

# Mustang Messenger

OCTOBER 26, 2017

## Important Dates

### October

#### *Responsibility*

Friday, October 27, 2017

Character Counts

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

SAC Meeting

### November

#### *Citizenship*

Friday, November 3, 2017

Picture Retakes

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

PTA Meeting

Friday, November 10, 2017

Veterans Day **REGULAR SCHOOL DAY**

Honor Roll Assemblies (Note change of date)

Friday, November 17, 2017

Fall Carnival

Character Counts

Wednesday – Friday, November 22-24

Thanksgiving Break – Student/Teacher Holiday

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

SAC Meeting

### December

#### *All Pillars*

Friday, December 1, 2017

Box Tops begins

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

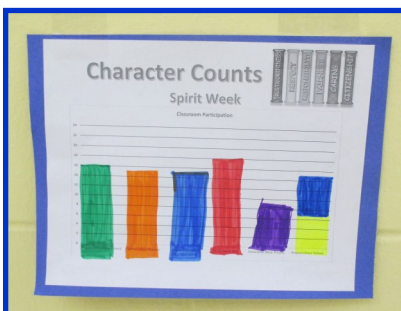
Donuts with Dad

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Teacher Luncheon

## **Character Counts, Red Ribbon Week was a HUGE Success!**

We had great participation from our Mustangs. Over 80% of our student population participated in showing school spirit and Mustang PRIDE during the week. Each class kept a graph of their participation each day and we also had a school-wide graph in the hallway. We collected almost 1,000 pairs of socks for St. Francis House. Mrs. Ramsay's class collected the most socks! Those will certainly be a great help to those in need. Great job, Mustangs!





# PTA NEWS

I wanted to start off and say thanks to all the Mom's and Son's that showed up for the annual "Mother-Son" event held this past Friday night. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as my son and I did. This week is pretty slow, not much is happening. This Friday is the Character Count's Assembly for "Responsibility". If your child is chosen from the class then a letter will go home inviting you to come to the assembly. The "Honor Roll Assembly" for 3rd -5th grade will not be held this Thursday, instead the **new date is November 10th**. We will send out the times as soon as we get them. Thank you to all who participated in our "Character Count's Week" this past week. Hope you all have a great week!!

Please support our business partners!



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

Students deposit their pride bucks in the hopper and then we draw students' names each week to receive the Golden PRIDE trophies to keep on their desk for the remainder of the week! Keep up the great PRIDE, Mustangs!



### Congratulations to last week's recipients:

**Ella D, Jace C, Joe B, Ava K, Drake W, Tyler S, Tessa D, Alexander A, Tristan G, Sophia C, Jonah C, Ethan T, Natalie O, Addi H, Madelyn M**

### Congratulations to this week's recipients:

**Emily V, Amadou B, Karter A, Daniela M, Raiven D, Tyler S, Annabella D, Ramsey M, Sloan D, Jarett S, Bryce G, Sean S, Alex C, Davis D, Emilee G**



The St Johns County Schools Calendar Committee has put together two calendars (an A and a B) for future school years. Please review the different options and provide us with your feedback. The deadline to submit your feedback is Friday, October 27, 2017. To view the calendars, click on the link below.

<http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/calendar/proposed/>







In the last newsletter of each month, we will dedicate a section of the newsletter to showcasing our Resource Classes and what the students are learning.

### El alfabeto in Spanish

Hola again!

Our students have been working so hard in the Spanish class. We have been doing group activities in our classroom that include: Spanish letters bingo, Venn Diagram, Computer games about the sounds of the letters in the Spanish alphabet, and spelling their first and last name in our small white board. We rotate every 10 minutes in class so that way everyone gets to play bingo and Spanish letter sounds in the computer. It is amazing to see when they collaborate with their peers and when they compare English letters sounds and Spanish letters sound using the Venn diagram!

