

# The Shining Star Chronicle

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FKS an "A" School 13 Years In A Row

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## Office Hours

Monday - Friday 7:30 – 4:00 pm

## Supervision/ Morning Breakfast

There is no supervision before 8:10 each day. Please allow your children to remain in your car until this time. All students must report to the cafeteria. If you bring your child to school and they eat breakfast, please be here no later than 8:15 am. Breakfast is served each day for 8:10-8:40 am. **Breakfast will not be served after 8:40 am.** Students enter classrooms at 8:40am. Our school day begins at 8:45 am

## Afternoon Dismissal

Please remember that all students being picked up need to exit at the west side of the building. For the safety of our students, we will continue to reinforce the policy that cars line up in a single line. Parents are asked to wait for their children to be brought to the car by a staff member. In addition, we will not accept any dismissal changes after 2:30 pm.

## Tardy Students and Early Pick Up

We guard instructional time. Every time a child enters late or is picked up early, not only does it disrupt their education, but the teacher and entire class. Please continue to refrain from having your child arrive late or from picking him/her up early. Please be reminded that 5 tardies and/or 5 early pickups in a nine week period will result in 1 unexcused absence. Students entering school after **8:45 a.m.** are considered tardy and must be escorted to the office by a parent to sign them in. Thank you for your assistance with this very important matter. **Remember, no changes in dismissal may be made after 2:30pm each day.**



## I Dress Neat at F.K. Sweet

Your children look absolutely wonderful each day! Thank you for supporting and encouraging your children to follow the FKS mandatory uniform policy that was approved by the School Advisory Council. Please read the Uniform Policy and consequences in the handbook that was sent home with your child the first day of school.

*We would love to have your child's gently used uniform clothing that your child has out grown*

## Emergency Evacuation Plan

If you would like a copy of the FKS Emergency Evacuation Plan, you can request a copy in the front office.

## Lunch

Parents are always invited to lunch. However, if you are taking your child outside to the picnic area, they are not allowed to bring a friend. Adult lunches are \$3.00. Please sign in at the front office and receive a visitor's pass before proceeding to the cafeteria.

## Spirit Shirts

Please remember Spirit Shirts may be worn on Friday only. PE uniforms are part of the spirit day dress code. Shirts are available in the office. Spirit Shirts: \$8.00 Collared Shirts: \$15.00

## Planners

Planners are mandatory for all students K-5. If your child has lost his or her planner they are on sale for \$5.00 in the front office.

## Picture Day



School Picture day will be October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Please make sure your child is in dress code.

Dear Parents,  
September was definitely an exciting and very busy month at Frances K. Sweet! We began the month by celebrating our wonderful grandparents. We had over 450 guests visit us during the two designated days! WOW! Frances K. Sweet grandparents are "simply the best."  
During the month of September, we had around 20 parents and Business Partners attend our Volunteer/Business Partner Orientation Program. We sincerely appreciate the work and dedication of our awesome volunteers. Volunteers help us keep our school running every day. We are also matching volunteers as mentors with children. These mentors are committing to come every week to make a difference in a child's life. Families also help us attract business partners. The School Business Partner Program enhances many programs that we have at school. Some businesses provide incentives for STAR Student of the Month Assemblies, Honor Roll Assemblies, and others provide financial support. Thanks to your continued support and outstanding involvement, Frances K. Sweet received the "Five Star" Award from the Florida Department of Education for the fourteenth consecutive year. Again, thank you for a fantastic beginning! Working together, F.K. Sweet will continue to "SHINE" and our students will continue to reach for the "STARS."  
You are simply the "BEST!"

## Juanita Wright, Principal



### Picking Up Children on Time



All parent pick-up children must be picked up at 3:15 pm. *If you are unable to pick up your child at this time, please consider making arrangements with the YMCA on campus for aftercare.* There are registration forms in the office and cafeteria.

