

September 7, 2018



September
Fairness

September 10, 2018
6th Grade Curriculum Chat Night

September 11, 2018
K-5 Curriculum Chat Night

September 11, 2018
Girls and Boys Volleyball vs. Freedom Crossing

September 12, 2018
Interims Issued

September 13, 2018
Girls and Boys Volleyball vs. Liberty Pines

September 20, 2018
Individual Pictures

September 21, 2018
PTA Mother/Son Event

September 25, 2018
Girls and Boys Volleyball vs. Palm Valley Academy

September 27, 2018
Girls and Boys Volleyball vs. Patriot Oaks Academy

Mustang Messenger

Mill Creeks Academy – Leading the CHARGE of life-long learning!

On Tuesday, August 28, I presented the School Improvement Plan to the School Advisory Committee (SAC) describing in detail Mill Creek's future goals to sustain excellence in student achievement. Mill Creek continues to achieve at high levels as seen throughout the classrooms each day. As Lead Learners (teachers and staff), it is critical that we face our current reality and make adjustments in our instructional practices to meet the demands of increased learning expectations, while continuing to meet individual learning needs of every student. We began setting the stage for our future goals by celebrating the learning gains of our students at MCA. Our students ranked among the highest in the district in learning gains and, in fact, as released in August, Mill Creek Academy was recognized again as an A school. We believe our students are so much more than a number and student-learning gains guarantees our priority of intentional, purposeful planning. Meeting the needs of every learner every day remains our focus! Although the FSA only illustrates a slice of the excellence in learning at Mill Creek Academy, it does confirm learning is the CONSTANT!

Our school improvement plan identifies specific goals and action steps that Mill Creek will accomplish in the 2018 - 2019 school year. Our goals remain focused on increased learning gains in math and reading in all subgroups of our student population. Additionally, as we transition to Mill Creek Academy, we are committed to building a coordinated and comprehensive program, where academic excellence, continuous improvement, and citizenship are promoted and recognized. Our goal is to develop the whole child, celebrating the growth of academics, citizenship, and community service. We believe EVERY student at Mill Creek is talented and we will provide what he or she needs to be SUCCESSFUL!

As teachers and staff, our commitment to our learners is to be on-going learners, ourselves! Our belief in all learners requires us to continually evaluate and improve our current practices in the classroom. We strive to provide a rigorous education that equips our students with the necessary tools to be high achievers in a world that is ever changing.

At Mill Creek Academy, we will do "Whatever It Takes," to meet the needs of our students. Whether that is learning a new strategy or improving the strategies we know work well, we are committed to "Every Child, Every Need, Every day!"

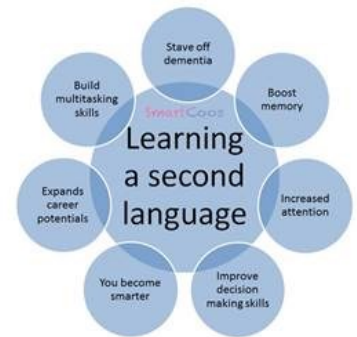
Amanda Riedl, Learning Leader



Each month in the newsletter, this section will be dedicated to showcasing our Resource Classes and what students are learning.

We are learning the Alphabet in Spanish. Students are using different methods to learn the Spanish alphabet. To start, we practice the sound of each letter and we talk about the difference between English and Spanish alphabet using our Venn Diagram to compare and contrast both languages. Talking about the difference of the letters in both languages encourage students to a higher level of thinking. Students work in pairs and practice their first name and last name using the alphabet in Spanish. Finally, each student presents for the whole class. They are excited to be able to spell their own names in a different language! Gracias!

- Mrs. Blankenship, Spanish Teacher (3rd-5th Graders)



Summer Learning Challenge

We had over 150 students participate in our Summer Learning Challenge! Each of those students will be part of our Snow Cone celebration in late September. Students that completed the challenge were placed in a drawing for a \$25.00 or \$10.00 gift card from Scholastic.

Congratulations to:

\$25.00 - Katie B – 6th grade and Matthew G – 5th grade



\$10.00 – Leah O and Briana C – 6th grade and Kendall S – 2nd grade

Thank you to all our students that participated.



