



# The Tiger Growl

Proud to be an "A" school! Trimester I 2024

## A note from your Principals

As we approach the end of our first trimester, we have been reflecting on all the wonderful accomplishments and opportunities our students have had. From building friendships to exploring new subjects, it has been a fantastic start to the school year.

Our students and families have been actively engaged in various activities this trimester. They have participated in Curriculum Nights to learn about grade-level expectations; gained valuable financial literacy skills through the Suncoast Credit Union Student Run Branch; and supported our school community through the Watch D.O.G.S. program. Additionally, our kindergarten families enjoyed a fun and informative Make-and-Take Night.

We are excited to announce our upcoming Student-Led Conferences on October 18th. This is a great opportunity to see your child's progress firsthand and discuss their learning with their teachers.

To stay connected and informed, please utilize the Focus Parent Portal to access important information about your child's grades, progress reports, and state assessments. We also encourage you to connect with your child's teacher through various communication channels including conferences, the Remind app, School Messenger calls, email, and our school website and Facebook page.

Your child's attendance is a top priority. Please help us ensure that they are in school every day, as even short absences can impact their learning. We ask that students be in class and ready to learn by 8:20 AM. Our student drop-off line closes promptly at 8:15 AM to ensure students have ample time to get to class before the tardy bell rings.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a wonderful second trimester together!

Mrs. Sare & Mr. Troast

# SJES Bully Information for Parents

## What is Bullying?

Bullying means to intentionally hurt someone physically, verbally or emotionally. It is unwanted, an imbalance of power, and repeated over a period of time.

What to do if you are being bullied?

S	Say something to an adult
A	Ask for help
F	Find a friend
E	Exit the area

### 3 Characters



## How to be a Friend

- Refuse to join in
- Never fight the bully
- Speak out against bullying
- Report the bullying to an adult

## Ways to Report Bullying

- Verbal Report to Any Adult
- Written Report to Any Adult
- Online Bully Button on website

## Bullying vs. Peer Conflict

The Guidance Counselor and Resource Officer are educating all students on what bullying is, how to report it, and the difference between a bully situation and a peer conflict situation.



The Bully Button can be found on our school website at [www.yourcharlotteschools.net/SJE](http://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/SJE) and on the CCPS district website at <https://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/bullying>. At the beginning of each year our we cover lessons on what bullying is and what it is not so that our students know the difference. We also let them know how they can report bullying if they see or hear it happening to themselves or a classmate.

# Parent Portal

Whether this is your student's first year, sixth year or anything in between, we must have updated information on file in FOCUS. To create an account or add a child to an existing Focus Parent Portal Account, please visit our district website at <https://focus.yourcharlotteschools.net/focus/>



If you have a parent account set up and need to add a new student please select that option. You should not create another parent account. ONE account for all children who attend Charlotte County Public Schools is all you need.

If you have forgotten your password, you can select a new one by clicking on 'Forgot Password'.

Charlotte County's Focus Parent Portal provides parents/guardians a real-time view of their child's assignments, grades, attendance information, and current averages in all classes.

We will be having workshops throughout the year to get our families familiar with finding student grades online, report cards and FAST scores.

# Early Release

Early Release days are new to CCPS schools this year. There will be 4 of these days. While the school day may be short, it is still packed with lessons that your students should not miss.



## REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES OR THREATS

Students, parents, CCPS employees, and members of the community have a responsibility to report suspicious activities and potential threats to schools. Any suspicious activity or threat shall be promptly reported to one of the following individuals, agencies or reporting tools:

- School Resource Officer or local law enforcement agencies.
- School Administrator or any available staff member.
- **The FortifyFL Reporting APP** or to the Crimestoppers Tip line (1-800-780-TIPS).
- Contacting the Supervisor of District Security and Emergency Management at (941) 255-0808
- Calling 9-1-1.