### Mark Your Calendar

On Early Release day's school ends at 1:15pm. The dates for the year are as follows:

10/28, 11/25, 12/18, 1/27, 2/24, 3/18, 3/30, 4/16, 5/25-27

### Family Vacation

When planning your family vacations, please be mindful of the school calendar. There is a copy of the yearly calendar in the front office and online at [www.stlucieschools.org](http://www.stlucieschools.org). Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

### STAR STUDENT

The Star Student Award will be given to one student in each class in grades K-5

✓Stay Safe

✓Take Responsibility

✓Always be engaged

✓Respect Others

#### Dates of the Star Student Award Ceremonies:

10/28, 11/25, 1/27, 2/24, 3/30, 4/27, 5/25

All assemblies are at 9:00 am in the Cafeteria. Parents & family members can report to the front office first.

### September Star Students

**Kindergarten:** Harlow Jouver, Lucianna Galinis, Justin Ingram, Yara Babadjide, Lea Munoz, Brooke Aktinson

**1<sup>st</sup> grade:** Myressa Pratt, Camryn Monroe, David Horne, Jorge Belmontes, Kyra Burton, Julia Belulovich

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade:** Chyanne Creel, Ireland Wagerer, Jeremiah Clark, Teequavius Mills, Jayden Howard, Alexis Musselman

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade:** George Valcin, Jayna Baptiste, Noelle Byrne, Josh Banate, Ava St. Hilaire, Lan'i Chambers

**4<sup>th</sup> grade:** Skylar Monroe, Chelsea Gill, Ricardo Guzman, Alexandra Watson, Camila Alarcon

**5<sup>th</sup> grade:** Reis Wiglesworth, Iliana Dias, Neida Gamez, Bella Lot

### Kindergarten News

Kindergarten students have been working hard on the STAR expectations and building new relationships with each other. We know how to write our names properly, listen for directions, and how to be a great friend. We are focusing on letter sounds, sight words, and working with numbers 0-10, all while being engaged and having fun. Kindergarten is fantastic!

### Business Partners

We would like to thank our Business Partners. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

*Nelson's Family Farms*  
*Pepsi*  
*Donut Circus*  
*Massimo's Pizza and Pasta*  
*The Gould Family*  
*The Franklin Family*  
*The Leonard Family*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

2nd grade has incorporated a new reading program called 100 Book Challenge. It encourages children to read more of the books they like, at their own pace, and at their independent reading level. Research suggests that the more books children read, the greater chance they have to succeed in school and beyond. **READ, READ, READ!**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

First Graders have been so busy! In math, we began the year by learning how to define two-dimensional shapes by their attributes. Next, we moved to understanding place value within 20. We are currently working on solving and representing addition and subtraction problems within 10. The students are learning a variety of strategies to solve math problems. In reading, we have been learning how to speak and listen properly. We have also been focused on learning about characters, setting, and plot. Please continue to have your child read for 15 minutes each night. It is through this continued practice, that your child will become a fluent reader! In social studies, we have been learning about rules in our community and our school. The students have learned what the expectations are and continue to practice these expectations daily. During writing, we are focusing on proper formation of our letters and basic sentence structure. We will move into expository writing shortly. We are excited for our Character Day Parade on October 30th from 10:30-11:30. We would love to have parents and special guests line our parade route that morning! Thank you for your continued support!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News

Third grade is bursting with tons of new knowledge. We've already seen a good deal of academic growth. After reading Saving Buster and Aero and Officer Mike, third grade students were fortunate enough to be visited by Molly, a therapy dog from Southeastern Guide Dogs. We learned firsthand about the responsibilities of a guide dog. The boys and girls were so excited! As we wrap up The Nature of Science, we have the chief scientist from Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute/FAU coming to visit and demonstrate the Scientific Method. We are also working on Matter and Energy. Government and Civic Participation have been covered, and now we have moved on to Economics, including the purpose of money, import, export, why we trade with other countries, economic resources, and scarcity. Students have been mastering their multiplication facts. They are well versed in the concepts of multiplication (groups of) and division (separating equal groups). We've been playing a variety of multiplication games and learning several songs.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Fourth grade at F.K. Sweet is off to an outstanding start this school year. Our mathematicians have really proved their knowledge of number sense and place value as we just recently wrapped up our Unit 1 Place Value Unit. We have jumped right into the Unit 2 Addition and Subtraction Unit by utilizing brace maps to break apart multi-step word problems, solving equations with unknown quantities, and practicing our fluency of adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers using the standard algorithm. Continue to practice those basic facts using the XtraMath computer program at home. In Language Arts, we have been using a variety of informational as well as literature pieces of text to practice identifying the main idea of paragraphs, sections, and entire passages while identifying key details in order to summarize the text. We are continuing to practice our close reading skills by referring to specific text details when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. Our various readings have allowed us to review the roles of scientists as well as the properties and states of matter as we practice our Reading skills and strategies. We are looking forward to attending the production of the "Wizard of Oz" at Lincoln Park Academy on November 13th. Please make sure to return field trip permission slips and money as soon as possible. The 4th grade teachers are also busy finalizing plans and costs for the exciting St. Augustine Field Trip that will also take place in November. More information will be sent home soon!

