



Trailblazers in Learning

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IMPORTANT DATES

November
Citizenship

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January
Respect

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Teacher Planning Day – Student Holiday

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Classes Resume for Students/Second Semester Begins

January 10, 2017

General PTA Meeting, 3:15 PM

Monday, January 16, 2017

Martin Luther King Day – Student/Teacher Holiday

January 27, 2017

Character Counts

PTA loves our Mill Creek families and we appreciate your participation in our events. We want to THANK YOU for supporting our school, always participating and lending a hand in our events. We are very blessed to have such an amazing school community. We would like to share some pictures from our most recent events and let you know of upcoming events including Daddy/Daughter Dance in February, the Mustang Gallop and Ready Set Glow Run in March and Evening with the Stars in May. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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



Ty D, Stephen S, Ben W, Caroline H,
Gabe H, Richy S, Alethia M, Daniel W,
Seth G, Isabella B, Rylan H, Noah M,
Ethan H, Breanna L, Brandon E

Lost and Found items will be donated at the end of November. If your student is missing an item, please have him/her stop by and see if the item is here. As a reminder, items that are labeled are much easier to return to the rightful owner.



I loved participating in the Sock Drive, it was so much fun! I liked that the LEADS were in charge of

collecting all the socks, counting them, and sorting all of the socks - it took time, but we did it all. I am happy to say that every classroom participated and we were able to collect 1,186 pairs of socks to go to The St Francis House. This will help keep people warm in the cooler months. Helping other people makes us feel good!

Written by Abby Eisen – 5th grader

It's Time to Order Your.....
YEARBOOK!



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Yearbook Order Forms have been sent home. Yearbooks are \$20.

You can also order online at www.leonards.com/yearbooks and use access code C376386.

All yearbook orders are due February 15, 2017.

Congratulations to our
5th grade class Spelling Bee winners!

Tazeen N, Jamie K, Hannah D, Catalina M, Maria Jose R, James B, Maci C, Kailey B, Cameron C, Kobe K, Addison H, Bishop R, Cassidy T, Victoria S, Aiden M

The Student Council needs your help more than ever after Hurricane Matthew devastated areas of St.

Augustine. Our annual food drive will benefit St. Francis House, our local homeless shelter. There was damage

to their building and they are currently remodeling their dining room. Starting Monday, October 31st, we will be collecting canned food and non-perishable food items. **The food drive ends Monday, November 21st.** The top 2 classrooms with the most items collected will enjoy a pizza party. Let's all help to restock St. Francis Food Pantry.



Resource Classes



MUSIC at MCE: Meet Mrs. Neal

Mrs. Neal is married and has two children whose ages are 18 and 21. She and her husband met at LSU in Baton Rouge, LA studying music together and they both have been teaching music in schools and in churches ever since! Both of their kids also enjoy music and anything LSU (sorry FL fans ☺).

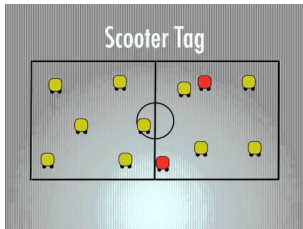
Some of her favorites are black coffee, dark chocolate, the beach, silver jewelry, the symphony and family dinners!

MUSIC CELEBRATIONS

We are excited about our **MCE CHORUS**! They did a wonderful job honoring our community Veterans with a beautiful performance last Thursday. WAY TO GO 5th grade Chorus!

Both **Chorus** and **Orff Ensemble** (our 5th grade percussion group) will perform this Winter on **Wednesday, December 14th at 9 AM** for students and on **Thursday, December 15th at 5:30 PM** for our community.

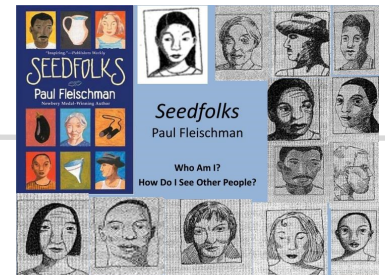
Physical Education with Coach Larkin



Second, fifth, third and fourth grade have Field day in the fall. Kindergarten and first grade have spring Field Days. We use WATT days for field day. The whole resource team works together to provide a fun day of multiple activities. Scooter Tag, Parachute, Lacrosse, Ring toss, Hula hoop, Throw into buckets, Hop Balls and Dancing. The students have an opportunity to learn new skills and work together. We encourage good sportsmanship and friendship.

