



Trailblazers in Learning

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IMPORTANT DATES

October

Responsibility

October 21, 2016

Box Tops Ends

October 25, 2016

SAC Meeting, 4 PM Room 520

October 28, 2016

Character Counts, 9:30 AM

November

Citizenship

November 4, 2016

Fall Picture Retakes

November 8, 2016

PTA Meeting

Friday, November 11, 2016

Veterans Day – Student/Teacher Holiday

November 18, 2016

Fall Carnival

Character Counts, 9:30 AM

Wednesday – Friday, November 23-25, 2016

Thanksgiving Break – Student/Teacher Holiday

November 29, 2016

SAC Meeting, 4 PM Room 520

December

All Pillars

December 1, 2016

Box Tops Begins

December 14, 2016

Teacher Luncheon

December 16, 2016

Box Top Ends

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

Second Quarter/First Semester Ends

EARLY RELEASE

RIEDL'S ROUNDUP

Celebrating our Mustang Learners!

This month we continue to celebrate the success of our students in a variety of ways! Character Counts, individual student learning gains, and most importantly, parent/teacher conferences. Conferences are my favorite time of year. Although we know and understand the importance of ongoing communication between educators and parents, meeting face to face does something more for the students.

Think how important you feel when you know people are talking about your strengths and the things you do well. I can only imagine this is how our students feel after you spend time with their teacher talking about the importance of their education. As October comes to an end, parents/teacher conferences culminate and grade cards will be distributed. I would like to challenge you to take some time to reflect over the conversations you had with teachers and to better understand your child as a learner.

First, I would like to encourage you to talk with your students. Find out what they like best about school, what subject area they feel they excel in or an area where they feel like they need support. Look at their work and ask specific questions that are relevant to them. This allows you to understand the scope of your child's learning and how to connect this to the information gained during conference time. Do this with loving care, so they don't feel like you are looking for the things they do wrong, but focus on what they are doing well.

Secondly, it is a great time to set a goal with your child. We constantly set goals for ourselves as adults and think how we feel when we achieve those goals. Our students are no different. Set an attainable goal with your child that focuses on what they do well. Let your child be creative, but specific, on what they would like to see for themselves this year. Maybe, they want to finish a chapter book in a week; maybe they will commit to doing their homework without an argument. Although these goals seem simple, they will make a great difference in your child's learning. Just the commitment alone makes a difference!

A continued thank you goes to all our families for your constant involvement, support, and encouragement that you provide to our students each and every day. The saying, "it takes a village to raise a child," has never been as important as it is today. With the increased level of rigor expected of our students to be our leaders of tomorrow, it takes all of us to educate our children, today, tomorrow, and forever! Set your goals, work to the end, and achieve EXCELLENCE! It is great to be a Mighty "Smart" Mustang!

Amanda L. Riedl, Learning Leader



Dear Parents and Families,

Our students, staff, parents and the community in general, have just experienced a traumatic event. As many of you strive to create a sense of normalcy or just a new normal, the district has received many calls and emails on what days will be

designated to make up the time lost from school due to Hurricane Matthew.

We are fortunate in our district that our calendar is developed to significantly exceed the number of required instructional hours. For this reason the three make-up days needed for Hurricane Matthew will be absorbed by the existing time we have within the school day. There will be no holidays or teacher planning days used to make up this time and I am convinced this is the right thing to do for our school district.

There may be additional adjustments at some schools, but none will require taking an already designated "hurricane make-up day" to use.

Please know that careful thought went into this decision and foremost was the clear understanding of what our students, staff, parents and community had just experienced.

Sincerely,
Joseph G. Joyner, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
St. Johns County School District

You're Invited

St Johns County District's Gifted Parent Training Night

Thursday, October 20th 6:30-8 PM

@ Liberty Pines Academy

10901 Russell Sampson Rd,

St Johns 32259

For more information contact
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PTA NEWS

Congratulations to this week's **Mustang Pride** recipients:

Emilya S, Cassidy A, Aiden F, Kailey B, Emily F,
Aaron R, Sophie F, Addison P, Jonah H, Aubree S,
Morgan S, Dalton G, Antonyo D, Nicole M, and
Helena S



We are still accepting donations through Friday for the Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition of St Johns County. **The items needed are toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, napkins, disposable silverware, and paper cups.** Students can drop their donations off in the bins located outside the main office.

Remember to get your box tops in by tomorrow! The student who turns in the most box tops will win 2 Jacksonville Zoo tickets! In order to be entered into the contest box tops must be in by Friday!

As always, follow us on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mcepta/> and visit our website at <http://mcepta.weebly.com/> to stay informed!