

DECEMBER 14, 2017

# Mustang Messenger

## December All Pillars

**Thursday, December 21, 2017**  
Second Quarter/First Semester Ends  
**EARLY RELEASE**

**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

**Monday, January 15, 2018**  
Martin Luther King Day – Student/Teacher Holiday

**Monday – Friday, January 22-26, 2017**  
Literacy Week

**Thursday, January 25, 2017**  
Literacy Night

**Friday, January 26, 2017**  
Character Counts

**Monday, January 29, 2018**  
Teacher Inservice Day – Student Holiday

**Tuesday, January 30, 2017**  
SAC Meeting

Candy Cane Grams will be on sale Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> thru December 18<sup>th</sup>. The grams will cost \$0.50 and the order forms will go home Monday. Order forms can also be found on the MCE website [here](#). All money collected will be donated to The Empty Stocking Fund, sponsored by The St. Augustine Record to help local families in need during the holidays.



A huge thank you to all of you who donated gifts to help our Veterans have a special Christmas!



As the spirit of giving infuses the holiday season, the Mill Creek LEADS encourages you to join our

## Giving Tree Campaign.

**December 4<sup>th</sup> through December 15<sup>th</sup>,**

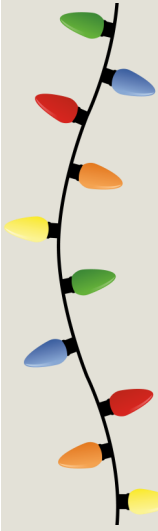
we will be collecting items to help sponsor Hugs Across the County, a nonprofit organization that helps children in need in St. Johns county.

Please consider donating the following items: **Chef Boyardee meals, Hearty soups, Cereal (such as Cheerios/Chex/Life), Crackers such as Saltines/Ritz, Fruit cups, Granola bars.**

In addition to foods items, Hugs Across the County is looking for **gently used or new fleece jackets and zip hoodies.** Students can drop off items in their classrooms.

Thank you for your generosity.



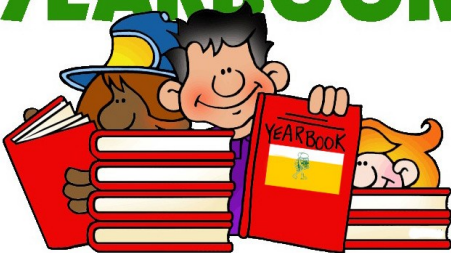


A reminder with the holidays approaching: As required by Florida state law, everyone MUST have a cleared background check to go past the front office at Mill Creek Elementary. Picture ID (driver's license) is also required to enter the building at all times. You MUST have a background check and be cleared 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](mailto:tina.larson@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

## YEARBOOKS ARE NOW ON SALE!

Don't Delay...Yearbooks are now on sale. There will NOT be any additional books available for purchase so please make sure you place your order before the deadline, February 16, 2018. [Yearbook Order Form](#)

It's Time to Order Your.....  
**YEARBOOK!**



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

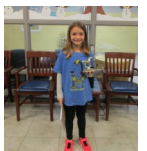
Walkers, runners and fitness enthusiasts are invited to participate in the CHARACTER COUNTS! 6 Pillars 6K/3K Run/Walk on **Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 9 a.m.** The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School. Register before January 1 and receive a \$5 discount!

[Learn more and register today!](#)



## 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:**

**Colvin M, Ryder E, Isabella B, Bryan T, Gavin D, Natalie D, Wyatt B, Lily W, Landon F, Melik E, Lauren D, Gavin A, Matthew K, Kara L, Benjamin B**