

NOVEMBER 2, 2017

# Mustang Messenger

## November Citizenship

**Friday, November 3, 2017**  
Picture Retakes

**Tuesday, November 7, 2017**  
PTA Meeting

**Thursday, November 9**  
**Veteran's Day Performance**

**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

**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

## Celebrating our Learners!

Celebrating our Mighty Mustangs as learners will always be a priority at Mill Creek! We celebrate the success of our students in a variety of ways! Character Counts, Mustang PRIDE, individual student learning gains, and my favorite, parent/teacher conferences. Our goal for October was to meet with EVERY Mustang parent/guardian. These face-to-face meetings provide teachers the opportunity to celebrate the work and learning of the students, get to know them a little bit better, and most importantly, strengthen the home/school partnership that is essential in the continued growth of our students. Thank you for making parent/teacher conferences a priority!

As we continue to move forward, I would like to challenge you to stay engaged in your student's learning. An important part of what we do with our students each and every day is provide learning that is meaning, relevant, and rigorous. In recent years we have studied as a collaborative team (Mustang teachers and staff) how identifying learning progressions and daily learning targets empowers students to become directly engaged in their own learning.

Providing learning targets and engaging students in developing and understanding "what" and "how" they are learning requires self-efficacy or what we like to call it sometimes is building "agency" in our students. *Agency in education means that students have the satisfying power to make their own decisions and choices, take meaningful action, and see the results in their own development and learning.* However, for students to develop agency, they must know what they are aiming for, their learning targets. This builds self-efficacy, a skill that is essential in adults and the work place. *Self-efficacy is one's belief in one's ability to succeed in specific situations or accomplish a task and can play a major role in how one approaches goals, tasks, and challenges.*

As parents, learning targets give you direct access into a child's learning during the day. Parents are great at asking the question, "what did you do today?" and the student replies, "nothing." However, asking a child, "What were your learning targets today?" provides a crystal clear focus. If a child responds, "I don't know," make sure they know their job the following day is to know and understand the learning targets for the day! Then follow up with the same question the following day. In collaboration, home and school, we will provide the support needed for our learners to build the skills needed to be successful throughout life. I would love to hear your feedback!

A continued thank you goes to all our families for your constant involvement, support, and encouragement that you provide to our students. The saying, "it takes a village to raise a child," has never been as important as it is today. With the increased level of rigor expected of our students to be our leaders of tomorrow, it takes "all of us" to educate our children, today, tomorrow, and forever! Stay involved, and together we will achieve EXCELLENCE! This is our COMMITMENT to ALL our learners!

*Amanda L. Riedl, Learning Leader*



## **UPDATED: ATTENDANCE POLICY**

- 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).

**Lost and Found** items will be donated at the end of every month. If your student is missing an item, please have him/her stop by and see if the item is here. As a reminder, **items that are labeled are much easier to return to the rightful owner.**





## Veteran's Day

**This year we will honor Veterans within our community at our Veteran's Day Celebration on Thursday, November 9. Mill Creek's Chorus will be performing. During our celebration, we always take time to honor our military, past and present. In order to ensure we honor these men and women, please use the sign up below to register those who have served or are currently serving who will be attending a performance. There will be two (2) performances, 9:00 AM (PreK, K, 3rd and 5th graders) and 9:45 AM (1st, 2nd, 4th). Please sign up for the performance that coincides with your student's grade level.**

### Veteran's Day Performance Sign Up

**After signing up for a performance, click [here](#) to register for 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.**

### 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.

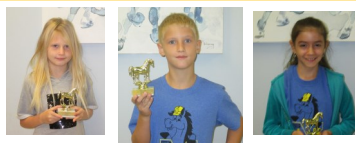
Some print materials may be available for review. If you would like access to the available printed materials or require assistance reviewing the online resources, please call the Instructional Resources and Media Services office at 904.547.3947. Materials are available for review from 8:00 AM – 4:30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

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

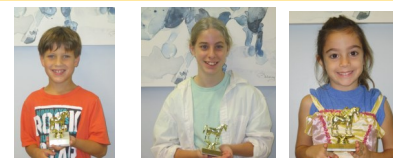
(Click above to follow a link to access the resources or go to: <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/textbooks/adoption/>)  
This document may be revised throughout the review process. Please check back for updates.

