

AUGUST 24, 2017

Mustang Messenger

Important Dates

August

All Pillars

Friday, August 25, 2017

Volunteer Training & Room Parent meeting 8:30 AM

Family Movie Night 6:30-8:30 PM for those who registered

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

SAC Meeting

September

Fairness

Monday, September 4, 2017

Labor Day – Student/Teacher Holiday

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

PTA Meeting 3:15 PM in PTA Room
Scorecard Fundraiser Begins

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Curriculum Night K-5

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Scorecard Fundraiser ends

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Fall Pictures

Friday, September 22, 2017

*** PLEASE NOTE OF DATE. THIS EVENT WILL BE ON FRIDAY NIGHT.**

Mother/Son Scavenger Hunt 5:30-8 PM

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

SAC Meeting

Riedl's Roundup

We are Mill Creek! Where Leadership is built, cultivated, and celebrated!

Welcome Back, Mighty Mustang Friends and Family. What an honor it is to continue to serve our Mill Creek community! Each year we welcome students with a fierce passion and commitment to learning! Students have kicked off this school year taking pride in their learning, showing excellence and courage in trying new things, and most importantly having the desire to be vested learners. Students have already been engaged in collaborative learning conversations with peers and teachers and their work has shown evidence of learning that “stuck” from the year before! The common, predictable school-wide structures are familiar to our students and give students the ability to focus on learning and what we like to say, “all the unpredictable thinking” to occur! We constantly remind ourselves of the opportunities we have been given to touch the lives of our students! Our commitment remains strong, unflinching, and relentless as we guarantee that we will continue to meet the needs of every child, every day! I wanted to begin our first newsletter with a few key parent communication modes that will keep you updated on the current events and learning practices throughout the year:

Mill Creek Webpage – Our webmasters, Mrs. Kathleen Richards and Mrs. Kathleen Tompkins, update the site weekly. It is a great tool for you to visit regularly for learning and event updates. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you view information on our website that is not updated.

Mustang Messenger – The Mill Creek Messenger is the weekly school newsletter. I use this platform to educate and deepen the understanding of instructional practices, learning goals, and standards. In addition, I use it as a way to communicate reminders, safety tips, and frequent communication that is important to the Mill Creek community as a whole.

Curriculum Chat Night (Open House) – September 12 – Families will have the opportunity to choose from ONE of the TWO information sessions offered this evening. We ask families to choose a session and make plans to attend from the beginning of the session time. This helps us maintain a respectful environment for all families during each session time. Times are **Session 1: 5:30 – 6:15** or **Session 2 – 6:30 – 7:15**. We are encouraging our families to make this an “adult only” evening so parents are truly able to engage in the learning expectations, classroom rituals and routines. It is a great opportunity to ask the very important questions you may have about your child’s year of learning. We realize that for some of our families this is difficult, however, if possible, we are asking that parents plan to attend this event without their children. This is the only time we ask for an adult only evening as we know and are committed to Mill Creek being a child-centered organization. Thank you in advance for your flexibility and support as we engage our parents and guardians in an evening of becoming active participants in their child’s education.

Parent Pick Up and Drop Off— We request parents please remain in their vehicles and use the Parent Pick Up line. I realize it is time-consuming, but for the safety of our students, it is imperative that we do not have parents gathered outside the doors waiting for their students. Student safety is a priority. I want to extend my appreciation for your patience, flexibility, and support as we have worked through our arrival and dismissal times. Your effort has been noticed and has helped tremendously as we ensure the safety of our students during this time.

Our goal is for Every child, Every Need, Every Day to be served in an environment of excellence. We encourage you to become an active participant in your child’s education and look forward to serving as your teacher and leader. I feel completely blessed and honored to lead at Mill Creek and as a Mighty Mustang Team we are committed to **LEARNING FOR ALL...** Building Leaders – Past, Present and Future!

