

October 1, 2018

Adventure awaits

**October
Responsibility**

October 2—Custodial Appreciation Day, PTA Meeting, Volleyball vs. Liberty Pines

October 3—Walk to School Day

October 4—Box Top Contest Begins

October 5—PTA Bingo Night

October 9—Volleyball vs. Valley Ridge

October 11—Volleyball vs. Freedom Crossing

October 12—End of 1st Quarter

October 15—Teacher Planning Day (Student Holiday)

October 16—Volleyball vs. Palm Valley

October 18—Box Top Contest Ends

October 19—6th Grade Dance

October 22-26—Character Counts Week

October 26—Monthly Character Counts Ceremony

October 29—Kindergarten Literacy Parade

October 30—SAC Meeting

Mustang Messenger






Red Ribbon/ Character Counts Week is Coming!

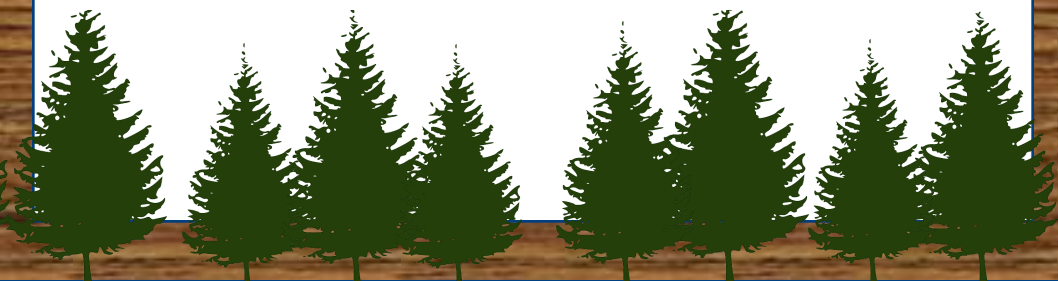
Everyone in our learning community will be celebrating Character Counts Week along with Red Ribbon Week, October 22-26. Each day we will highlight a pillar of character to focus on. You can help by encouraging your student to participate, as well as noticing examples of these character traits at home.

The days are as follows:



Mill Creek Academy
Character Counts Week 2018

Monday 10/22/18	Tuesday 10/23/18	Wednesday 10/24/18	Thursday 10/25/18	Friday 10/26/18
Caring	Fairness &	Responsibility	Citizenship	Respect
I CARE to make healthy choices!	Be Fair Be Trustworthy Be a SUPERHERO	Team Up for Responsibility	Knock your socks off with good CITIZENSHIP!	Follow the Golden Rule and show RESPECT
				
Wear RED for Red Ribbon Day	Wear your superhero gear	Wear your favorite team jersey and/or hat	Wear your wacky socks and/or bring in a pair of ADULT SIZED socks to donate to St. Francis House in St. Augustine	YELLOW OUT At MILL CREEK!! Wear all YELLOW to show your Mustang Pride!

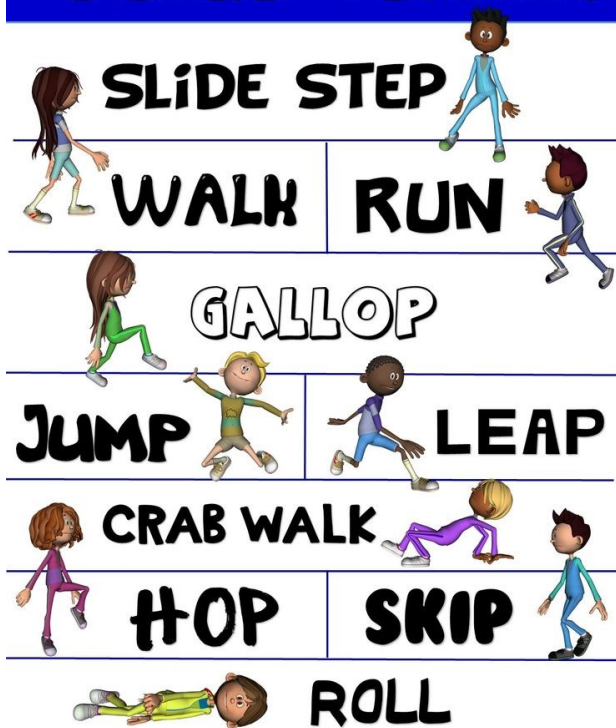


Each month in the newsletter, this section will be dedicated to showcasing our Resource Classes and what students are learning.

