



OMES at-a-Glance



News for Otis A. Mason Families December 2024

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Manatee Highlight: Our First Grade Team



Our incredible First-Grade Team is made up of (pictured left to right) Mrs. Miller, Ms. Ana Vazquez, Mrs. Tanner, Mrs. Sellers, Mrs. Villarreal, Mrs. Austin, and Ms. Angelina Vazquez. This united and dynamic team works hard to provide an enriching and fun environment for our first-grade students.

Do you have a first grader? Our team recommends that you read with your child for **20 minutes every day**-make it a routine! Depending on the reading level of your child, these 20 minutes can be spent with YOU reading to your child OR YOUR CHILD reading to you! My favorite idea is to take turns. Read to your child first and then have your child read to you! It is a magical time to spend together enjoying the magic of a good book. My daughter and I will take turns reading lines or pages!

First Grade wants your child to continue learning over break! Don't forget to complete your Winter Passport to Learning. The passport will be linked on the homepage of our website and will be sent home in your child's communication folder. In addition, remember that you have free access to our [student resources on CLEVER](#). This includes free, 24/7 tutoring with Varsity Tutors. Finally, don't forget the FREE resources at your local, public library! They have age-appropriate story times and crafts that will get your child interested in learning, reading, and growing! <https://sjcpls.org/>



Winter Holiday Break December 21st -January 6th. Don't forget the Winter Passport!

Friday, December 20th is an Early Release Day!

Don't forget to keep learning and growing while you enjoy your winter break. Complete your Winter Passport to Learning and earn a ticket to THE PARTY! [Click here for your child's Winter Passport](#) (also sent home in your child's folder). Your child should submit the completed passport to his/his teacher after break. Once submitted, your child will get a ticket to the Passport party!

COME SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL!



Where: McDonald's!
(37 Epic Blvd.)

When: Tuesday, December 10th

Time: 4:00pm-7:00pm

The teacher who has the most students attend the Family Night will win **FREE Happy Meals** for the entire class!



Parents,
Bring this flyer in during the Family Night and McDonald's will donate 30% of your purchase back to Otis A. Mason Elementary PTO!
Please don't forget to fill in your teachers name for your chance to WIN a Free Happy Meal!

Teacher's Name: _____

Connect with our PTO at otismasonpto@gmail.com

Donations: <https://bit.ly/welovemason>

Birthday Marquee: <https://bit.ly/mason-birthday-marquee>

Birthday Rock: <https://bit.ly/otismasonrock24-25>

Spirit Wear: <https://bit.ly/masonspiritwear>

Volunteer: <https://bit.ly/otismasonvolunteers>

Calendar: Save the Date:

December 10th: McDonalds Spirit Night

December 20th: Early Release Schedule

December 21st -Jan 6th: Winter Break

January 3rd: Faculty and Staff return from break

January 6th: Classes resume for students

January 16: Report Cards in HAC; SAC and PTO meetings in the Media Center at 3:15pm

Title I information and FAQ

What does it mean to be a "Title I" School? Our school will be receiving federal grant money to help support our low-income families and to improve our community partnership. **Is there anything that I, a OMES family member, need to do?** Get involved! You are invited to all of our many community events and to communicate regularly with your child's teacher. In addition, please log into the testing portal and view your child's progress monitoring so far! (See below) **Where can I read more about Title I?** You may find them all on our website:

[Parent-Student Compact](#) and [Compact \(en Espanol\)](#)

[Parent Right to Know](#) and [Right to Know \(en Espanol\)](#)

[Principal Family Engagement Plan](#) and [Plan \(en Espanol\)](#)

Do you have more questions regarding Title I? Please contact our Title I Parent Liaison, Mrs. Waler, at 904-540-8455.

How to Access the Family Portal



The Family Portal provides a central location for your student's assessment results.

The Family Portal can be used to:

- access your student's results for FAST Progress Monitoring testing, EOCs, Statewide Science, Retakes, the Florida Civic Literacy Exam, and the Florida Alternate Assessment.
- access prior statewide assessment results.
- print score reports.

How can I access the Family Portal?

- At the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal: <https://flfast.org>
- Or at the direct link: <https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/>

What information do I need to log in to the Family Portal?

- Your student's unique 6-digit access code (found in HAC under the Registration tab).
- Your student's date of birth.
- Your student's first name as it appears on their official school record.

What information can I find on the Family Portal?

- Your student's results from Fall 2020 through present.
- Your student's Individual Student Reports with interpretative guides.
- Glossary
- FAQs
- Performance Levels

Where do I get the Access Code?

The code can be found in the Home Access Center (HAC) under the Registration tab. The code will be located on the right side of the page under Additional Information.

Otis A. Mason is Running for Good Character-Join our Team!

12TH ANNUAL
CHARACTER COUNTS! In St. Johns County
6K3K
RUN • WALK
Saturday, February 1, 2025
9 A.M.
Palencia Elementary School



Register by December 31, 2024, to receive a race t-shirt and other give-aways from sponsoring businesses and community organizations!



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Happy Holidays



Wreath of Unity

Upon the door, the wreath is tied,
A circle where our hearts abide.
Its branches strong, its ribbons bright,
A symbol bound in shared delight.

It crowns our school, a home, a guide,
Where dreams are nurtured, minds collide.
Each leaf a name, each bough a hand,
Together strong, united we stand.

Through changing seasons, let it show,
The power of the bonds we grow.
A timeless gift, a light, a flame,
Our school, our hearts, one and the same.

Seasons Greetings,

Otis A. Mason Elementary School