

# The Royal Knight Messenger

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## Important Dates:

- Oct. 23: PTO Meeting
- Oct. 23: SIC Meeting
- Oct. 28: Q1 Report Cards
- Oct. 30: Non-Friday 1/2 Day
- Nov. 4: Non-Friday 1/2 Day

## A Message from the Principal:



I don't know about you, but I love the fall season... the cooler temperatures, the changing colors, and the settling down of the school schedule. Especially exciting this month is the clearing of trees on the new John Smith Rd. campus site. We are gearing up for an early 2015 groundbreaking and expect to be in our new campus August 2016!

Each week, students focus on key academic words that create success in their learning, so we ask that you use these words with your children on a consistent basis to help them remember to meaningfully use academic words in their everyday speech. The words covered so far are Analyze, Articulate, Cite, Compare, Contrast, Comprehend, and this week Delineate—use words you know to show, show, show.

At Royal Live Oaks we seek to teach students the key elements of leadership, teamwork, character, creativity, problem-solving, service, and identity throughout the year.

The character trait this month is PATIENCE—the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset. Boy, do we need patience. We are in temporary quarters in limited space in the process of expanding. Everyone's help is needed to be part of a well-functioning, cohesive team that works together to solve problems. We hope to be a good example of patience every day. The more we can intentionally cultivate patience in our children, the more emotionally mature and successful they will be throughout their lives. If we remain patient while being the change we want to see, we will achieve success.

## The Academic Vocabulary Minute:

### COMPARE:

“When I compare, I put things side by side and I tell how they are alike!”

### CONTRAST:

“When I contrast, I use all of my interest to find what's different!”

### DELINEATE:

“Delineate means to show-show-show, point-by-point what you Know-know-know!”

## 8A Reconfigures Friday Schedule

Everybody loves half-day Fridays. The short school day, club meetings and extra teacher think time after dismissal is sometimes the highlight of the school week. But how does it work? How do we make sure that students enjoy the time and get the learning at the same time?

The answer is that it takes some very careful and creative scheduling. Creative scheduling doesn't always go exactly as planned.

When asked to talk about the Friday schedule and whether or not it

worked, many student groups wrote careful, social or political answers: "It's fun," "It's better than full day," or "It's good we've got free time." 8A's answers were nothing like that.

"It's disorganized." "It's unnecessary." "It doesn't work." "It should be changed."

So, how did we respond? We listened. Many students recommended shifting the day to put clubs at the end, or shifting times, or shifting lunch hours to be sure all ate on time. Others had creative solutions for disci-

pline: "If kids act out, they should go back to regular classes during clubs." All in all, the responses were brilliant. So we changed it, and it worked.



Sometimes, the students have the right answers.

## RLOACS Students Play National Finance Game: Gen-I-Revolution

There aren't many people jumping head first into personal finance classes. After all, when we hear "finance" we think math... Math... MATH!

RLOACS students are attacking personal finance from another angle: learning through gaming. The Council for Economic Education's *Gen-I-Revolution* gaming program teaches the nuts and bolts of money management in RPG format, a style similar to many Playstation 3 and 4 titles.

Finance teacher, Ms. Moore was a little worried at first. "It's a little bit difficult," she admitted, "and I'm not sure the kids will get into it."

Just like always, however, kids are full of surprises. Instead of running away from the challenge, they dove right in and started trying to win finance missions.

Do you wanna play? Go to the Web site at the right and sign-up. Join the revolution!



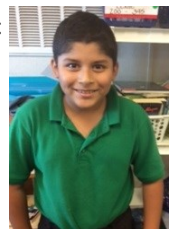
<http://www.genirevolution.org/>

## Chavira-Gonzalez, Grade 5, Rule Study Island

There's *practice* and then there's **practice**. Like many other schools, RLOACS provides every student free access to Study Island: an online software filled with class-specific lessons and practice tests for grade levels K-12 and beyond. The program allows students to watch videos about, re-

view examples of and quiz themselves on content taught in their classes. Grade 5 students, between August 1 and October 1, logged a massive **949** practice sessions, totaling **56 hours and 33 minutes** of additional practice time. Student Luis Chavira-Gonzalez, pictured right, completed 438

practice questions in that time, nearly **twice** as many as any other student in the group. **Way to go Luis! Way to go grade five! Keep working hard!**



Luis Chavira-Gonzalez

## Yearbook Staff Takes Student Profile Pics

It's hard to schedule a photographer for just the right time. All of our families have been through the difficulty of trying to get everybody in place for a picture.