Your PE 411 with Coach Larkin and Coach Drinkuth

We learned about and practiced our locomotor skills (hop, skip, jump, gallop, leap etc.). The students played a variety of movement activities that allowed them the chance to move in space with purpose. The goal is for them to be able to detect any errors and try to get better with the movement they are working on at the time. They also had the opportunity to demonstrate safety and sportsmanship.

Locomotor Movement



Music with Mrs. Neal

K-5TH GRADE MUSIC RESOURCE:

Our K-5th grade students have been learning all about **RHYTHM** through movement and instruments. Quarter Notes, Eighth Notes and Half notes are our specialty! Ask your student all about HOW we count these rhythms – they are amazing at it!



UPDATE:

4th and 5th grade soprano recorder orders will be arriving early next week. It's not too late to purchase if your students still need this instrument. Email me for a copy of the form if needed: paige.neal@stjohns.12.fl.us.

5TH GRADE ENSEMBLES:

Please help us welcome our 2018-2019 Mustang Chorus which rehearse weekly before or after school.



Next month, we will share a picture of our 2018-2019 Mustang Orff.



Chorus will perform on Friday, November 9th for our Veterans Day Celebration. Then both Chorus and Orff will have a wonderful Winter performance for us on Tuesday, December 11th and Wednesday, December 12th.



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MEDIA MOMENT with Mrs. Bergmann

The media center is Rocking! All the classes are now checking out books – even our kindergarteners! To date we have checked out about 5000 books – we have some rockin’ readers. The Sunshine State Young Reader Award is also up and running for 2-6 and we are about to begin our Florida Reading Association program with K and 1.

Interested in checking out what your student is reading or want to see what we have available in our library? Go to the MCA website and click on links for students. Click on the link for Destiny Quest. If you log in using your student ID and HAC password you can view the books shelf and all the books in our system as well as any ebooks we have. As always, feel free to email me with questions - Happy Reading!



Art News from Mrs. Locke

Radial symmetry has been the subject of 3rd, 4th, and 5th in the art room. Jellyfish, starfish, and seashells have been the subjects. Here you will find a couple of examples from our awesome artists.



**The Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams are off to a great start to the season!
Keep up the great effort, Mustangs! #MustangNation**



Keep up with latest happenings by following us on twitter @MustangsMill

UPCOMING EVENTS



National walk to School Day— Wednesday, October 3

Join us as we gather at World Golf Village Park at 7:30 and walk to school. The deadline to register for breakfast has passed, but you are still welcome to walk to school with us!

PTA Bingo Night—Friday, October 5

See page 7 for additional information



6th Grade Fall Dance—Friday, October 19

The 6th Grade Dance is Friday, October 19 from 6-8 PM with prompt pickup at 8 PM. Costumes are optional for students but must follow the school dress code and no gore or face masks. The dance is for students only. Flyers will be sent home the second week of October.

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](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

Middle School 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 VIP Badge to wear for special privileges during the week! Keep up the great PRIDE, Mustangs!



September Character Counts Recipients



FAIRNESS



BINGO

Come join us for a fun night of Bingo & win some prizes

OCTOBER 5TH, 2018 @ 7 PM

\$5: BINGO, PIZZA & DRINK

\$2: BINGO ONLY

**\$1: CANDY, POPCORN, DRINKS THROUGHOUT EVENT
\$1 BINGO DAUBERS AVAILABLE**

RSVP BY OCT 3



DON'T WAIT - SPACE IS LIMITED

Parent Name: _____ Email: _____

Oldest Student Name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____

Due to limited space please complete the following and return by Oct 3rd

BINGO Players Dinner INCLUDED: _____ x \$5 = \$ _____

BINGO Players Dinner EXCLUDED: _____ x \$2 = \$ _____

Total BINGO Players: _____ Total \$ Enclosed: \$ _____

For PTA Use: All Checks should be payable to MCA PTA

Payment Type: Check# _____ Cash _____ Total Enclosed _____