Media Moment:

The fifth grade will continue with their novel study *Seedfolks*. We are working on the CC standard of connecting the chapters to determine the overall theme of the story. We have finished our poetry read aloud in fourth grade and will not start our creative juices by converting prose into poetry. Third grade has successfully learned how to use our online card catalog system- Destiny Quest. Our second and first graders are learning all about nonfiction text features and how we can use these “clues” to help us understand what the author is trying to teach use. Parts of a book – our kinders have this mastered.

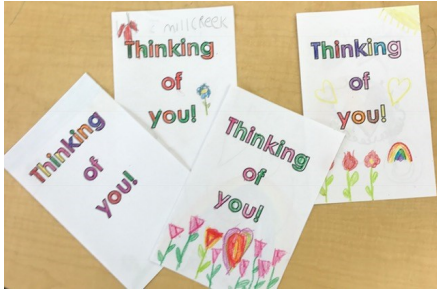


The Wonderful World of **SCIENCE**

There will be outstanding scientific learning happening in the month of December! Our kindergarten friends will be learning about Earth in space and time. Our 1st graders will explore whether objects sink or float and the motion of objects. Students in 2nd grade will investigate volume and magnets. This month, 3rd graders will learn about gravity. Our 4th grade friends will participate in labs on water and magnets. Students in 5th grade will explore circuits, insulators, and conductors. I look forward to lots of fun and fabulous learning in the science lab!

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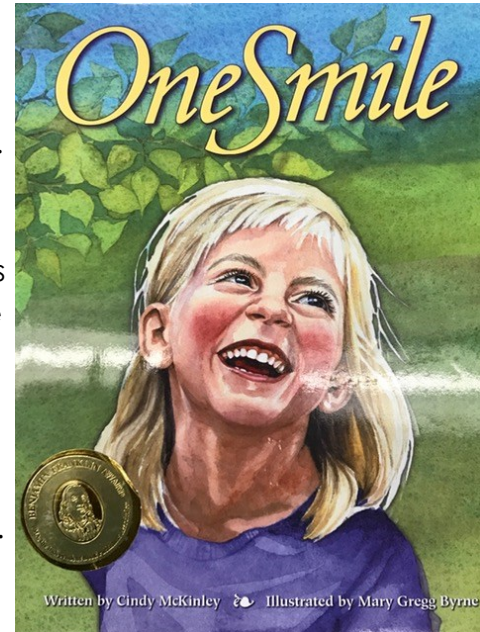
GUIDANCE



November has been an exciting month for the guidance department at Mill Creek. We are happy to announce that Virginia Berges has joined the team as the second school counselor this month. Both Joan White and Virginia Berges will share responsibilities as guidance counselors, but for counseling services Ms. Berges will be the contact counselor for K-2 and Mrs. White will continue to work with 3-5.

In November, guidance resource classes for

K-2 will be focusing on Character Counts Trait – Citizenship. Both Mrs. White and Ms. Berges will deliver lessons centered around citizenship and kindness through reading of *One Smile* by Cindy McKinley. Students will demonstrate kindness through sharing kind words to their classmates. As good citizens, students promote kindness for others. During guidance lessons, students have been working on special cards to send to children at Wolfson Children's Hospital during the holiday season. Discussions are being held around ways to be good citizens' and improving the community around us.



Your Tech 411 for November, This month we have been looking at a new piece of software that the PTA purchased for the Computer lab (Thanks PTA). This new software is a graphic arts program. Kid Pix 3D is not only a paint program for drawing but also an animation studio. This program allows even those students that are hesitant with their artistic skills to branch out and let their imaginations run wild. We started with 3rd – 5th grade this month and will be introducing Kid Pix to the younger students sometime in the future.

Some of the features include:

- 3D Backgrounds**
- 3D Animations**
- 3D Stereo Effects**
- Simple path animations**
- Sounds and Movies**
- Flipbook Button**

Happy Thanksgiving!!

