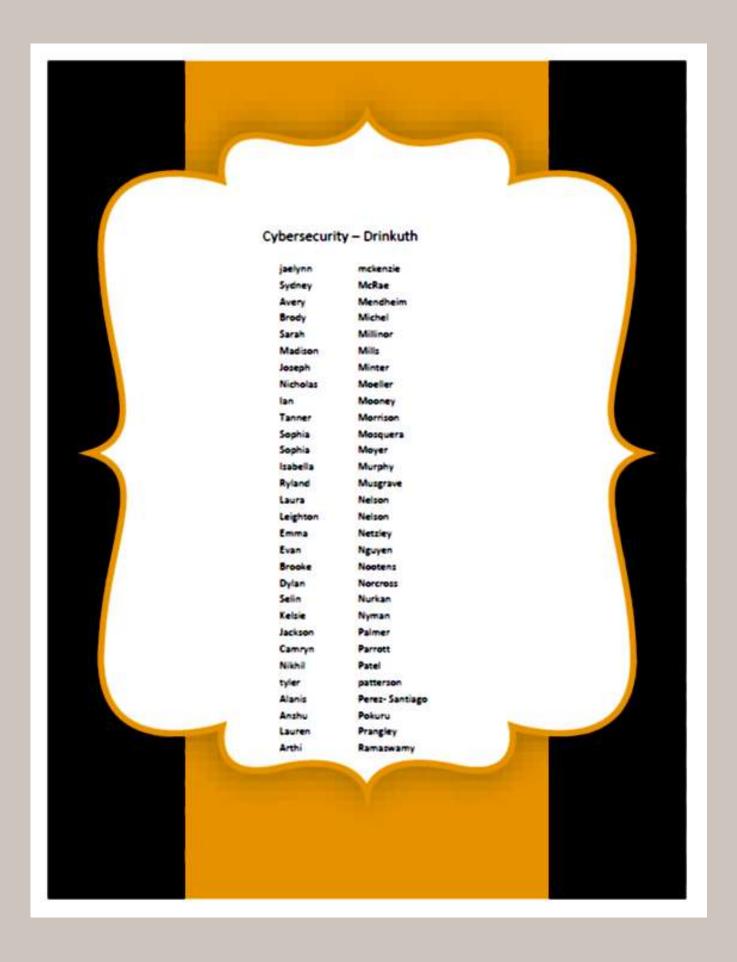


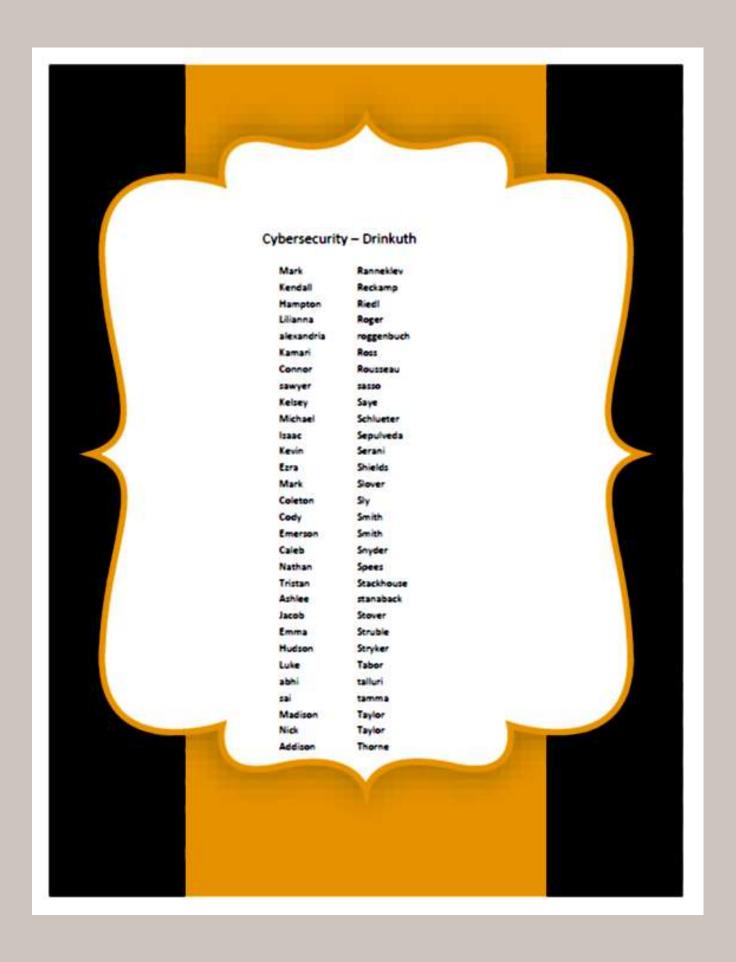


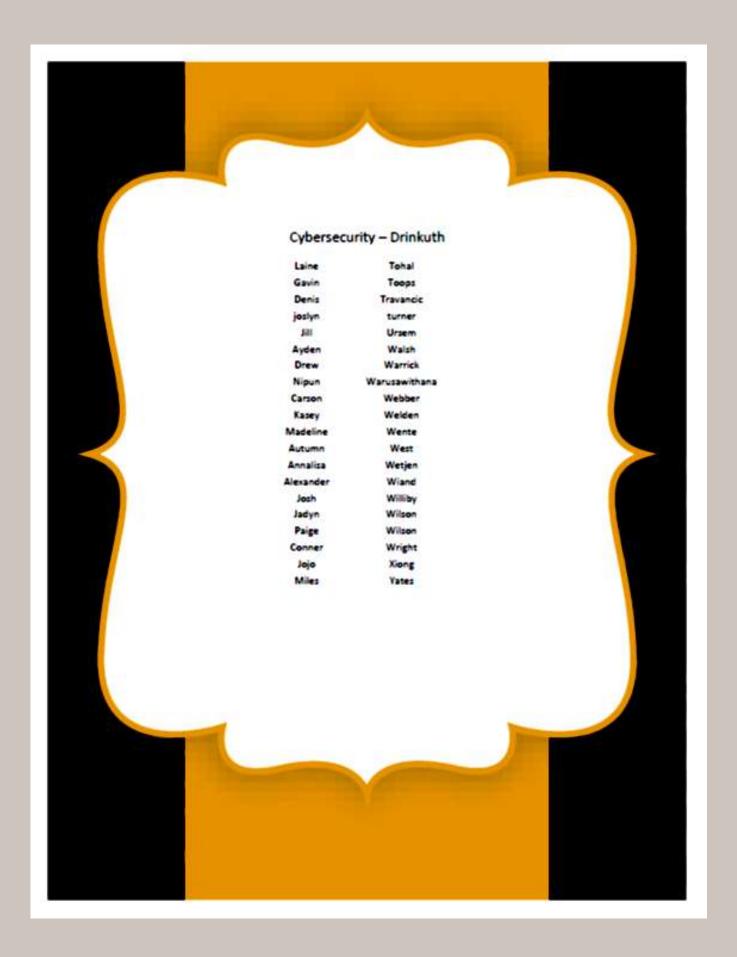


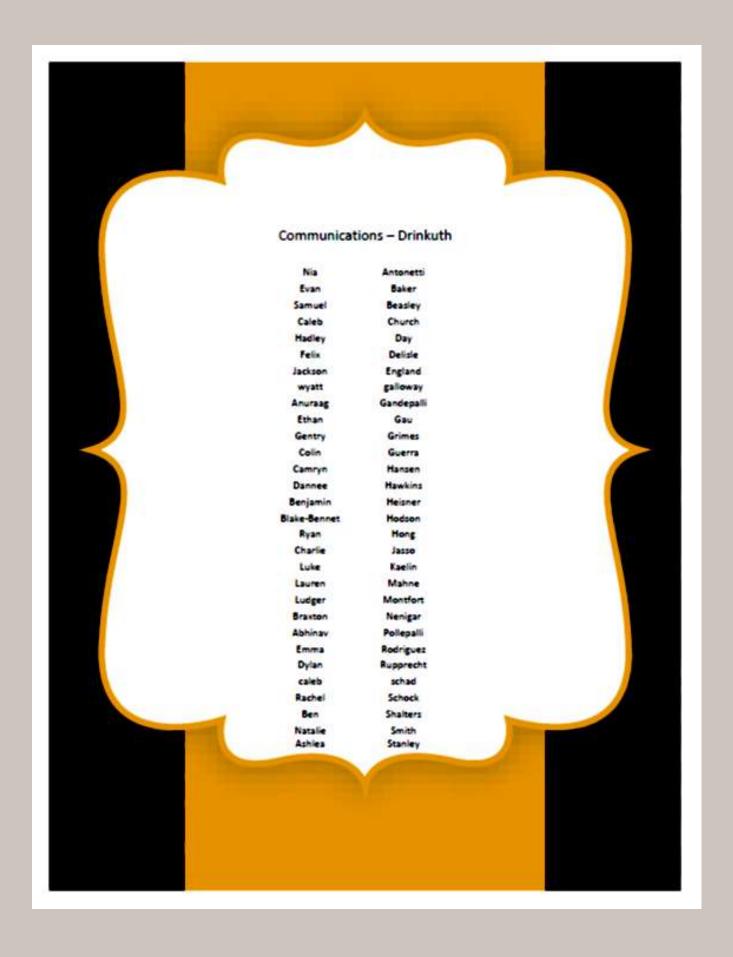


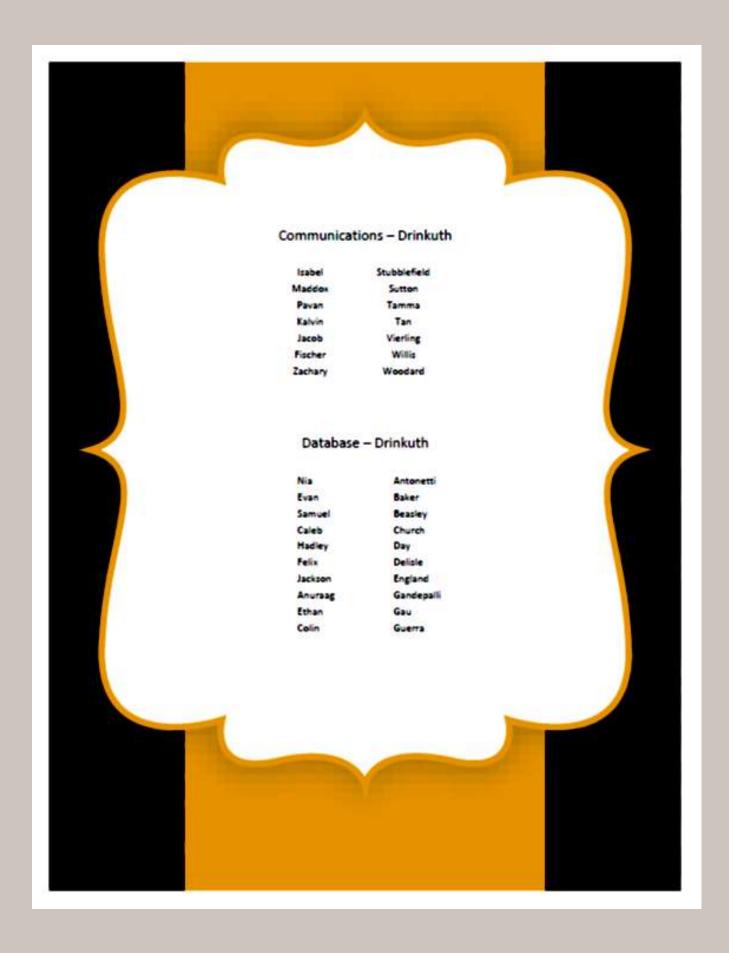






