



Congratulations Teacher of the Year — Ms. Sellers

Why did you decide to become a teacher? I actually thought I would never be working as a teaching. As a college student my undergraduate major was sociology and a minor of education. I worked at an afterschool program for elementary students while attending college. After I graduated I worked at Nemours Children's Clinic as a claims specialist. My job consisted of collecting funds from various insurance companies; I was not able to interact socially with anyone besides the insurance reps via the telephone. The only social interaction occurred during lunch breaks. Although I was thankful for my job, I hated the social confinement! I knew at that moment I had to go back to what I loved, working with kids, people interacting, and making a difference in the lives of children. I then worked as a substitute teacher for 6 months, as I completed the Teach First Coast Alternative Cert. Program. After completing the program, I was accepted in the Transition to teaching program through Duval County. I worked at Smart Pope Livingston. After working in that particular program for 3 months, I was hired at Stonewall Jack-

son, my childhood elementary school. The day that changed my life!

What motivates you? Seeing my students achieve varied levels of proficiency from where they started at the beginning of the year, to where they have grown motivates me. Having a student enter the fourth grade at a level one and having that same student leave at a level 3 or higher makes me smile. Not only did I have faith in that student's ability, but they had faith in their self as well in order to achieve.

What do you like most about teaching? I like the difference in the student lives, I have made over the years. All the students remember me and our interaction which makes me very happy.

What are the three most important characteristics of an effective teacher? A teacher that is patient, understands the student's ability and the mechanisms to take that ability higher, and a teacher that knows how to use various methods to get results needed. Another important characteristic is collaborating with other teachers by building a professional learning community.

What three words would your students use to describe you? Ahmmm. Let me ask them. Nice, fashionable, adorable, outstanding (their answers) I would like to say Tough, Tough, and Tough!

What does it mean to be a teacher to you? To change the lives of students creating a pattern of greatness and excellence.

What else would you like to share about yourself? I'm honored to work at Stonewall Jackson a place that I grew up. It is a great pleasure to work with the teachers that shaped and molded me into the person I am today. Lastly, I'm greatly honored that my colleagues selected me to be the teacher of the year. I have been teaching for 3 full years and 2 weeks to be exact! Although I do not have all the teaching knowledge, I'm humble to corrective criticism and always look for ways to improve. I enjoy working with the other teachers, and I love to help others in any way possible. Collaboration is the best!



5th-Grade teacher Mrs. Warnock was one of only 1,000 winners in the nation in the 2011 Office Max "A Day Make Better Reward." Mrs. Warnock received \$1,000 in supplies, including a digital camera, a new chair and a printer. The school also received boxes full of supplies totaling \$1500 for other classrooms. Teachers spend approximately \$1,000 out of their own pockets on school supplies each year to offset school budget shortfalls and ensure their students have the necessary classroom resources for learning. Office Max's "A Day Made Better" program, in partnership with Adopt-A-Classroom, aims to help end the need for teacher-funded classrooms. Teachers are selected through a nomination process made by their Principal. **Congratulations Mrs. Warnock!**



How you can help read it forward?

Parents/Community Members

- Daily 30 minute reading contract with your child
- Take your child to the library once a month
- Ask children to talk to you about what they are reading
- Create a home library of books, magazines, short-stories, etc.
- Have a reading night with your family



Students

- Read 2 books every month that interest you
- Trade a book you have read with a friend
- Read to a younger person in your life
- Find an adult in your life to talk to about what you are reading



Volunteers are a vital part of student success in Duval County Public Schools. More than 23,000 volunteers support schools each year and the number is growing.

You can help by becoming a volunteer today.

To ensure the safety of our students, volunteers must complete an application and undergo a criminal background screening, free of charge, conducted by

our department. Each Duval County Public School has its own needs and priorities. School Volunteer Liaisons can help you fill these needs based on the priorities set by each school-leadership team. Principals will determine the final decisions regarding volunteers and volunteer opportunities at the schools.

Apply online **today** at www.duvalschools.org

The Volunteer

The Volunteer is one with a heart so sincere

No task too large, no task too small,

Who will help with anything at all.

Who will be there in the morning light,

Or help in the dark of night.

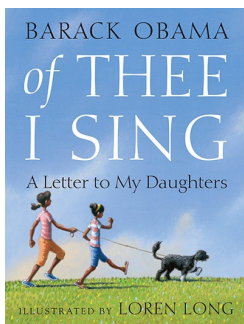
The Volunteer, our extra hand,

On whose future our Children Stand.

Never anyone so dear as a

Stonewall Jackson Volunteer!

Author Unknown



November Book of The Month

This inspirational picture book written by President Barack Obama for his daughters focuses on the lives of 13 American heroes. The list is quite diverse -- both in terms of what these heroes look like and the work that they did. Short profiles range from Cesar

Chavez, who fought for farm laborers' rights, to Maya Lin, who built the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The president's book will educate young readers about America's heroes and remind them that they can also make a difference in their world.



Why PTA ?

PTA is the largest non-profit voluntary organization committed solely to children and youth.