So for this year's profile pictures for PowerSchool, we didn't schedule a photographer. The RLOACS Yearbook staff took on the task of taking all 544 student pictures themselves.

What does a photographer need anyway? A backdrop? As you can see in



Yearbook student uses homemade lightbox to light profile pictures.

the picture here, center, students had their own backdrop and lightbox—which they created—just for this purpose.

What do you think? Maybe instead of hiring a professional photographer

next holiday, you should just call **these photogs**. They seemed to get the job done just fine.



## 7A Owns the Drum Circle Tradition

The drum circle is not a new invention. It holds a firm place in history alongside protest and cultural movements that brought people together for good music, good vibes and support for unity in many communities.

Today, students are using the drum circle to express themselves in RLOACS Music.

Just imagine what it feels like to hear the circle drumming from the

school's field! Dancers are creating dances to go with the rhythms, and students are joining in—wherever they like—to add to the one big voice of a class's music.

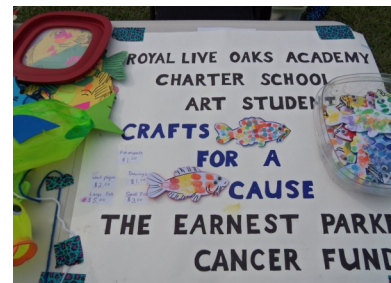
There may be auditions for a school drum circle soon. Keep your ears to the ground! There will be very few slots for students to fill.



## Art Students Raise Funds for Ailing Peer

Friends of RLOACS and Jasper County Schools student Earnest Parker know the difficulty that he has been experiencing in his fight against cancer. Last month, many grades shared their support for Earnest by making crafts to sell at Hardeeville's 2014 Catfish Festival.

Art teacher Laura Bryant manned the crafts table through rain and sunshine, Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, to take donations and move students' creations. In the end, \$70 was donated to The Earnest Parker Cancer Fund in support of his healing. We miss you Earnest! We're on your team and can't wait to see you!



# Career Corner: Art Directors

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**Career Growth:** Employment of artists is projected to grow faster than average. Competition for jobs is expected to be high because the number of people with creative ability and an interest in this career is expected to continue to exceed the number of available openings.

**Minimum Requirement::** 58% of persons in this field are educated beyond a college degree.

**Positions:** Senior Art Director; Web Art Director; Digital Art Director

**Estimated Income:** Median annual earnings were \$68,100 in May 2006.

**Knowledge/Abilities:** Design Principles; Blueprint; Applications; Programming

For more information, see <http://www.careers.org>.

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## Ponder (Think Deeply) About This...

According to the World Health Organization, 498 million people between the ages of 15 and 49 are infected with chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, or trichomoniasis (lesser known sexually transmitted diseases) every year. Many countries are trying desperately to educate young populations about the growing number of persons infected with and/or contracting STDs. The situation is so serious that pregnant mothers are now asked to be tested so that doctors can more accurately measure the chance of infection in newborn babies.

If you were in charge of communicating the seriousness of the STD epidemic in our world today, how would you reach young populations? What methods do you think are currently working to discourage risky practices that lead to STDs? What methods would you improve to save the lives of youth and newborns?

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## Character Word of the Month: Be Patient

Synonyms for **Patient**: long-suffering, uncomplaining, forbearing or stoic.

When a person is **patient**, he or she:

- is willing to wait for and expect good times when the going gets tough.
- takes time to understand strange or unusual behavior before responding.
- considers whether or not a person had a good day before judging his or her attitude.
- thinks about how to help others even when feeling personal stress.
- waits while the teacher explains a hard topic to others.
- saves money over a period of time and seriously thinks about big purchases before spending big dollars.
- listens to sisters or brothers even when they seem to be whining or crying for no reason.