

Mustang Messenger

NOVEMBER 16, 2017

November *Citizenship*

Friday, November 17, 2017
Fall Carnival (see page 2)
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

Friday, December 15, 2017
Box Top ends

Thursday, December 21, 2017
Second Quarter/First Semester Ends

Friday, Thursday, Dec. 22, 2017 – Jan. 4, 2018
Winter Break – Student/Teacher Holiday

January *Respect*

Friday, January 5, 2018
Teacher Planning Day – Student Holiday

Monday, January 8, 2018
Classes Resume for Students/Second
Semester Begins

Wednesday, January 10, 2017
General PTA Meeting 9 AM

BEAUTIFUL VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Thank you to Mrs. Neal, our Chorus students and all the volunteers and staff for putting on a beautiful Veterans Day program. We love and appreciate all our service men and women and were honored to host them.



COME ONE, COME ALL

Mill Creek Elementary PTA PRESENTS

FALL CARNIVAL

Friday, November 17th, 2017

5:30 - 8:30 PM on the back fields

FEATURING BOUNCE HOUSES, HAMSTER BALL, MONKEY MOTION, CARNIVAL GAMES, PETTING ZOO, FACE PAINTING, CAKE WALK, FOOD VENDORS AND LIVE PERFORMANCES

\$15 each for first 2 students in the family, additional students are \$5. Parents and children under 3 are FREE!

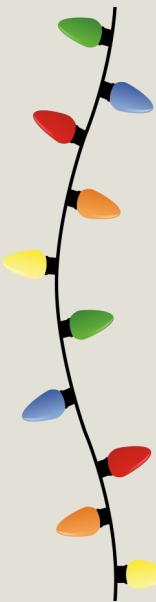
PONY RIDES, PIE THE TEACHER IN THE FACE, AND BALLOON ANIMALS ARE ALL \$1.
FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!!!

Please Park in Designated Areas. Overflow parking available at Villages Church and Our Lady of Good Counsel. Shuttles will be available throughout the event.



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.** Thank you!

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



A reminder with the holidays approaching: 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



**Congratulations
to our 5th grade
Spelling Bee
classroom
winners:**

**Kassidi B, Parker R, Landon B, Abigail M,
Kellin H, Jake H, Savannah W, Molly K,
Yousef S,**



**CHARACTER
COUNTS! 6
Pillars 6K/3K
Run/Walk**

Walkers, runners and fitness enthusiasts are

invited to participate in the CHARACTER COUNTS! 6 Pillars 6K/3K Run/Walk on **Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 9 a.m.** The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School. Register before January 1 and receive a \$5 discount!

[Learn more and register today!](#)

UPDATED: ATTENDANCE POLICY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUICK RESPONSE AND ADHERENCE TO THESE PROCEDURES THIS WEEK, WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION.

- Regular attendance is important for your child's success in school. The county's attendance policy in its entirety can be found at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/attendance/>
- ***UPDATED: Any student who has been absent from school is required to bring a completed and signed Mill Creek Absentee Note from the student's parent/guardian the day the student returns to school stating the cause of the absence. If your student has been out 3 or more consecutive days, you will also need to provide a note from a physician. Beginning January 1, 2018, the MCES Absentee Form will be required for all absences.***
- Please call our attendance line at 547-3737 to report each absence. Calling the attendance line does not excuse the absence.
- The "Blackboard Connect" Rapid Notification system will be used to make calls to report student absences to parents.
- After 15 days of absence per school year, whether excused or unexcused, a student must have a doctor's verification for all subsequent absences. The following constitutes an excused absence: personal illness, illness of an immediate family member, death in the family, doctor's appointment, dentist appointment, religious holidays of the student's established religious faith, special events (when approved by the Principal).
- Students having a communicable disease or infection that can be transmitted to others are to be excluded from school and are not allowed to return until they are no longer infectious. (Florida Statute 1003.22).

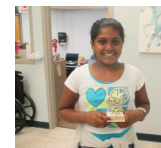
Mill Creek is Filling Up with Mustang P-R-I-D-E!

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 this week's recipients:

Cole S, Leia M, Katy H, Gavin A, Riley



Y, Andrea O, Gio C, Wyatt B, Sahiti R, Kailyn S, Olivia K, Carter A, Jacey B, Hudson T, Blake K

PTA NEWS

Please support our business partners!



Character Counts Assembly is this Friday, 17th for Citizenship pillar.

This week we have Carnival on Friday, November 17th. If you are new to the school, then the carnival is a great family night at the school with games, food, bounce houses, petting zoo and whole much more. The carnival is open to the community.

Here is the link for volunteers for our Fall Carnival. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this link. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49a5aa2dabf94-carnival>

Student Council is still collecting non-perishable food that will be donated to St. Francis House until November 17th. Please bring in your cans to your classrooms. Thanks to everyone who has donated so far.



Villages Football Association Flag Football and Cheer Information

Registration is now open for both flag football and cheer – VFA has partnered with the NFL to bring this exciting opportunity to the World Golf Village area. Don't miss out, register now!! \$110 for flag football or cheer and the season runs through late February.

More information can be found at www.vfapanthers.org Go Panthers!!!



GIRL SCOUTS

When you unleash your inner G.I.R.L., you can accomplish anything!

At Girl Scouts, the next opportunity to stand up, speak up, and take the lead is never far away. With us, you'll discover the G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-Taker, Leader)[™] in you, and watch her shine, again and again.

With us, the possibilities are truly endless. Discover all you can be and everything you can accomplish when you have the right tools and a safe space to shine—and work together to change the world.

So what are you waiting for?

Kindergarten and 1st Grade: Daisy Troop 2010

2nd Grade: Brownie Troop 2436

To join a troop, please visit www.joinsgsc.com!

Attention: Pre-K
and Kindergarten
Students



November 13, 2017

RE: 8th Annual Florida East Coast Railway - Toys for Tots Santa Train

The Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) is pleased to announce its sponsorship of the 2017 Toys for Tots Santa Train operating between Jacksonville and Miami on **Saturday, December 9, 2017.**

At each stop, Santa and his helpers will be handing out balloons, "goodie bags" and a special gift, along with important Operation Lifesaver information to the children who come out to welcome the Santa Train. Representatives of the US Marine Corps and Toys for Tots will also be on hand to receive toys that have been donated by FEC Employees and Customers for distribution to local organizations.

The Santa Train will stop at the crossing in your community at the location listed below.

San Sebastian View, St. Augustine East side of crossing 8:10 a.m.

Please distribute this invitation to your Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes.

This is a 20-minute stop, as the Santa Train is on a tight schedule in order to make Miami on schedule.

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