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.*



## 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:**

**Avalon M, Ciara L, Henry F, Cambria S, Audrey Q, Kloe B, Gabriela H, Aiden D, Jazmine R, Alyssa F, Lucas S, Ashlyn M, Noah W, Max C, Lily G**



**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!**

## CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Congratulations to our Character Counts Recipients for October (Responsibility) :

Kaylee K, Carly N, Aly B, Jonah C, Jack S, Victoria O, Braxton L, Sophia R, Hayden W, Henry H, Kendall S, Colvin M, Avery C, Sophia L, Aubrey D, Addison M, Will G, Bryson D, Clayton B, Katelena R, Dylan C, Reagan B, Jojo S, Reese S, Jack H, Silvia D, Bailey H, Hailey R, Joseph A, Jackson H, Addison H, Avery S, Gavin W, Isla A, Claire H, Kellin G, Amelia G, Angelee P, Aurora B, Joey R





# PTA NEWS

Mark your calendars!  
A Carnival is coming to  
Mill Creek!  
Friday, November 17th



Mill Creek's Carnival is the biggest event of the school year. In order to make this event so successful, we need all the help we can get. If you are a mom, dad, grandparent, aunt, uncle, friend, or even a high school/middle school student (you will get volunteer hours)

**WE NEED YOU!**

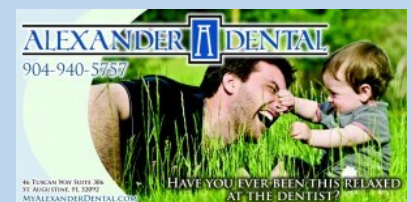
Please follow this link to sign up.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49a5aa2dabf94-carnival>

**WE THANK YOU!**

Your Mill Creek PTA

Please support our business partners!



## Congratulations to our 1st quarter Honor Roll Students:



**3<sup>rd</sup> grade All A Honor Roll:** Olivia Gullion, Maxx Vigal, Brady Forfar, Noah Mahmoud, Wesley Boyle, Alexander Martinez, Brenden Merritt, Miley Roberts, Charlie Farina, Aneira Lyons, Evan Sharabi, Reagan Brown, Kinleigh Dubose, Brandon Eagan, Ethan Hughes, Jazmine Ramprashad, Luke Sanalila, Emillya Shannon and Daniel Wagner, Charlize Friscia, Nakiah Merrill, Tyson Morace

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade A and B Honor Roll:** Sofia Alpert, Juan Cervantes, Austin Davis, Jack Holt, Lei-Anh Morales-Rivera, Mica Munroe, Bryce Pacetti, Logan Pittman, Liam Wilson, Miles Heffernan, Ethan Hester, Anders Larson, Brady Nourse, Noor Omar, and Addison Strong, Kloe Beardsley, Connor Benson, Gavin Daino, Natalie Davis, Mia Kramer, Dylan Lueckert, Matthew McGuinness, Leonid Peets, Adyson Powers, Dane Sheets, Joseph Sullivan, Wyatt Burres, Griffin Clark, Bennett Hunt, Tyler Stone, Lily Watson, Tyson Brady, Aiden

Delacuadra, Ramzi El-Hoss, Enrique Ordonez, Rhea Surage, Benjamin Van Horn, Deshane Banks, Reid Bobbitt, Kaiden Lawrence, Jeremiah McDonald