Amanda L. Riedl, Learning Leader

We are Mill Creek...Building Leaders...Past, Present and Future

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

1. **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.
2. **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.
7. **Lunch Visitors**— Our students are doing a great job learning our café procedures and expectations. Visitors are allowed to have lunch in the café beginning September 5.



The St. Johns County School District has an electronic flyer (eflyer) approval process and communication system, Peachjar. The St. Johns County School District cooperates with approved community partners by posting eflyers online and distributing them electronically through our service provider, Peachjar. As part of our efforts to be more environmentally friendly, embrace innovative technology, and maintain fiscal responsibility, we continue to use this electronic flyer delivery system. MCES after school program flyers can be found in peachjar at this time and the weekly school newsletter will be posted on Thursday each week in peachjar. **Please make sure you visit our website (click [here](#)) to see Mill Creek's current flyers.**

Text Message Notifications

Please visit <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolmessenger/> to find information regarding opting in, opting out and managing your preferences of text messages from the school and school district.

After School

There are quite a few after school activities offered at Mill Creek. The next several pages gives you an idea of the classes offered. To view the flyers in their entirety, please click on the images on this page or visit our peachjar listings by clicking the peachjar icon .

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St. John's Tutoring Services

*Assisting Your Child in English Grammar,
Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Test Prep*

Teaching beginning to advanced Piano

To schedule a time or for more information please email us at stjohnstutoring@outlook.com or phone (904) 651-9880.

All inquiries will receive a reply within 24 hours.

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Gain Confidence, Be a Part of a Team & Have Fun at

Girls on the Run

REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 21 | 6:00 AM



We believe in a world where a girl's confidence doesn't peak at age 9.

Studies show that by adolescence, girls' confidence drops twice as much as boys. Learn how your girl can be a part of the change at gotrnefl.org



Registration for the Fall season of Girls on the Run opened on August 21st. Sign up soon as teams are limited to 20 girls. Use code SUPERSTAR by August 26 to receive \$5 off. Learn more about the program at <https://www.gotrnefl.org>




STEP 1: REGISTER NOW!
Enroll your child in the newest basketball craze...Teams of Tomorrow!! Your child will learn all sorts of fancy dribbling and ball handling skills...Give them a brand new kind of basketball experience! Hurry, class size is limited!

STEP 2: ATTEND TRAINING CLASSES!
Teams of Tomorrow instructors will be your child's head coach. Students will work on individual basketball skills & routines...so cool to see your child move that ball around to awesome music! You are going to be amazed at what they accomplish!

STEP 3: IT'S PERFORMANCE TIME!
Your child will perform at the half time of a basketball game!

STEP 4: TOURNAMENT TIME!
Students will compete against the clock as they demonstrate all the skills they have mastered! Medals and pins will be awarded to all players...but they will have to earn their levels! Parents will have a blast watching their child!

YOUR CHILD WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITH THE REGISTRATION FEE:

-  MEDAL AND PINS FOR SKILLS TOURNAMENT!
-  TEAMS OF TOMORROW
-  SHIRT AND BALL FOR AMAZING PERFORMANCE!

Design & colors of TOT® products vary from year to year.

Enroll NOW! Space is limited!

★ Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Boy Girl

☺ Parent/Guardian: _____

🏫 School: _____ Teacher: _____

T-shirt size: 6/8 10/12 14/16 adult S adult M adult L

📞 Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

🏠 Address: _____ City: _____

📮 Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Any known allergies or health problems we should be aware of: No Yes, Please list them:

📷 Permission to photograph your child in future use of TOT® emails & literature? Yes No

Registration fee included: Amount: \$ _____ Check #: _____

Parent acknowledges the physical activities associated with Teams of Tomorrow®. Parent has considered the physical activities and is willing to allow their child to participate.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teams of Tomorrow is back at Mill Creek and... we have an outstanding season planned!

Practice will be held at Mill Creek every Wednesday from 1:55-2:55pm. Our first practice is September 13th. The cost is \$40 per month, but the first month is \$70 because you must purchase Team Medals, T-shirt and Basketball. The season runs September-January and will cost \$235. If you call and pay for the entire season at once we will charge you \$220. We do offer sibling discounts-just call.

