

# Ocelot Review

## May 2, 2023

Ortega Elementary – 4010 Baltic St, Jacksonville, FL 32210

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Principal – Shannon Rose-Hamann; Assistant Principal – Kenneth Fraley

Fortify Florida to report suspicious behavior - <https://getfortifyfl.com>

### TESTING TIPS

May is a month with lots of chances for our students to display their knowledge on standardized tests. Our teachers and students have been working hard to make sure our kids have mastered the standards that they will be tested on. However, we could use your help making sure our students are at their absolute best on test days. Here are 3 simple ways you can help:

- ❖ Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing. Set a bedtime and create a 20-30 minute routine prior to bedtime where you child can wind-down (free of electronics). This is a good time to read a book together.
- ❖ Make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast. We do have free breakfast available for all of our students at school. So, if your child does not eat at home then please remind him/her to take advantage of breakfast at school.
- ❖ Send your child off with positive and encouraging words. We know mornings can be rushed and stressful, but try to focus on the positive so that your child starts the day feeling good about him/herself.

If you have specific questions about when your child will be testing, please reach out to his/her teacher. Our students are AMAZING and we know they are going to FANTASTIC on all of their assessments!

### CALENDAR

#### May

- 5: All Pro Dad 7:45 AM
- 5: Flag Raising 8:40 AM
- 8- 12: Teacher Appreciation
- 9: ELA FAST Test
- 11-12: Science FCAT
- 12: Green Party
- 16: Math FAST Test
- 17: Read USA Book Fair
- 18: PTA Meeting 5 PM
- 19: LiveSchool Shop
- 23: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Ceremony
- 24-31: Grade 5 Starbase Trip
- 24: Grades K – 4 Play Day
- 26: Celebration BBQ
- 29: No School
- 31: Talent Show

#### June

- 1: Class Parties
- 2: Last Day of School

## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF LEARNING

## PTA

Our next PTA meeting will be Thursday, May 18. We will be voting in our officers for next year so please plan to attend. We are still looking for more parents to be involved in our PTA for the 23-24 school year so if you would like to learn more, please plan on attending our next meeting.

## AWARD CEREMONIES

We will be celebrating our students and their accomplishments with award ceremonies toward the end of May. Mark your calendar so you can join us to help us recognize their hard work and achievements!

- May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Grade 5, 9:30
- May 24<sup>th</sup>, Grade 1, 9:30
- May 24<sup>th</sup>, Grade 2, 1:30
- May 25<sup>th</sup>, Grade 3, 9:30
- May 25<sup>th</sup>, Grade 4, 1:30
- May 26<sup>th</sup>, Kindergarten, 9:00

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

May is full of volunteer opportunities. Visit [www.duvalschools.org/volunteer](http://www.duvalschools.org/volunteer) to register to volunteer if you have not already done so. The process can take up to 10 business days so go ahead and complete it now. Once complete it is valid for 2 years at any DCPS school. See Dojo for a link to



current volunteer opportunities. We need all the help we can get to make the last month of school a success.

## READ USA BOOK FAIR

On May 17 the Read USA book fair will be visiting Ortega. Students will have the opportunity to pick out two free books so that they can continue reading over the summer.



## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK



Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8 – 12. Use this week to

show our teachers how amazing they are! Make sure to send in some token of appreciation – this can be a note, a drawing, a flower, a favorite candy, a small gift, or a giftcard. Also, be sure to check Dojo for some ways you can help PTA treat our teachers.

## LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found area is still overflowing with jackets. If your child is missing a jacket please have him/her visit the area in the cafeteria during his/her lunch time.

## EARLY DISMISSAL LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Remember, May 30 – June 2, school will be dismissed at noon.