



Viera News

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Important Dates to Remember

- Jan 9th** - Odyssey of the Mind
- Jan 10th**- KG-2 FAST Testing Reading
- Jan 11th** - K-2nd FAST Testing Math
4th Grade FAST Testing Reading
Odyssey of the Mind
Cross Country
- Jan 13th** - Science Fair Projects Checked
- Jan 16th** - **NO SCHOOL**
office will be closed
- Jan 17th** - In-Person Awards
8:15 Kindergarten 8:50 1st Grade
9:20 2nd Grade
3, 5 & 6th FAST Testing Reading
Odyssey of the Mind
- Jan 18th** - 3-6th FAST Testing Math
Club Photos
Odyssey of the Mind
5-8 pm Spirit Night
Tijuana Flats
- Jan 19th** - **Report Cards Issued**
- Jan 20th** - Pottery Club
- Jan 23rd** - In-Person Awards
8:15 5th Grade 8:50 3rd Grade
9:20 6th Grade 9:50 4th Grade
3:00 pm PTO Meeting
Odyssey of the Mind
- Jan 24th** - Kindness Club (K-2)

- Jan 25th** - Cross Country
Odyssey of the Mind
- Jan 26th** - **Class Photos**
5-6:30 pm Parent Conference
Night (apt. only)
- Jan 30th** - Odyssey of the Mind
- Jan 31st** - **School Science Fair**
Science Fair Awards Evening

Media News

In Media news, mark your calendars for our spring book fair! The fair will run the week of April 24-28.

In Media, students are focusing on basic computer tasks such as copy and paste and moving images forward and backward. We had fun copying and pasting by creating custom cupcakes! We are also beginning our discussion on digital citizenship with a lesson on creating a strong password.

Did you get a new digital device over the break? Be sure to download Brevard Public School's ebook app, SORA! This app is free to use and students can log in using their BSP credentials. The app has ebooks and audio books. This app is free for all BPS students.



FAST Testing

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring tool that will be administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year. Your student's results from PM2 are for informational purposes only, and your student's school will provide you with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

Students in Kindergarten through first grade will take Renaissance Star Early Literacy and Star Math assessments on January 10th and 11th and Students in grade 2 will take Renaissance Star Reading, and Star Math assessments. (Students with testing accommodations may test on different dates within the testing window)

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds, and each student will see different questions. If you or your student would like to review Star Early Literacy or Star Math sample items at home, sample test items are available at <https://flfast.org/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star>.

Students in grades 3-6 will take the Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Reading assessments on January 17th and the Mathematics assessment on January 18th. (Students with testing accommodations may test on different dates within the testing window)

For more information on the test design, please visit <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Jessica Mostowski at mostowski.jessica@brevardschools.org.

For more information about the FAST program, please visit the portal at FLFAST.org.

Volunteer/Judges needed for Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament

Please spread the word! Each OM team is required to have at least one volunteer worker and one judge at the competition. This can be anyone over the age of 18 so they do not have to be a BPS employee. We have 3 teams so we need 3 judges and 3 volunteers. So far I have two volunteers. Volunteer workers will be assigned a 2-3 hour shift. Judges will be required to be at the competition all day. There is also a training that judges will need to attend in January. If you or anyone you know might be interested in these opportunities, please let me know! Davis.Jessica@brevardschools.org



**To all the individual parents
who brought in holiday gifts
and treats for teachers, staff,
and administration!**