After practice, students will return to Extended Day or be picked up by their parents. Parent pick up is around the right side of the school by the basketball courts.

Register and pay online at www.teamsoftomorrow.com/TOTJacksonville
Call if you have any questions or need help registering.

"I am your child's coach and I will support and encourage your child to the best of my ability at every practice." ~Amber

Director: Amber Bishop, amber@teamsoftomorrow.com, 904.686.6084

L.E.E. Afterschool Spanish Classes for regular & extended day students, ALL grades!!!

School: Mill Creek Elementary

Classes: Wed. Aug. 30 to Dec. 13

Please register online or return registration form to the front desk. For more information, including registration form, visit <http://leestjohns.pbworks.com/> or email: LEESTjohns@aol.com or leave message with: Donna Guzzo/M. Janet Robles 770-5331. To see the flyer with additional details, click [here](#).

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CLICK HERE FOR DATES, PRICING & MORE DETAILS!



SCIENCE WAS NEVER THIS MUCH FUN!



Club Scientific

AFTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB

- * Classes take place at your child's school
- * New hands-on experiments each week
- * Spaces are limited to ensure 1-on-1 attention for each student

MONDAYS, 3-4pm at MILL CREEK ELEM.


NEW SESSIONS STARTING SOON!

STJOHNS.CLUBSCIENTIFIC.COM
904-287-8603

   @ClubScientificStJohns



ENROLL ONLINE & RESERVE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT TODAY!



US Chess Initiative

Are you ready to be crowned the next World Champion? Or new to chess and want to learn how to play? Come join our chess club and learn the basics of chess, make new friends and have fun!

We are very excited to announce that we are looking forward to a wonderful chess year! This year we are actively looking for new and experienced players to enjoy the benefits of chess!

Parents, participants will not only improve their math, critical thinking and creative problem solving skills. They will also build confidence and improve their chess playing ability through in-class instruction, peer play and a session ending tournament!

If you are looking for tips to climb the tournament ladder, learn how the pieces move and gain valuable skills while having fun, please contact Anthony Coleman (904) 864-6325. No chess experience necessary!


Monday 3 - 4 pm

Session I - 8 Weeks Aug 21 - Oct 23 - \$80
Session II - 8 Weeks Oct 30 - Dec 18 - \$80

To register please visit: www.usci.club
www.facebook.com/uschess.initiative

Sign Up Now!

<https://golfsquad.com/class/mill-creek-elementary-f17/>



Mill Creek Elementary Fall '17 (1-5th)

Start Date Monday, September 11th from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Session 8 Class Hours
Length
Class Dates: September 11, September 18, September 25, October 2, October 9, [NO CLASS-October 16], October 23, October 30, November 6
Cost \$220

- ALL STUDENTS meet here: Picnic Area (between buildings)
- CLASSES will begin at: 3:00 pm
- PARENTS pick up students no later than 4:00 pm here: Extended Day Area
- PLEASE be prompt at pick up as PGA Professionals often return to clubs immediately following classes

Location

All Golf Squads are instructed by golf industry professionals. Everything essential is provided (Golf Squad Handbooks, hats, all clubs, training equipment, etc). Classes will be instructed appropriately to suit the needs of new students as well as continuing students. Parents will receive weekly class emails describing what students will be doing and learning in class.

Email david@golfsquad.com with questions.

<https://golfsquad.com/class/mill-creek-elementary-f17/>

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SELF-EXPRESSION LEADS TO SELF-CONFIDENCE!



AFTER-SCHOOL ART CLASSES

TUESDAYS, 3-4pm at MILL CREEK ELEM.

- * Classes take place at your child's school
- * A new hands-on art project each week
- * Spaces are limited to ensure 1-on-1 attention for each student

CLICK HERE FOR DATES, PRICING & MORE DETAILS!

NEW SESSIONS STARTING SOON!

