

Mustang Messenger

OCTOBER 5, 2017

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.

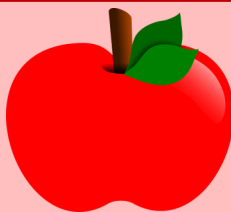
POLITENESS,
RESPECT
INTEGRITY
DISCIPLINE
EFFORT



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 this week's recipients:

**Jessica C, Emily P, Joanna B, Gabby H,
Adyson P, Alexander M, Dane S, Sofia R.**



*Congratulations
to our*

*Teacher of the Year,
Jennifer Burton
and our
Rookie Teacher of the
Year,
Cheyenne Bell!*

Both these ladies represent excellence in education and we are honored to have them as part of our Mighty Mustang Faculty and Staff. Congratulations Mrs. Burton and Ms. Bell; we are so proud of you!

Important Dates

October

Responsibility

Thursday, October 5, 2017

Box Top begins

Friday, October 13, 2017

First Quarter Ends

Monday, October 16, 2017

Regular School Day

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Teacher Tailgate

Friday, October 20, 2017

Box Tops ends

Mother/Son Scavenger Hunt 5:30-8 PM

Friday, October 27, 2017

Character Counts

Honor Roll Assembly

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






Friday, November 17, 2017

Fall Carnival



Red Ribbon/ Character Counts Week

Everyone in our learning community will be celebrating Character Counts Week along with Red Ribbon Week, **October 16–20**. Each day we will highlight a pillar of character to focus on. You can help by encouraging your student to participate, as well as to look for examples of these at home. The days are as follows: ****We will be collecting a pair of new ADULT SIZED socks to be donated to the St Francis House shelter. Each student who brings in a pair of socks for donation will get a point for their classroom community. The 3-5 and k-2 class with the most points will be celebrated!!!!**

Monday 10/16/17	Tuesday 10/17/17	Wednesday 10/18/17	Thursday 10/19/17	Friday 10/20/17
Responsibility	Fairness &	Caring	Citizenship	Respect
	Trustworthiness			
<p>Everything is AWESOME because of our Responsible Mustangs!</p>  <p>Wear GREEN and your favorite LEGO gear!</p>	<p>“Hats off!” to being FAIR and TRUSTWORTHY</p>  <p>Wear ORANGE and BLUE jeans with your silly hat day!</p>	<p>I CARE to make healthy choices!</p>  <p>Wear RED for Red Ribbon Day!</p>	<p>Knock your socks off with good CITIZENSHIP!</p>  <p>Wear PURPLE with your wacky socks and/or bring in a pair of ADULT SIZED socks to donate to St. Francis House in St. Augustine!</p>	<p>Follow the Golden Rule and show RESPECT</p>  <p>Wear YELLOW and dress in your Mustang Pride!</p>

PTA NEWS

Another Box Top sheet will be sent home this week, start saving your box tops. **The contest starts October 5th.**


Please support our business partners!



Hurricane Make Up Days
As a result of days lost due to Hurricane Irma the SJCS D will make up two school days on Monday, October 16 and Friday, November 10.



REMINDERS:

1. **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 Mrs. Larson at 904-547-3720 or tina.larson@stjohns.k12.fl.us
 2. **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.
 3. **Lunch Account Balance**—You will be contacted by the food service manager if your student has a negative lunch account balance of (\$10.00). We will no longer send notices home with students when the account is running low.
 4. **Early Dismissals**—If your child is leaving early please send in a note to your child's teacher stating the need and reason for the early checkout request. To assist our front office please pick up your child before 2:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and by 1:30pm on Wednesdays. **We will not call for students to leave class until you arrive in the office.**
 5. **Transportation Changes**—Should you need to change your child's dismissal transportation, please email or send a written note to your child's teacher BEFORE 8:00 AM. If there is a situation during the day and a change in normal dismissal is needed please email mcestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us BEFORE 2 PM (1 PM on Wednesdays). Include your child's name, grade, teacher and how they need to get home. We can not accept phone calls for transportation changes.
 6. **Health**—Please remember that if children are sent home with illness or out sick, they must be free of vomiting, diarrhea or fever without the aid of medication for 24 hours before they can return to school.
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WALK TO SCHOOL DAY



Our annual Walk to School event was a huge success! Thank you to all our Mustangs who participated!

We Want to Find Some Very Special Children!

Do you have any concerns about your child's:

- Speaking
- Understanding
- Moving or Playing
- Seeing or Hearing
- Getting Along with Other Children
- Learning and Paying Attention
- Self-help Skills including: Feeding, Dressing or Toileting

FDLRS/NEFEC CHILD FIND PROVIDES:

- Information about community programs for children with special needs
- Professional consultation for parents
- Screening in the areas of communication, motor development, vision, hearing, and preschool readiness skills
- Assistance in connecting children with special or unique needs to appropriate early intervention or exceptional student education services

If you have questions or concerns about a child birth - 5 years of age, contact:

FDLRS/NEFEC CHILD FIND
 (386) 329-3811 or Toll Free 1-800-227-6036
 Email: ChildFind@nefec.org
 Website: www.nefec.org/fdlrs



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