

(IMPORTANT DATES)

<u>April</u> All Pillars

April 7, 2017 Spring Pictures, only students who pre-pay will have his/her picture taken

Friday, April 14, 2017 Student /Teacher Holiday

April 20, 2017 Spirit Night (more information coming soon)

April 21, 2017 Box Top Ends

April 26, 2017 Admin Day

> <u>May</u> Citizenship

May 2-3, 2017 NO VISITORS in school due to FS/ testing

May 1-5, 2017 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 9, 2017 General PTA Meeting

May 12, 2017 Character Counts Evening with the Stars

May 18, 2016 Box Top Summer Contest

May 22, 2017 5th Grade Recognition

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 Last Day for Students, Fourth Quarter Ends EARLY RELEASE

Trailblazers in Learning

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Student Learning SOARS!

FSA testing will begin on Monday! 4th grade kicks off FSA testing with ELA and continues for grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th at various times throughout the month of April (please see page 2 for updated testing dates by grade level). We have completed FSA Writes with 4th and 5th grade and FSA ELA for 3rd grade and our students have SOARED with success and we are expecting no different as we begin the on Monday! In fact, students have continued to show excellent growth in a variety ways! Teachers and students have continued to increase the level of complexity and rigor in the learning, students own and understanding their learning, learning environments are more collaborative than ever where students are "coccreators" of their learning. It is so exciting to be part of such a committed group of learners that are invested in their own learning, both adult and student learners!

As we know, FSA can create stress on our students and teachers and we want to continue to encourage and let them know just how much we BELIEVE in them!!! Please use these few tips as a way to ensure that our students are confident test takers as we approach this "testing season."

- Please make sure your students are at school **on time** 8:30. We begin testing at 8:45 and we cannot allow students arrive late to disrupt the learning environment. This adds stress to our students if they have to make up tests!
- Please ensure that your student has a good night sleep. We all have different bed times, but we know our kiddos need a great night sleep to do their best thinking.
- Please ensure your student has a good, hearty breakfast. Of course, students are always welcome to eat at school!
- Most Importantly, **BELIEVE** in your students. Let them know how proud you are of them and they can conquer the world! You may just want to write them a few words of encouragement on the day of their testing to let them know how much you care about their work and KNOW they are 100% capable of performing at high levels.
- And finally, continue to talk with your students. Give them an opportunity to share their feelings, strengths, and fears! It is amazing what our children will share with us when we just sit and listen.

I say it often, we have the BEST students in the world, sweet, loving, and SMART and it all starts with family. Your leadership in the home and partnership in education makes the DIFFERENCE! Thanks Mill Creek for supporting our students and staff as we build the "leaders of tomorrow."

Your Learning Leader, Amanda L. Riedl

Extended Day Registration 2017-2018 Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will open on April 17, 2017. Registration packets are available in the front office.

Spring Pictures will be taken tomorrow, April 7. Only students who prepay will have his/her picture taken.

Congratulations to our additional third guarter honor roll students: 3rd Grade All A

Joseph Alcantara, Ryan Hood, Tyler Howard, Ariana Saliotte

3rd Grade A/B

Ava Boniello, Mario Caycedo, Marlee Crawford, Logan Criscione, Isabela Fritz, Kassidy Grundy, Tristan Kube, Jayden Martinez, Brianna Palmer, Maya Roman Guzman, Isabella Solis

FSA TESTING DATES

We would like to encourage you to engage with your child by practicing the ELA and Math assessments through the FSA portal provided by the state. Please use the link below to access the practice assessment. Once on the webpage, click on the "Students and Families" tab and follow the remaining directions. http:// www.fsassessments.org/

3rd Grade

April 10, 11, 12 & 13-FSA Math

4th Grade

April 10 & 11- FSA ELA

April 17 & 18—FSA Math

5th Grade * PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES FOR 5TH GRADE

April 24 & 25— FSA ELA

April 27 & 28—FSA Math

May 2 & 3—FSA Science—NO VISITORS



Please remember students must be free of vomiting and diarrhea or fever for 24 hours without the aid of medication before they can return to school. Thank you!



Kindergarten Registration Dates

Please visit our registration page (here) for information on kindergarten Registration. Registration will not take place if you do not have all current documents that are required. Upcoming dates for Kindergarten Registration for the 2017-

2018 school year: Monday, May 15, 9 am— 12 pm

You may also register this summer during school office hours.



Mill Creek's 2016-2017 **Battle of the Books** team is... JB M., Piper W., Caitlin B., Jordan K., Makaila C., Hannah

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D., Hannah G. and Logan G. Great job to all those that tried out for the team!

Congratulations to this week's Mustang Pride recipients:

Havanna W., Cole G., Sofie S., Mason S., Tomas K., Avery C., Ava H., Michael P., Indie H., Ethan B., Jonathan B., Cole H., Carlie K., Rylee V., Cameron K.

Congratulations to our Tropicana Speech Winners!

Logan G.—1st place Jordan K.—2nd place Kia K. -3^{rd} place



Congratulations to our 2nd grade classes for receiving the Golden Spoon Award for excellent behavior in the Café last week.



Attendance Line If your child is going to be absent, please report it to us by calling our attendance line: (904) 547-3737. Please note: this is not the school's main phone number. Then follow up with a written excuse for the absence when the child returns.