STJOHNS.KIDZART.COM
904-287-8603

   @KIDZARTSTJOHNS



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After School

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Vida del Arte
Teaching Children the Art of Sewing

After School Program Grades 1 thru 5

Vida Del Arte provides both boys and girls the opportunity to learn the art of sewing. Our projects allow students to put into use their classroom lessons in Math, Language and Science. Creativity is encouraged by allowing students to make design decisions that will make their project unique.

Registration can be done on line www.regpacks.com/Vidadelarte

Tuesdays September 12 – Oct 17, 2017

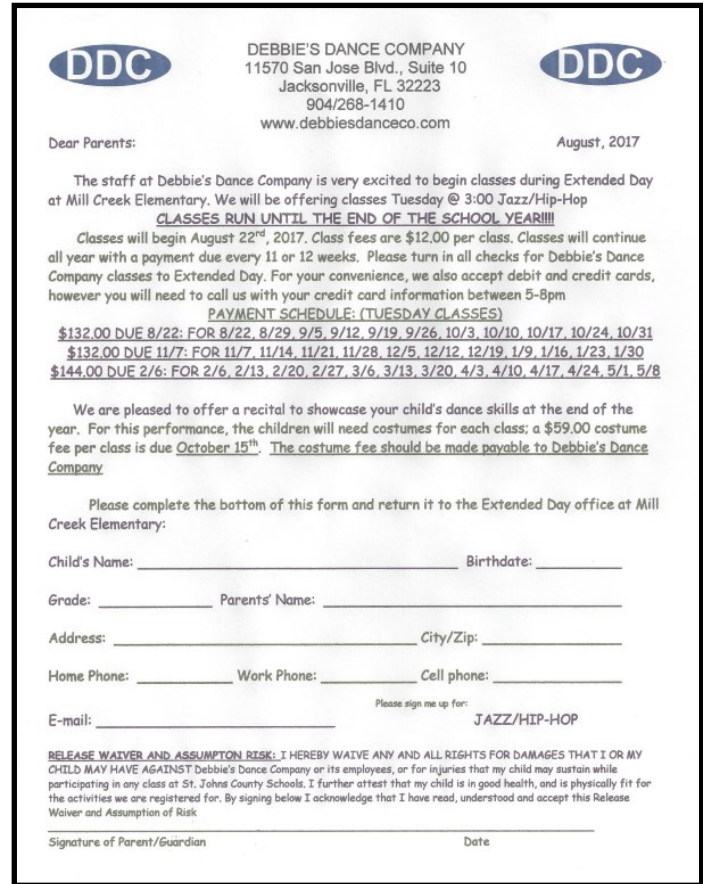
Classes are limited to 12 students

All materials included

Class price \$120.00 per course

Any questions call Judy Slight 904-217-7129 or vidadelarte@comcast.net

Millcreek Elementary



DDC DEBBIE'S DANCE COMPANY 11570 San Jose Blvd., Suite 10 Jacksonville, FL 32223 904/268-1410 www.debbiesdanceco.com **DDC**

Dear Parents: August, 2017

The staff at Debbie's Dance Company is very excited to begin classes during Extended Day at Mill Creek Elementary. We will be offering classes Tuesday @ 3:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop **CLASSES RUN UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!!!!**

Classes will begin August 22nd, 2017. Class fees are \$12.00 per class. Classes will continue all year with a payment due every 11 or 12 weeks. Please turn in all checks for Debbie's Dance Company classes to Extended Day. For your convenience, we also accept debit and credit cards, however you will need to call us with your credit card information between 5-8pm

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: (TUESDAY CLASSES)

\$132.00 DUE 8/22: FOR 8/22, 8/29, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31
\$132.00 DUE 11/7: FOR 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30
\$144.00 DUE 2/6: FOR 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8

We are pleased to offer a recital to showcase your child's dance skills at the end of the year. For this performance, the children will need costumes for each class: a \$59.00 costume fee per class is due October 15th. The costume fee should be made payable to Debbie's Dance Company