PTA provides structure through by-laws custom designed by each local unit.

PTA has the guidance and support of various levels -- local, county, state and national.

PTA offers a wealth of resources and information to officers and commit-

tee chairs through regular electronic communication, material kits, hand-books, bulletins, program packets, videos, legislative dispatches, magazines, and leadership training.

PTA volunteers may serve as unpaid lobbyists on the state and national level.

Delegates from local and county units vote at the Florida PTA Convention on issues that are then presented to the legislators.

PTA also has representation on important committees at the county, state and national levels.

PTA has a well-deserved reputation as a parent educator providing par-

enting materials on a variety of topics including: safety, drug and alcohol awareness, child abuse, TV violence, bullying, health, and self-esteem.

In PTA, we have a unified purpose, a higher goal. All of us working together can make a tremendous difference...for all children and young people everywhere.



Extended Day

DID YOU KNOW

YOUR CHILD CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE EXTENDED DAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FROM:

7:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.

OR

*3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

YOU CAN ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN THE EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM FOR A MONTHLY RATE OF:

\$52.00 (AM ONLY SESSION)

\$100.00 (PM ONLY SESSION, ERD included)

\$152.00 (FULL SESSION)

WHEN IN EXTENDED DAY YOUR CHILD WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING:

HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE

ARTS & CRAFTS PROJECTS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

SCIENCE/HEALTH ENRICHMENT

READING AND MATH ENRICHMENT

*If your child receives free or reduced lunch you may be eligible to receive your tuition partially subsidized by The Jacksonville Children's Commission. If you have any questions please feel free to call the school and ask for Mrs. Odom.

Shop for a Cause – Box Tops for Education

Our FIRST ROUND of Box Tops was a HUGE success. We brought in over \$213! Thank you for taking the time to cut-out these (sometimes miniature) box tops and sending them in. A special thank you goes out to Ms. Perkins church. They set up a container and collected a lot for us! This was such a great idea!

Remember to always start your online shopping at www.btfе.com/marketplace. The prices are the same on the site you are going to but if you go through the Box Top marketplace links then the school will receive electronic box tops. No Clipping!!! New stores are added all the time and when you register on the Box Top site you also have access to contest to win even more Box Tops!



Target REDcard + Take Charge of Education Program

Targets REDcard **gives YOU a 5% discount** on your Target purchases. Enrolling in Targets Take Charge of Education program **gives SJE 1%** back on your purchases.

Apply for Credit OR Debit REDcard

Apply in store at Customer Service before checking out and call the 800# to immediately enroll so that your first purchase gives 1% to SJE (*see Helpful Tips*).

OR [Download Application](http://www.target.com/tcoe) (www.target.com/tcoe) and mail it to:

Target National Bank
PO Box 5329

Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5329 (*Takes approximately 2-4 weeks to process*)

Enroll. Sign up for Take Charge of Education and designate:

School ID 40679 – STONEWALL JACKSON E S,
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32210-5177

Target Credit Card® holders and Target Visa® Credit Card (Note: Target Visa Cards are no longer offered, but existing customers can still enroll in Take Charge of Education program.)

[Enroll online now](http://www.target.com/tcoe) (www.target.com/tcoe)

Or call 1-800-316-6142 (Please leave a message if you receive voicemail-be patient.)

Or At an in-store kiosk

Target Debit Card® holders

[Enroll online now](http://www.target.com/tcoe) (www.target.com/tcoe)

Or call 1-800-316-6142

Eligible Target Business Card® holders

Call 1-800-316-6142

Shop. Target will donate up to 1% of your REDcard purchases to SJE.*

Target Donates:

- 1% of all Target Visa Credit Card and Target Debit Card purchases made at a Target store or at Target.com
- 1% of all Target Check Card purchases made at a Target Store
- 1/2% of all Target Visa Credit Card purchases made outside of Target.

Helpful Tips

Applying for your card

Apply at Customer Service before you shop. You must have a Driver License with your CURRENT address.

You will be asked to enter your SSN, birth date, and phone # on the keypad.

Your will receive a register tape with a temporary id. This tape plus a valid photo id can be used as a temporary id for to make purchases until your new card arrives (usually within 1 week).

Making your first purchase count for SJE

If you are immediately approved, call the 800# at the bottom of your receipt to enroll in Take Charge of Education before you head to the register to make your purchase. Enrolling first so your first purchase will count for SJE.

The hotline will ask your name and the last 4 digits of your SSN to verify your identity. You can then tell the name of the school or ID number.

Extra Savings

When you use your REDcard to fill five prescriptions at Target Pharmacy, you'll earn 5% off a day of Target shopping. Add that to the 5% off you already get with your REDcard purchases, and watch the savings stack up.

Can Foods Drive

Stonewall Jackson is holding its annual can foods drive from November 1 through November 17. There are tried-and-true staples for food drives but we suggest to avoid donating glass containers, buy family-sized items if possible, and exclude opened boxes or past-date goods.