### **4<sup>th</sup> grade All A Honor Roll:**

Makaila Cobb, Morgan Cubbedge, Ty Duncan, Addison Harpe, Tristan Keeperman, Ishikta Kumari, Reyson Myers, Sophie Bonnar, Savannah Hartford, Marc Mitchell, Jack Edwards, Laurel McEwen, Alanna Mixson, Ivan Ma, Julia Mauldin, Gabriela Hobbs, Jackson Hughes, Mason Stone, Hudson Mickey, Forrest White, Kindra Bowden, Ryan Hood, Katarina Sexion, Lynette Waldeck J. Alcantara, K. Cobb, K. Colbert, K. Cooksey, S. Dooley, I. Fritz, S. Sullivan

### **4<sup>th</sup> grade A and B Honor Roll:**

Cassidy Arnold, Amanda Betterman, Mackenzie Lovely, Michael Lykam, Zachary Pound, Hannah Shaver, Antonella Sotomayer, Bryce Allgood, Tyson Brown, Zoe Carroll, Abigail Cottam, Luke Edwards, Anthony Furlani, Avery Southall, Brooke Van Hoose, Alessandro Bazan, Jaden Nguyen, Xavier Castro, Adriana De Los Santos, Mitchell Doughtry, Drew Holmquist, Brayden Laboranti, Kailyn Stein, Xipe Thorngate, Sophia Bennett, Coen Butler, Laird Drown, Carlin Knowles, Anthony Santoro, Avery Sunner, Joy Wong, Isla Atwood, Anthony Fioravanti, Logan Foresman, Caeley Gleaman, Jadyen Lampugnano, Celine Manayil, Christian McCoy, Koltan Pearson, Ethan Tan, Melik Echols, Sean Banat, Joe Bova, Cayden Campbell, Tyler Estremera, Landon Farnham, Cole Hammell, Alyssa Heider, Emma Hisrich, Makaela Hoffman, Sophia Quinn, Sandra Suarez, Gavin Miller, J. Anderson, J. Crocket, N. Dillard, J. Gill, M. Haddock, T. Kube, R. Peoples, T. Thomas, E. White

### **5<sup>th</sup> grade All A Honor Roll:**

Aurora Bauer, Lindsay Hopkins, Molly Koby, Haley Martin, Aj O'halloran, Anushka Patel, Audrey Queener, Yousef Shaban, Kayla Watson, Kailee Borgmeyer, Rylan Borgmeyer, Caitlin Boyd, Noah Dehaan, Isabella Fitt, Tess Myroup, Mya Oberholtzer, Nicholas Orletski, Sanyati Patel, Joey Roggen, Katie Brown, Bella Gockley, Jake Harris, John Heacox, Kellin Henry, Claire Holt, Lily Sanalila, Greta Schmanke, Savanah Warren, Alana Larson, Oz Robinson, Summer Smith, Sarah Thompson, Angela Badjie, Logan Childers

### **5<sup>th</sup> grade A and B Honor Roll:**

Emma Cheshire, James Davis, Vince Gallela, Kaitlyn Lazenby, Yumalai Maldonado, Sarah Sands, Jonathan Schmenke, Skyler Tenney, Andrew Vorwaller, Sam Davis, Avery Evans, Ashtyn Gibbs, Gina Holbert, Devon Jones, Adam Lewandowski, Joshua Mckay, Matthew Polleschultz, Kaleb Robor, Ryan Boucher, Jace Cox, Briana Czelusniak, Cameron DelaCuadra, Elizabeth Guice, Landon Hall, Billy Head, Korol Kolsen, Fiona Larkin, Kylie McCutcheon, Nianna Merrill, Kalli Robinson, Judson Tompkins, Maisie Tunnicliffe, Kassidi Benson, Mikey Bergamo, James Berkoff, Ruby Fulmer, Amelia Gonzalez, Hana Grant, Sydney Moros, Ariona Oliver, Corbin Rose, Alexandra Stanley, Parker Rust, Tyler Cannon, Hayden Creech, Dylan Degnan, Brayden Harris, Abby Major, Isabella Munevar, Avalon Murdock, Meah Olsten, Angelee Price, Cynthia Tran, Charleigh Wallace, Journi Warren