

October-November 2022

Shelf-Indulgence: Where everything literally happens.

Highlights: Hispanic Heritage Month,
MakerSpace, EarlyAct and NJHS, Adobe Express

Spanish Classes Escape from the Media Center

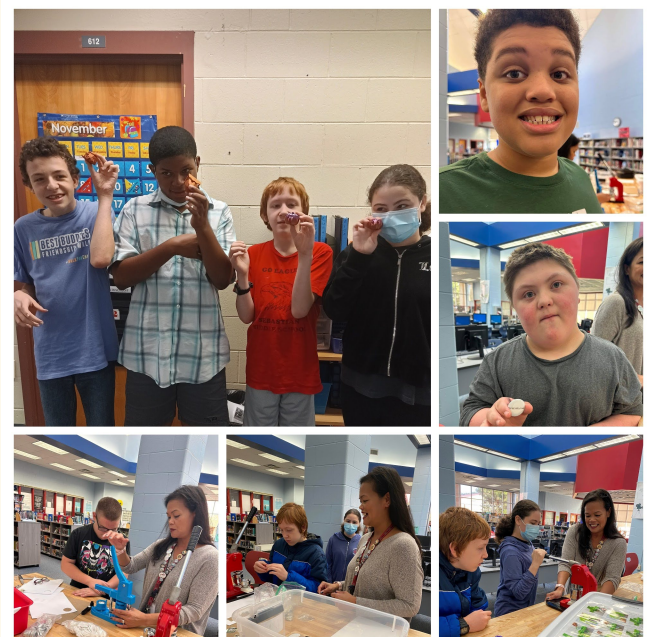
As a culminating activity for Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15) Sra. Clauson's Spanish classes participated in an escape room in the Media Center. Mrs. Barnard collaborated with Sra. Clauson on the content and Mrs. Barnard created clues that led students to the codes to unlock several boxes. Students were excited to be able to solve these problems and "escape" from the Media Center.



Access to the MakerSpace

Collaboration continues with Ms. Geraghty's math classes and Ms. Brewster's ELA classes. Ms. Geraghty had her students create 3D-printed pumpkins for Halloween. Students first created the designs through Tinkercad. Then the designs were printed on the Makerbots that Ms. Barnard received through several grants.

Ms. Brewster's students created buttons with words of kindness. They began by brainstorming the words. Then they printed the words out and used the button maker to create pins. They did this in anticipation of Literacy Week, January 23-27, 2023, for the activity of "Wear your Words of Kindness".

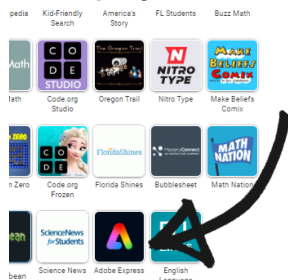


DOING GOOD WITH EARLYACT AND NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

EarlyAct (the middle school chapter of the Rotary Club) is working with NJHS to do good deeds for the community. The first act of volunteering was selling pink ribbons for Pink Up the Pace, a company that provides financial assistance for those who cannot afford early detection of breast cancer, increases public awareness of early detection, and also provides support for breast cancer survivors and their families. EarlyAct raised over \$200 for Pink Up The Pace. Currently, EarlyAct is working with the Marine Corps Toys for Tots to give less fortunate children toys for the holidays. If you have any new, unwrapped toys to donate, please bring them to the Media Center by December 13th. If you have any questions you can get in touch with Mrs. Barnard (rowena.barnard@stjohns.k12.fl.us) or Mrs. Wedge, the NJHS sponsor (lisa.wedge@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

New Techy Stuff

St. Johns County has approved a new design program. Adobe Express is now available for teachers and students to use. You can find it on the SMS Links page.



This program was rolled out through the ELA classes. It works similarly to Canva but uses the active directory sign-on so there is no need to create accounts. If you are interested in using a different design program, come to the Media Center to collaborate with Ms. Barnard.

Want to add some innovation to your lessons? Need help with Schoology or Microsoft products? Or just want a different space for your classes? Come to the Media Center and collaborate with Ms. Barnard.



Just the Facts: Media Center Statistics

Total Circulation
October 2022: 1549
November 2022: 1416

Top Grades Circulation

1. 6th grade averages 4.22 library materials
2. 7th grade averaged 2.76 library materials
3. 8th grade averaged 2.67 library materials

Top Teacher/Staff Circulation for October/November (non-class sets)

1. Sra. Clauson
2. Ms. Wedge
3. Mr. Champen
4. Ms. Hagy
5. Mr. Atkinson

Top Circulated Titles

1. Words on Fire by Jennifer Nielsen
2. The Elephant in the Room by Holly Goldberg Sloan
3. Scritch Scratch by Lindsay Currie
4. Rivals by Tom Greenwald
5. Archimancy by J.A. White