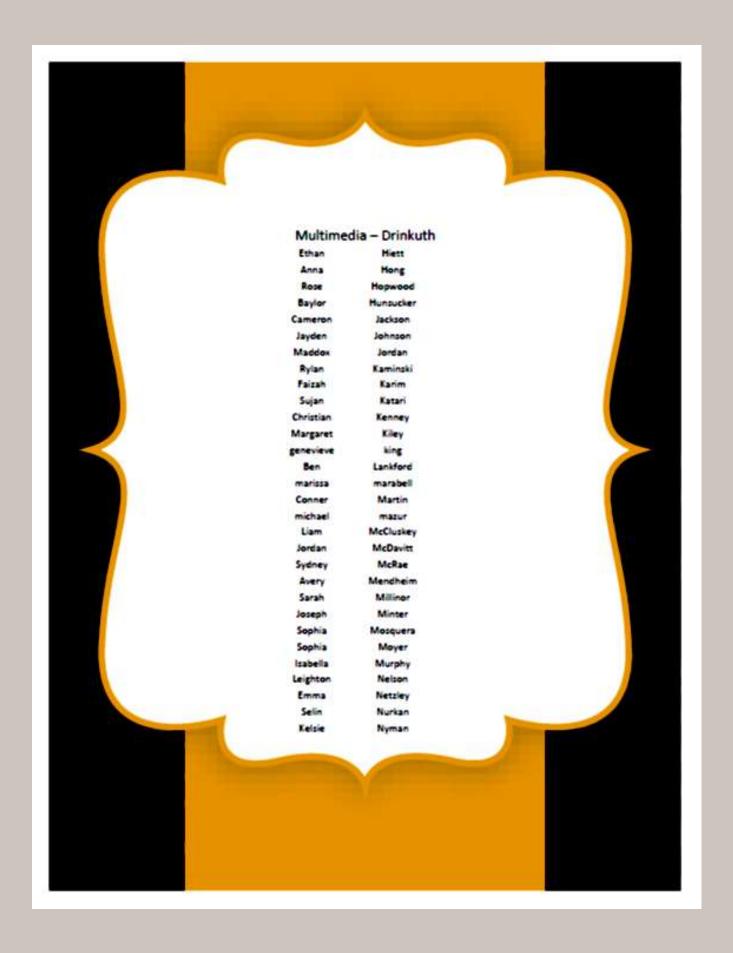














# CHARACTER COUNTS! In St. Johns COUNTS! St. Johns County SIX PILLARS 6 | A | A | A | A | FRUN - WALK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017, 9 A.M. PALENCIA ELEMENTARY



Register by January 14, 2017, to recieve a performance tech t-shirt and other goodies from sponsoring businesses and community organizations! The first 500 finishers will receive a collectible dog tag.

REGISTER AT: RACESMITH.COM/RACES/CHARACTERCOUNTS.HTML