



# Trailblazers in Learning

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### September *Fairness*

#### **September 15, 2016**

Curriculum Night 3-5 grades  
Two sessions: 5:30 and 6:30 PM

#### **September 20, 2016**

Fall Pictures

Scorecard Fundraiser Ends

#### **September 23, 2016**

Mother/Son Cornhole, 5:30-8 PM

#### **September 27, 2016**

Spirit Night at McDonald's (McTeacher Night),  
5-8 PM

SAC Meeting

#### **September 30, 2016**

Character Counts 9:30 AM

### October *Responsibility*

#### **October 4, 2016**

PTA Meeting

#### **October 6, 2016**

Box Top begins

#### **Friday, October 14, 2016**

First Quarter Ends

#### **Monday, October 17, 2016**

Hurricane Make Up Day

#### **October 19, 2016**

Teacher Tailgate

#### **October 21, 2016**

Box Tops Ends

#### **October 28, 2016**

Character Counts

## Mill Creek is Filling Up with Mustang P-R-I-D-E!

Our students have started earning Pride Bucks for showing Mustang PRIDE!

Students can earn pride bucks for the following characteristics:

**P**OLITENESS,  
**R**ESPECT  
**I**NTEGRITY  
**D**ISCIPLINE  
**E**FFORT



Politeness includes using positive words, using good manners and apologizing. Respect can be listening and following directions, treating others the way you want to be treated and respecting school property. Being honest, taking responsibility for your own actions, and playing fairly are examples of integrity. Discipline is being in control of yourself and making good choices. Finally, doing your best, staying focused, being on time and being ready to learn can earn you a pride buck for effort. Students deposit their pride bucks in the hopper and then we draw 15 students each week to receive one of the Golden PRIDE trophies to keep on their desk for the remainder of the week! Keep up the great PRIDE, Mustangs!



magnets, water bottles, etc.

2. SPIRIT WEAR: The initial order of spirit wear has been done and we are patiently waiting for it to arrive. Once we have a date set for distribution, I will send out an email and post it on the facebook page and website. If someone still needs to order a shirt, please visit <http://mcepta.weebly.com/spirit-wear.html> to order.

3. Mother/Son Cornhole: September 23rd 5:30pm-8pm. Please visit our webpage for more information.

4. Meet at the Pole: WEDNESDAY, September 28th at 8am.

5. New Elementary School "M" Zoning for next year. Please visit <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/zoning/> to review the powerpoint from the meeting. Also, there are links to ask questions and information on attending future meetings before the final zoning is voted on in November.

## Student Council News

Student Council held elections for Homeroom Representatives last week. Joining President Kobe Keeperman, Vice-President Maci Cerasale, Treasurer Logan Green and Secretary Jordan Klucharich are: Cameron Coffey, Emma Davis, Lillian Dye, Georgia Hernandez, Landen Kol, Tazeen Naqvi, Emerson Rodgers and Abby Warren. We will be busy in the coming weeks planning our activities for this school year. We are looking forward to our annual Food Drive, Candy Grams sales, Pennies for Patients, Goodwill Bag It Up as well as some new opportunities for this year. Student Council's goal is "giving back" to the community and leading the way to becoming more caring to others needs.

## Ancient City Kids Day

Attention Parents! Looking for something fun to do with your kids that doesn't cost a lot of money? Then mark your calendars for the 21st Annual Ancient City Kids Day! Ancient City Kids Day will be held on **Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 11am-3pm** at Francis Field on Castillo Drive. This event, coordinated by local agencies, is a day of fun-filled activities for children and families. The event is free for the public, and will include over 40 youth service agencies offering carnival style games and activities, arts and crafts, and contests for the kids plus live entertainment all day! No child will leave empty-handed as t-shirts, prizes or goodies are given out all day. Educational information on resources in our community is available for parents. The only cost to the public will be for food or drinks. Ancient City Kids Day has grown to be one of St. Augustine's largest youth activities, and is a popular event for the whole family. For more information, please call (904) 829-2273.



Guidance k-2 classes wrap up bullying prevention lessons this week. We learned about what bullying (it is being mean on purpose and not stopping after being asked to stop), what to do about it, and how we can prevent it from starting at all by teaching everyone about KINDNESS. We did a fun activity to show just how easy it is to find something kind to say about everyone!

**Kindness leads to compassion.** It is a fun thing to do everywhere! Our next rotation of lessons focuses on our brain and how we respond to things. We are often told to 'calm down', but do we really know how to do it? More information to come in future newsletters, but if you would like some further information and/or resources, you can always contact me at [Joan.White@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Joan.White@stjohns.k12.fl.us).



### ESE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

St Johns County School District (SJCS), UF Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at Jacksonville (CARD) and UF Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System Jacksonville (FDLRS-MDC) offer

**Topic: SIBSHOPS: AN OVERVIEW OF A LIVELY PEER SUPPORT GROUP CREATED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

Date/Time: 10/4/16 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, FL, 32084

**WHAT ARE SIBSHOPS:** Sibshops are lively and rewarding events/activities where siblings, ages 8 to 13, of students with disabilities will meet other sibs, have fun, laugh, talk about the facets of having a sib with special needs, play some great games, learn something about the services their brothers and sisters receive, and have some more fun.

#### TAKE AWAY:

1. Families will obtain an understanding of what Sibshops have to offer for the family member who will have the longest-lasting relationship with a person who has a disability
2. Families will find out how to register for upcoming Sibshops in St Johns County.

#### Target Audience:

Parents of students with disabilities  
Teachers of students with disabilities  
Siblings of students with disabilities age 8 to 13.

The purpose of the committee is to provide input to district staff regarding our ongoing effort to continuously improve services for students with disabilities. Parents, Educators, Administrators, & Business Representatives are invited and encouraged to attend.