

March 1, 2018

# Mustang Messenger

## March

### *Trustworthiness*

**Thursday, March 1, 2017**

Box Tops begins

**Tuesday, March 6, 2017**

PTA Meeting

**Friday, March 9, 2017**

Mustang Gallop

**Thursday, March 15, 2018**

Third Quarter Ends

Mustang Gallop Rain Delay, if needed

Box Tops ends

**Friday, March 16, 2018**

Teacher Planning Day – Student Holiday

**March 19, 2017**

Muffins with Mom (A-K)

**March 20, 2017**

Muffins with Mom (L-Z)

SAC Meeting

**March 22, 2017**

Spirit Night – Location TBD

**March 23, 2017**

Character Counts

**Monday – Friday, March 26 – 30, 2018**

Spring Break – Student/Teacher Holiday

## April

### *All Pillars*

**Monday, April 2, 2018**

Classes Resume for Students

**Tuesday, April 3, 2017**

PTA Meeting

## **Writing in Action!**

Next Tuesday, March 6, our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will take the FSA Writing Assessment. Throughout the building students engage in writing daily and are making great gains as accomplished authors. Writing in different genres - narrative, opinion, and essay, has given students the opportunity to learn different writing crafts and strategies in addition to learning how to use their writing as a platform for expressing their thoughts and ideas. For example, we teach students how to use “show not tell” strategies. We want our students to use their voice to show how characters are feeling, not just tell us about the characters.

As lead learners in the classrooms, teachers have engaged in ongoing learning together to build a deeper understanding of elaboration and the impact we can have on student writing when we study together vertically, K – 5. Ensuring that our students are proficient writers means that we must understand and agree upon what writing looks like and how we will grow our writers each year. This isn't new at Mill Creek, as we believe that to provide the highest level of educational experiences to our students, but we must continue to learn and grow as professionals.

As we come upon FSA Writes next week, we are confident in the writing our students are doing. Through feedback from teachers and peers, our students have shown growth in using elaboration and voice to move their writing forward. Ask your child to share his or her most recent writing with you and what was done, as a writer, to ensure the reader was influenced by their writing!

A few testing reminders as we move forward:

It is critically important that our students come with a well-prepared mind and body to do their BEST work. Please ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep, a well-balanced breakfast and most importantly is **HERE** and **ON TIME** to school next Tuesday. This will set them up for SUCCESS. Thank you in advance for your support and commitment to your child's education and the continued learning at Mill Creek. Our learning community's strength comes from your constant love, dedication, and support!!! THANK YOU.

As a reminder, NO VISITORS or GUEST will be allowed in the building on Tuesday due to testing. We want to ensure a quiet learning environment for our students. Thank you for your cooperation and support during time of testing.

*Amanda L. Riedl, Learning Leader*



## TESTING DATES

Our students will be testing on various dates through March, April and May. Please go ahead and note these grade level testing dates on your calendar. [Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.](#) We will be sharing more information and helpful tips as we move closer to the testing dates.

The testing schedules can be found below or by clicking [here](#). Please note that in order to ensure a good testing environment, **NO VISITORS will be allowed on campus on March 6, April 10 and April 11.**

### 2017-2018 FSA Testing Schedules

3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
ELA – April 10 & 11	ELA – April 16 & 17	ELA – April 26 & 27
Math – April 19 & 20	Math – April 23 & 24	Math – April 30 & May 1
		Science – May 2 & 3

### iReady Testing Schedule

Kindergarten	1 <sup>st</sup> grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
ELA –May 14 & 15	ELA –May 7 & 8	ELA –May 10 & 11	ELA –May 3 & 4
Math –May 16 & 17	Math –May 10 & 11	Math –May 14 & 15	Math –May 7 & 8

### Art/Music/PE Testing Schedule

2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	5 <sup>th</sup> grade
May 16	May 16	May 9	May 9

## ***2018-2019 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AND PREVIEW NIGHT***

Kindergarten Early Registration dates are listed on the Registration Tab of Mill Creek’s webpage. We will also be hosting a Kindergarten Preview Night in May (date TBD). Please visit the Registration tab ([here](#)) for more details.

### **St Johns County Schools 2018-2019 Early Kindergarten Registration Dates:**

March 13, 2018 – 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

March 20, 2018 – 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

April 4, 2018 – 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

April 11, 2018 – 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Registration is also available all summer.



# PTA NEWS

The **Mustang Gallop** is coming! This year's Mustang Gallop will take place on **Friday, March 9th**. This is a great event and a fun way for the kids to help earn money for Mill Creek. Your child should have brought home a packet with all the information about the Gallop. We have an alternate date for rain, but that's only for a heavy downpour /thunder storm. We ran in the past with a light shower. Please dress appropriately with your **CLASS SHIRT AND TENNIS SHOES**. We have also posted a "sign-up genius" link on our PTA's Facebook page. Please sign up to help [here](#). We need any volunteers to help us out on the day of the Gallop.



## MUSTANG GALLOP SCHEDULE FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Photo	Time for Warm-Up	Gallop Start Time	Gallop End time	Return to Class		class	class	class	class	class	class	
	9:10	9:15	9:25	9:40	9:45	P/K	Todd	Gurick				
	9:30	9:35	9:45	10:00	10:05	K	Green	Yeabsley	Clark	Johnson	Chicerelli	S. Brown
	9:50	9:55	10:05	10:20	10:25	3	Ashley	Quinlan	Marolettii	Godiare/Dezell	Wojnar	Gamel
	10:10	10:15	10:25	10:40	10:45	1	Brocksmith	Ables	Achberger	Warner	Schneider	Hutchinson
	10:30	10:35	10:45	11:00	11:05							
	10:50	10:55	11:05	11:20	11:25	4	Nourse	Arnold	Shearer	Washington	Jackson	
	11:10	11:15	11:25	11:40	11:45	4	Schultz	Ramsay				
	11:30	11:35	11:45	12:00	12:05							
	11:50	11:55	12:05	12:20	12:25	2	Beardsley	White	Shaver	Imamovic	Orletski	
	12:10	12:15	12:25	12:40	12:45	2	Leonard	Hecht	Brumleve			
	12:30	12:35	12:45	1:00	1:05	5	McNamara/Cook	Brackett	Jahr	Dewitt	Keeperman	