Protein Foods

Protein foods are high on the list of needed staples for a food basket. High on the list are canned chicken, turkey or ham. Beef stew and soups with meat or beans are good. Canned fish, tuna, mackerel or salmon are useful. Peanut butter is an important staple for most families. Packages of dried beans or tins of beans go a long way in preparing inexpensive meals. Dried or evaporated milk can be donated. Items that are low-sodium and low-fat are preferred when available.

Carbohydrate Foods

The brick-and-mortar of food basket items are the carbohydrates. Food baskets need rice and other grains, pasta and cereal. Noodles, and boxes of macaroni and cheese are useful. Cereals should be low on the sugar. Hot cereals, such as oatmeal or cream of wheat, are staples for a food basket, as well. Dehydrated potato packets and pre-seasoned noodle dinners can be packed into a basket to fill out empty spaces.

Fruits and Vegetables

Canned fruits and vegetables are nonperishable staples to include in donations to food drives or food banks. These include tomatoes and tomato sauce, or pasta sauce. Canned peaches, pears and applesauce are important to include. Any canned vegetables, from beets to zucchini are needed. Dried fruits, like prunes and raisins, as well as dehydrated vegetables are good alternatives to canned items. Fruit juices are also welcome.

Stonewall Jackson Tutoring!

Tutoring has started here at Stonewall Jackson and is being opened to as many students as we can and may even include enrichment tutoring. This is a great opportunity for your child. Space is limited and classes are on a first come, first serve basis.

The morning tutoring session is called *Break of Dawn Tutoring* from **6:45 - 7:45 AM** and the afternoon session is called *After School Tutoring* from **3:15 - 4:45 PM**.

The Break of Dawn and After School Tutoring will begin Monday, November 7, from 6:45 AM - 7:45 AM and 3:15 PM - 4:45 PM.

If your child (children) is going to participate they must adhere to the following rules and regulations for Break of Dawn Tutoring/After School Tutoring:



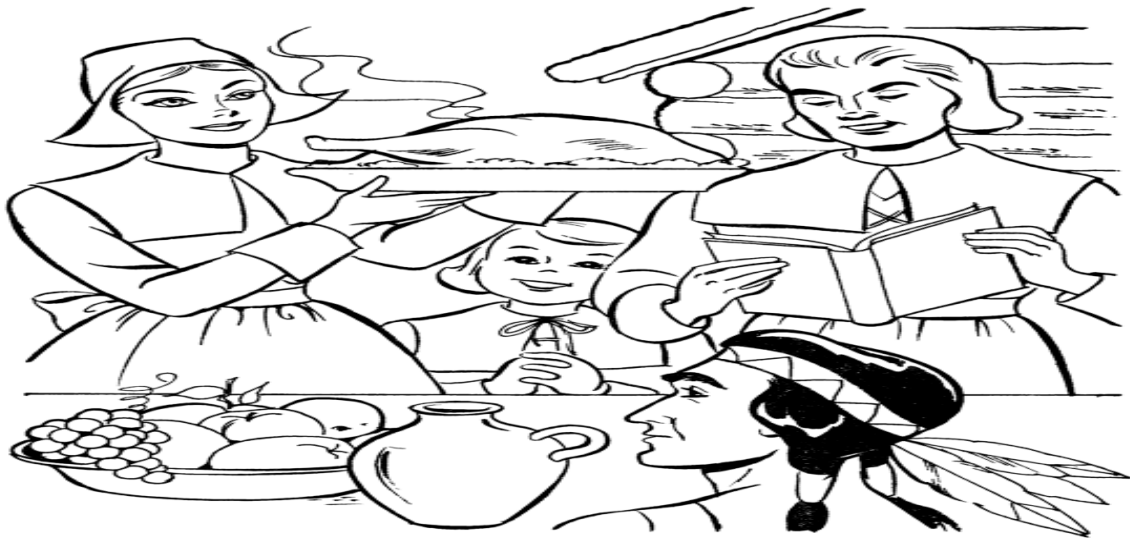
Tutoring Rules and Regulations

*Your child must arrive promptly, at 6:45 AM for the morning session.

*Your child must be picked up promptly at 4:45 PM for the afternoon session



*He/She must exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. If your child is referred to the On-Site Facilitator, twice, they will be dismissed

*Your child is allowed only two absences or late pick-ups.



Thanksgiving was first observed in 1621.

November 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Can Goods Drive	2 Early Release	3	4
7 Report Cards Go Home	8	9 4th Grade M.O.S.H. Field Trip	10 9 week Awards (in classrooms)	11  Veterans Day No School
14	15	16 Early Release	17 Parent Technology / Test Taking Night 6:30-7:30 Can Goods Drive Ends Student of the Month 1:30	18
21 Parent Thanksgiving Luncheon	22 Book Give Away (for any student at- tending a Jax. Public Library this month)	23 Weather Day	24 Thanksgiving Holiday No School	25 Thanksgiving Holiday No School
28 Weather Day No School	29	30		

Happy Thanksgiving



Let's Gobble up Box Tops and earn cash for our school!

Tape or glue one box top coupon on every turkey.

Remember to check the expiration date!

NAME _____

GRADE _____

TEACHER'S NAME _____

