



Trailblazers in Learning

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IMPORTANT DATES

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

January 31, 2017
SAC Meeting

February *Caring*

February 2, 2017
Box Top begins

February 3, 2017
Father/Daughter Dance

February 7, 2017
PTA Meeting

RIEDL'S ROUNDUP

A Moment of Thanks!!!

Each year I work to include a “moment of thanks” in the newsletter prior to Thanksgiving. However, last week with the shortened week, I did not meet the deadline although I cannot pass up the opportunity to communicate the words of thanks that I have for our family at Mill Creek!

I can't thank our Mill Creek families enough for providing the support, energy and dedication it takes to raise our students in a high-quality learning environment. The work is fierce and never complete and we are honored to be given the chance to be part of our student's lives. The demands that we place on our students is unlike those that have been made in the past, but each day our families pour into their children preparing them to face the demands! I am speechless as I look back over the year, not just the current year, but now the last five years that I have called Mill Creek home!

What a great place to call home, a place that represents and accepts ALL learners, a place that cherishes family, a place that challenges themselves to become more equipped with the skills and knowledge to provide a rigorous learning environment that meets the needs of ALL learners. Mill Creek is a place that has an open door policy to parents and families, a place that is constantly striving to get better, and a place that puts a high demand on parent involvement. We strive to be a place that understands instruction and takes on the challenge to meet new challenges with courage, a place that regardless of the needs of students, never hesitates to continually seek expert advice to ensure learning, a place where we stand firm on the notion that we meet every need of every student every day, a place of love... I am always humbled by the fact that I get to call this place my home, my family, and my friends. What a blessing!

Thank you Mill Creek families for embracing the challenges, the demands of learning, and leadership. Thank you for supporting the needs of our children... Thank you for supporting our teachers and staff... Thank you for the countless hours you devote to your child's education. Thank you for making Mill Creek the greatest school in St. Johns County. I just hope that we have given you so much to be thankful for...Many thanks and blessings to you and your family!!!

We are so grateful for the partnership we have as MIGHTY MUSTANGS!

Your Learning Leader, Amanda L. Riedl

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



YEARBOOKS

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.

Student COUNCIL

Student Council wants to thank the students and their families for making our annual food drive a big success. Can you believe that we collected over 3,000 food items to donate to St. Francis House? They were so happy to receive the food to restock their food pantry. The classroom winners who collected the most items were Mrs. Green's kindergarten class with 203 cans and Mrs. Shely's class with 200 cans. Wow! That's the closest it's ever been.

The next project coming up for student council will be the sale of candy grams. Look for information to come home tomorrow, Friday, December 2.

-Jordan Klucharich

Counselor's Corral

Our 4th and 5th graders will be participating in a Career Fair on December 15, 9 AM-12 PM. Booths will be set up at different stations for our students to discuss career and college paths. This will be a great opportunity for our students to learn about forging a path to their future.



Transitions Services

Transitions services are a coordinated set of activities for secondary students with disabilities, designed to achieve specific outcomes, which promote movement from school to post-school activities. The coordination is carried out by the school district, with the active participation of the student, his or her family and appropriate community service agencies. The goal of transitions services is to ensure that students with disabilities are prepared for employment, post-secondary education, or community living when they leave school.

Be sure to check out their website at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/ese/programs/transition/> for some helpful resources.