**Note: Reports may be done anonymously.**



## FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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# Family Reading Center

## Mark your Calendars

On October 16 from 3:15pm to 3:45pm, Lieutenant Davoult and his K-9 SpongeBob will be at our Family Reading Center to welcome our SJE readers and their families!

Did you know that we have a Family Reading Center (FRC) on campus? We have books for all ages from Pre-K to Fifth Grade. We encourage you to bring your student(s) into the FRC on Wednesdays at 7:30am-8:15am or 3:15pm-3:45pm

*The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that pediatricians encourage parents to read aloud daily, beginning as early as six months of age (2014). Dr. Pamela High, lead author of the AAP policy, explains the aim: "... those 15-20 minutes spent reading with a child can be the best part of the day. It's a joyful way to build child-parent relationships and set a child on the pathway to developing early literacy skills."*

Do you feel that your student may have outgrown the FRC? Mrs. Clyatt has been on a mission to find titles and authors that our intermediate (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders) will enjoy. Reading is an important skill that we want to keep fostering at home, and school.

*Children between the ages of 10 and 16 who read for pleasure make more progress not only in vocabulary and spelling but also in math than those who rarely read (Sullivan & Brown, 2013).*

### References:

American Academy of Pediatrics. (2014). Policy Statement Cunningham, A. & Zibulsky, J. (2013). Book Smart. How to Develop and Support Successful, Motivated Readers. New York: Oxford University Press.



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and his K-9,  
SpongeBob

## Student-run

We are so fortunate to be able to partner with our community leaders at Suncoast Credit Union and open our very own SJE student-run branch! More than 70 students opened accounts on the very first day, and we look forward to even more. Every Wednesday morning in front of the school, your student can open an account or make a deposit into their existing account. Once they make ten deposits the credit union will also add \$5 to their account. It's a Win-Win! Help your student start making financial decisions for their future today!



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# Watch D.O.G.S.

Thank you to all the dads, uncles, grandpas, & brothers who came to our Watch D.O.G.S. kickoff for the year. We love having positive male role models on our campus throughout the year. Mrs. Clyatt still has a few open dates if you are interested in being a Watch D.O.G., contact her to sign up before they are filled.



# Stay Connected

Here at SJE we have several ways to keep you connected. Please check out your options to be sure you are receiving up-to-date information from our school!



As a school we use Remind for many important reminders (i.e., rainy day dismissal). Messages go to the primary phone # on file in FOCUS. Our teachers also utilize this district resource for communication to parents & guardians. Please be sure your child's teacher has the correct phone number(s) to reach you.



Agendas/folders are used by many teachers, for daily communication. They go back and forth to school and home each day. Please check and initial your child's agenda each night. If you have a question or note for the teacher, this is a great place to write it. Please remind your child to show the note to the teacher when they arrive at school.



Parent Connect phone calls allow our administration to send reminders and information via your phone. Please be sure you have an accurate phone number on record at school to ensure that you are receiving these recorded messages.



Visit our school website at:

[www.yourcharlotteschools.net/SJE](http://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/SJE)

This site will allow you to access important school-based information and documents (such as our state testing schedule) so that you can plan doctor and other appointments ahead of time.



Find us on Facebook. Through Facebook we post photos of activities and lessons. We will also feature upcoming events that you will not want to miss out on.



SJE's school newsletter, "The Tiger Growl" is a great way to keep connected on important topics and school information. They will be on our school website and Peachjar.

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## PARK-N-PLAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 2024

FROM 3-5:30PM

AT THE SOUTH COUNTY PARK

670 COOPER STREET, PG

WE WILL HAVE FALL THEMED STEM AND LITERACY ACTIVITIES/GAMES.

ALL STUDENTS WHO ATTEND WILL RECEIVE A FREE BOOK AND PRIZES.

THE FIRST 100 STUDENTS WHO SIGN INTO THE EVENT WILL RECEIVE A FREE SMALL RITA'S ICE