Gracias! -Mrs. Blankenship



### Your PE 411 for October:

In physical education class, we are and will be working on different types of throwing motions along with cooperation within a team environment. In October, we have worked on an underhand throw and roll. The students were able to work on the underhand roll/throw using two different activities. Bocce ball is a skill game where slow, deliberate rolling of the ball will enable your team to score a point. Teams used cooperation to knock an opponent's ball away from or get the ball as close to the *boccino (Jack)* ball, as possible. The other activity we played was called "Bowling Pin Knockout". This activity used an underhand throw or rolling motion that required skill but also a much faster roll. Students had two teams with ten bowling pins on each side. The side that knocked down all of the opposite team's pins was the winner. In both activities, students had to work together using offense and defense to win the game. - Coach Drinkuth and Coach Larkin

**Media Moment-** We have completed our Dot Day projects. When you come to the school, take a look around to see how the students made their mark and where they think it will take them. As we move forward, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade will begin a research project in class – in the media center we will talk about copyright, plagiarism, how to cite your work and then possibly add some digital presentation skills. Our fabulous 4<sup>th</sup> grade will jump on the poetry wagon. We will work on poetry for most of the remainder of the year. We read, analyze and write poetry. Our goal is publication in the National Young Poets Digest. Learning the online card catalog is this month's task for our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. We will teach them how to use the computer to find books of interest and then we will learn how to go find them in the library. I am working with our super second grade teachers in teaching the students about nonfiction text and then following with an introduction to biographies. We will begin our study of the Florida Reading Association Award nominated books with the kindergarten and First grades. Our discussions will focus on characters, settings, plot and theme of the stories. Fall/Autumn is our focus for our wonderful pre-K kiddos. - Mrs. Bergmann and Mrs. Z







## CREEKS YOUTH LACROSSE SPRING 2018

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR GIRLS REC & BOYS REC!**

Spring Season ~ February through April

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[CREEKSLACROSSE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CREEKSLACROSSE@GMAIL.COM)

\$25 EARLY BIRD SPRING REGISTRATION DISCOUNT UNTIL NOV 24, 2017 (DISCOUNT AUTOMATICALLY APPLIED)

REGULAR REGISTRATION NOV 25 TO DEC 19, 2017

\$50 LATE REGISTRATION FEE APPLIED FROM DEC 20 TO JANUARY 10, 2018

REGISTRATION CLOSING JAN 10TH, 2018 SO ROSTERS AND COACHING PLANS CAN BE CREATED.



### STUDENT COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE



Each year, the MCE Student Council holds a food drive to benefit the St. Francis House of St. Augustine. The mission of the St. Francis House is "to engage the homeless in achieving stability, self-sufficiency, and a viable plan for their future by providing a safe, stable environment, access to essential services, supportive connections, and to advocate for changes that address the needs of the homeless population." They have been serving the less fortunate in our community for over 30 years. All generous donations of non-perishable food items collected from MCE students, parents, and staff will help provide hot meals and food boxes to individuals and families at the St Francis House. In 2016, the St. Francis House served 59,713 Meals and provided 7,018 Food Boxes to those in need.

Donations accepted October 30 – November 17

THANK YOU, MIGHTY MUSTANGS,  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS WORTHY CAUSE!

Creeks Lacrosse: click on the flyer above for more information.

### 2017-2018 Instructional Materials Adoption- Science

The St. Johns County School District curriculum department representatives and adoption committee members are currently conducting the review process for the 2017-2018 Instructional Materials Adoption for Science. The materials listed in the chart below are available for review by our teachers and the public. The core resources that have been submitted for evaluation have come from the state adoption consideration lists. AP materials that will be reviewed are from College Board recommended materials.

Some print materials may be available for review. If you would like access to the available printed materials or require assistance reviewing the online resources, please call the Instructional Resources and Media Services office at 904.547.3947. Materials are available for review from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM when district offices are open.

### [SJCSJ Science Instructional Materials – posted 10/19/17](#)

(Click above to follow a link to access the resources or go to: <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/textbooks/adoption/>) This document may be revised throughout the review process. Please check back for updates.

Please note the following Florida statute regarding instructional materials that pertains to parent input regarding adopted materials:

*F.S. 1006.28 (1)(a)(3) Each district school board must establish a process by which the parent of a public school student may contest the district school board's adoption of a specific instructional material. The parent must file a petition, on a form provided by the school board, within 30 calendar days after the adoption of the material by the school board. The school board must make the form available to the public and publish the form on the school district's website. The form must be signed by the parent, include the required contact information, and state the objection to the instructional material. Within 30 days after the 30-day period has expired, the school board must conduct at least one open public hearing on all petitions timely received and provide the petitioner written notification of the date and time of the hearing at least 7 days before the hearing. All instructional materials contested must be made accessible online to the public at least 7 days before a public hearing. The school board's decision after convening a hearing is final and not subject to further petition or review.*