Our very own Mrs. Pearson along with Mirtha Barzaga photographed with school supplies donated by our community. <http://worldgolfvillageblog.com/2018/08/16/davidson-agent-mirtha-barzaga-helps-kids-prepare-to-learn-through-school-supply-drives/>

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Text Message Notifications

Please visit www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolmessenger/ to find information regarding opting in, opting out and managing your preferences of text messages from the school and school district.



peachjar

The St. Johns County School District has an electronic flyer (eflyer) approval process and communication system, Peachjar. The St. Johns County School District cooperates with approved community partners by posting eflyers online and distributing them electronically through our service provider, Peachjar. As part of our efforts to be more environmentally friendly, embrace innovative technology, and maintain fiscal responsibility, we continue to use this electronic flyer delivery system. MCES after school program flyers can be found in peachjar at this time and the weekly school newsletter will be posted on Thursday each week in peachjar. Please make sure you visit our website (click [here](#)) to see Mill Creek's current flyers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Curriculum Chat Nights (Open House)

Middle School - September 10, 6:00 PM

Please make plans to attend this important evening. Parents and students will rotate through their child's schedule and spend time in each classroom to develop an understanding of the learning expectations for the school year.

K - 5 - September 1: Session 1 begins at 5:30 PM, Session 2 begins at 6:30 PM

We will have 2 sessions to accommodate families with multiple students. Please choose ONLY one session to attend and plan to be at the session from the starting time until the ending time. Sessions are planned as in information time for parents to understand grade level learning outcomes and specific classroom routines and procedures. Our teachers and staff look forward to this evening and work hard to ensure our parents are connected to the learning throughout the school year. Please see below for session times:

- o Session 1 - 5:30 - 6:15
- o Session 2 - 6:30 - 7:15

Please make plans to attend this very important evening as we partner together in our student's education!

Individual Fall Pictures – September 20

All students will have their picture taken for student ID and yearbook purposes. Order forms will be sent home the week prior if you would like to purchase photo packages.

Mother/Son Glow Party—September 21

See flyer on page 5.

REMINDERS

Dismissal Updates - As a reminder, transportation changes must be received via email by 2:00 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Changes must be received by 1:00 PM on Wednesdays. Additionally, if a student needs to be checked out at the end of the day, to please be considerate about checking out after 2:15 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays or 1:15 on Wednesdays. Our priority is student safety and it can become difficult checking students out at the end of the day during dismissal. We will not call for students to leave class until you arrive in the office. However, we understand emergencies come up and will always make every effort to be responsive in meeting the needs of our families.

School Access—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 the front office.

Health—Please visit the site below and 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.

<http://www-mce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/ILLNESS-GUIDELINES.pdf>

Celebration Treats—All celebration treats brought into the building MUST have an ingredients label and MUST be checked before going beyond the front office. NO HOMEMADE treats will be allowed on campus.

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

Elementary students can earn “pride bucks” for displays of **Politeness, Respect, Integrity, Discipline and Effort.**

Students deposit their pride bucks in the hopper and then we draw student names each week to receive the Golden PRIDE trophies to keep on their desk for the week!

Keep up the great PRIDE, Mustangs!



MUSTANG P-R-I-D-E

P- Politeness

R- Respect

I- Integrity

D- Discipline

E- Effort



Our Middle School students have been working on taking PRIDE in their learning and behavior each day. Stay tuned as we begin celebrating our Middle School students in next month's newsletter!

MCA MOTHER/SON GLOW PARTY

Friday, September 21st, 2018
6 - 8 PM @ MCA Cafe

\$20 PER COUPLE PREPAID

\$25 AT THE DOOR

\$5 EACH ADDITIONAL MCA MALE STUDENT ONLY

PTA MEMBERS: 10% OFF. PREPAY WILL RECEIVE ENTRY

TICKETS PRIOR TO EVENT SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS.

ALL TIX INCLUDE PHOTO KEEPSAKE,
FOOD & SOUVENIR



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Please complete and return to school by Tuesday, September 18th

Student Name _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

Addn' Son(s) _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

\$ _____ Couple \$20

\$ _____ Additional Son(s) \$5 Each

\$ _____ PTA Members Subtract \$2

\$ _____ Grand Total

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Cash

Check - Payable to MCA PTA

Credit Card - Online via MCA PTA

Website @ www.mcapta.weebly.com

ALL PAYMENTS MUST RETURN THIS FORM

For PTA Use ONLY: Cash _____ CC _____ Check _____
Date _____ Processed by _____

SEPT
26TH
@ 7PM

HOSTED BY:
NEASE HIGH SCHOOL
BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL

OPTIONAL
PREFERRED
PARKING
\$10



PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE NOW

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