



Trailblazers in Learning

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IMPORTANT DATES

December
All Pillars

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

February 16, 2017
Box Top Ends

Friday, February 17, 2017
Teacher Inservice Day – Student Holiday

Candy Grams

Student Council is selling Candy Grams December 5-December 19. The cost of each candy gram is \$0.50. CASH ONLY. Complete the order form and return it in an envelope or baggie with your money by December 19. Candy Grams will be delivered on December 21. All money collected will be donated to The Empty Stocking Fund, sponsored by the St. Augustine Record to help local families in need during the holidays. Thank you for supporting Student Council and helping those in need in our community. To download the order form, click [here](#).





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.

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



Gavin N, Tripp W, Lauren D, Jordan G, Dylan C, Noya D, Phillip W, Sophia S, William L, Sergio V, Sean S, Izzy B, Joe B, Nathaniel J, Andrew J

Language Enrichment Exploration (L.E.E.)

Did you know that introducing young children to a second language can give them a chance at greater fluency and access to professional opportunities later on? Spanish is the second most-spoken language in the world according to census reports.

The Language Enrichment Exploration (L.E.E.) is excited to announce that after school Spanish classes are coming to Mill Creek and currently enrolling for the January sessions. L.E.E. is a program offered to all regular and extended day students at the school. The program is designed to encourage students to develop a love for Spanish while offering language instruction. This program was founded in 2003 and there are currently 13 participating schools in the St. Johns County School District. In addition, for the last 11 consecutive years, a L.E.E. student has won the Scholar of the Year award for Elementary at the State level, a recognition sponsored by the Florida Foreign Language Association (FFLA). The program starts the week of January 9 and meets once a week (Mondays) for fifteen (15) 90-minute sessions.

The cost of the program is \$255. Online enrollment can be completed at <https://goo.gl/MfSZXd>. For more information on this program, please email us at LEESTjohns@aol.com or visit <http://leestjohns.pbworks.com>



**Congratulations to our
Spelling Bee Champion Cameron Coffey
and runner up Hannah Dykeman!**

PTA NEWS

- Our next Box Top contest has begun! Please collect those box tops and have them turned into you teacher by Dec 16th! This month the class with the most box tops will be having a fun crafting party! Remember every clip counts!! Collection Form Attached

- Student Council is selling Candy Grams through Dec 19th. Cost is \$.50 each CASH ONLY. Forms were sent home last week but if you need another form, you can find them on the MCE main website

- In conjunction with Pacetti Bay Middle and Wards Creek Elementary, we are now working on the details for the 2nd Annual Ready.Set.Glow 5k Run and 1 mile Fun Run. If you know any businesses that are interested in sponsoring at this event, please

contact readyssetglowwgv@gmail.com. Last's year event was a huge success with hundreds of people in attendance and we are expecting this year to be even bigger!

- Upcoming Dates to Remember:

12/16 - Boxtops Ends

12/21 - End of 2nd Quarter

12/22 through 1/4 - Winter Break

1/10 - General PTA Meeting

1/16 - No School

1/27 - Character Counts Recognition

1/31 - SAC Meeting

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!

Yearbook Cover Contest

All covers must be 8 1/2 x 11, completed on white, unlined paper and done in Portrait, including your name somewhere on your design. Covers turned in landscape will not be judged. Parent/Guardian must sign the back of the submitted cover design. The winner will win a free yearbook. **Contest ends tomorrow, Friday, December 9.**

5TH ANNUAL

CHARACTER COUNTS!

In St. Johns County

SIX Pillars

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RUN • WALK

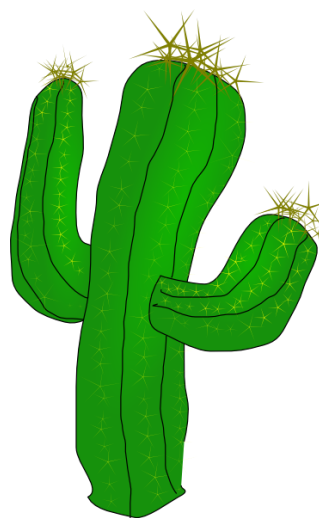
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017, 9 AM.
PALENCIA ELEMENTARY



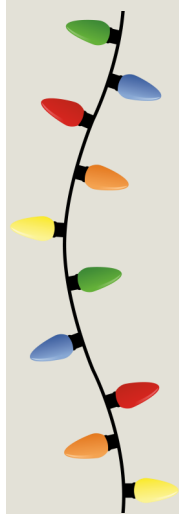
Register by January 14, 2017, to receive a performance tech t-shirt and other goodies from sponsoring businesses and community organizations! The first 500 finishers will receive a collectible dog tag.

REGISTER AT: RACESMITH.COM/RACES/CHARACTERCOUNTS.HTML

Career Fair



Our 4th and 5th graders will be participating in a Career Fair on December 15 from 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.



A reminder with the holidays approaching: As required by Florida state law, everyone **MUST** have a cleared background check to go past the front office at Mill Creek Elementary. Picture ID (driver's license) is also required to enter the building at all times. You **MUST** have a background check and be cleared to volunteer at the school, attend any conferences, attend field trips, and to have lunch with your child. So now is the time to go ahead and apply for school access! Please make sure all spouses, grandparents, siblings over the age of 18, etc. who may visit the school are also approved to enter the building. The school access application is on-line at: <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply> The cleared application is good for 3 years and can be updated in the front office or renewed at any time. **At no time should you have to resubmit another application.** If you have any questions or need further assistance please contact Mrs. Larson at 904-547-3720 or tina.larson@stjohns.k12.fl.us



A program just for brothers and sisters of children with special needs.

Brothers and sisters, ages 8 - 13, of kids with developmental disabilities in St. Johns County now have a program that's just for them called Sibshops. They'll have a chance to meet other kids whose brothers and sisters have special needs and talk about the good and not-so-good parts of having a sibling with a disability. Most important, they'll have fun! This wonderful program is at no cost to your family.

February 17, 2016

(9:00-12:00 P.M.) @ Palencia Elementary, 355 Palencia Village, St. Augustine, 32095. Registration is required. Register online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sibshops-a-program-just-for-brothers-and-sisters-of-kids-with-special-needs-this-program-is-brought-tickets-29053298197>

March 20, 2016

(9:00-12:00 P.M.) @ Fullerwood Training Center, 10 Hildreth Drive, St. Augustine, 32084. Registration is required. Register online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sibshops-a-program-just-for-brothers-and-sisters-of-kids-with-special-needs-this-program-is-brought-tickets-29054244026>

These events are at no cost to the individual or family.

For more information contact: candice.rosenberg@jax.ufl.edu