### Guidance Corner

Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students have begun taking the Comprehensive Exams in reading, math, and science. These exams give us a baseline for instruction and help teachers target missing skills for each of these areas. In addition, students in K-5 will begin taking the EasyCBM exams that look at letter naming, letter sounds, reading fluency, passage reading fluency, reading comprehension, and math. Near the end of September we will begin the election process for our Student Council. Students in third, fourth, and fifth grade will be elected as a class representative and class reps for fourth and fifth grade can run in our general election for the offices of Treasurer, Class Historian, Secretary, and Vice President. Only fifth grade reps can run for the office of President. I look forward to a great year and wish all students my best!

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News

The students are off to a great start in reading. They have mastered the skills of compare/contrasting characters, summarizing a play, and point of view. They are working diligently on their daily language skills, and learning to support their writing with evidence. In social studies we are beginning our Native American Unit. Please encourage your child to read each night. In math we have finished our unit on multiplication and division. We will be using these skills throughout the year, so please keep practicing the basic facts for both multiplication and division. Please utilize XtraMath at home. This program helps build fluency with basic facts. In science we are starting a unit on matter and chemistry. This is Unit 4 in the Science Textbook. Please be sure you are reviewing both the math and science interactive notebooks as review and help with homework.

### Box Tops

1. Buy 3 or more Box Tops for Education items in one transaction at Sam's Club between 8/1/15 & 7/3/16.
2. Snap a picture of the receipt showing date, UPC codes and total purchase amount. Send picture to [samsclub@btfereceipts.com](mailto:samsclub@btfereceipts.com) by July 17, 2016 and receive a unique code.
3. ENTER YOUR CODE at [samsclub.com/boxtops](http://samsclub.com/boxtops). By July 31, 2016. Sam's Club will award our school the eBoxTops you've earned.



Also, become a member for Box Tops for Education at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

### News from Coach Morales- P.E

The New Year is off to a great start! Students from kindergarten to second grade have been working on their loco-motor skills. The skills of running, skipping, hopping, and jumping in a modified form has help these grade levels understand their importance. As for third through fifth grade, they have been working on the different aspects of "Flag Football". These grade levels have worked on the importance of changing direction, offensive and defensive strategies. For the rest of the first nine weeks, kindergarten and first grade will be working on dynamic balance. Second grade will begin working the first stages of basketball. Third through fifth grade will start working on the different aspects of soccer. I just wanted to say, "It has been a pleasure to work with your children during our "fun" P.E. time! Any question, do not hesitate to contact me.



## OCTOBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2 A	3 B
4	5	6 SAC Meeting 7:30 am C	7  School Picture Day Please make sure your child is in dress code D	8 E	9 A	10 B
11	12 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Fire Safety- Parks & Hellums 1:00 pm C	13 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Fire Safety-Cullins & Taylor 1:00 pm D	14 Gr. 3 Scientist Visit -Lion's Den E	15 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Fire Safety- Newbern & Langel 1:00pm End of 1 <sup>st</sup> nine weeks PBIS Dance A	16 Student Holiday- No school	17
18 Bus	19 Safety Week →	20 "Bully Free Zone"	21	22	23 PBIS: 4H \$1.00 Kindergarten Field Trip to Green Meadows Farm E	24 A
25	26 B	27 C	28 Early Release 1:15pm Star Student 9:00 am D	29 E	30 KG- Sense Celebration Gr. 1 Character Parade Report Card Day E	31 Halloween  A

