

## Elementary Letter

Hello Families,

Summer is quickly approaching. Along with time for students to rest and decompress comes fewer opportunities to practice the social emotional skills they utilize daily during the school year. St. Johns county has created resources for students to continue engaging in social emotional activities. When families review the [Social Emotional Learning](#) (SEL) page of the [Mental Wellness Portal](#) on our district website they have access to those resources.

The [SEL Summer Passport](#) is a fun activity students can participate in from Second Step, a program from the Committee for Children. You can print and create a passport that your child will stamp as they accomplish the listed goals through natural social interactions.

The [SEL Choice Board](#) can be used to set weekly goals. As students complete each goal, they will practice using the skills of self-awareness and self-management among others. If you would like, you can have your child's accomplishments featured on the SJCSO social media platforms by emailing a photo with your child's name, age, grade, and school to [David.Barnes@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:David.Barnes@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

I hope these resources will be a benefit to your family during the coming summer break. Know that our school family is already planning for next school year and is excited to see what students will accomplish in 2021-2022. Thank you for your continued support.

Dr. Gates

**Please post this information somewhere on your school websites as well.**

## Secondary Letter

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The [SEL Summer Challenge](#) is a social media campaign in which student accomplish weekly goals aligned to both SEL competencies and the CHARACTER COUNTS! 6 Pillars of Character. The weekly activities will help develop valuable skills students can use throughout the summer and beyond.

[Virtual High Fives](#) is another social media campaign. However, this resource is not task based, but an opportunity for your student to share an encouraging message with their peers across the district. Our belief in St. Johns County is that there are enough messages of negativity. Instead, we want to emphasize messages of hope, help, and strength.

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