Please complete the bottom of this form and return it to the Extended Day office at Mill Creek Elementary:

Child's Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Grade: _____ Parents' Name: _____

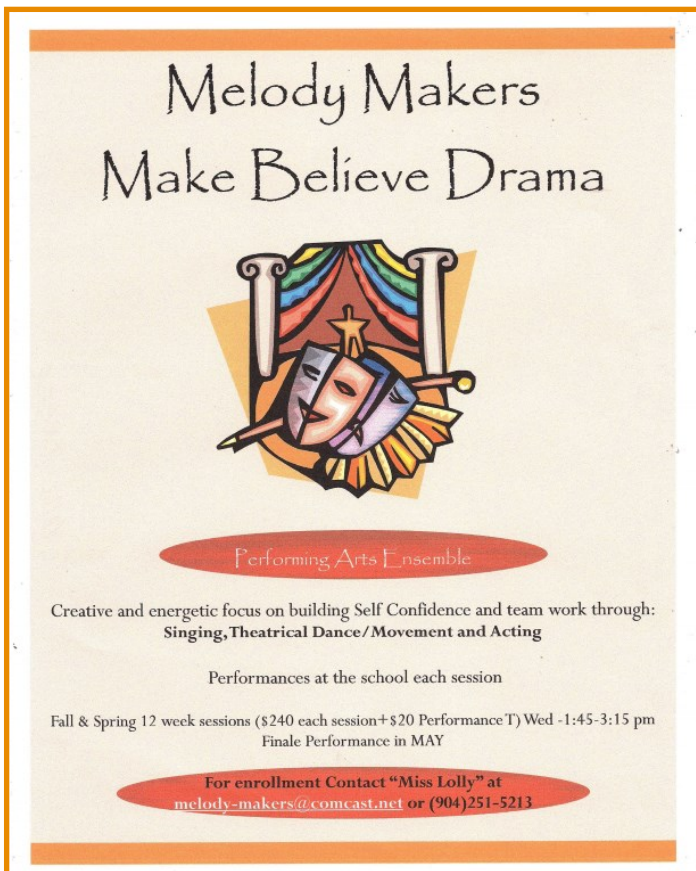
Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____


E-mail: _____ Please sign me up for: **JAZZ/HIP-HOP**

RELEASE WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION RISK: I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS FOR DAMAGES THAT I OR MY CHILD MAY HAVE AGAINST Debbie's Dance Company or its employees, or for injuries that my child may sustain while participating in any class at St. Johns County Schools. I further attest that my child is in good health, and is physically fit for the activities we are registered for. By signing below I acknowledge that I have read, understood and accept this Release Waiver and Assumption of Risk

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____



Melody Makers
Make Believe Drama



Performing Arts Ensemble

Creative and energetic focus on building Self Confidence and team work through: **Singing, Theatrical Dance/Movement and Acting**

Performances at the school each session

Fall & Spring 12 week sessions (\$240 each session+\$20 Performance T) Wed -1:45-3:15 pm
Finale Performance in MAY

For enrollment Contact "Miss Lolly" at melody-makers@comcast.net or (904)251-5213



Register Today!

Who? - All children ages 5-10 years old

How Much? - \$55/month + \$40 registration fee

Where? - Mill Creek Elementary

When? - Wednesdays 2:00-3:00pm

From? - Aug. 30/2017 - May 16/2018

How: Register Online NorthFlorida.SSreg.org

Soccer Shots

Phone: 904-494-6446
E-mail: info.NorthFlorida@SoccerShots.org
Online: www.SoccerShots.org/NorthFlorida

Stronger Youth. Beyond the Game.

Introduce your child to the beautiful game of soccer in a creative, age appropriate, non-competitive setting, where we focus as much on character development as we do soccer skills.

Classes taught by coaches who are passionate about working with children and about soccer.

Partners & Memberships




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After School






EXPRESS YOUR-SELF!

A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN BE YOURSELF

Drama Kids offers exciting programs for 1st through 5th graders. Our fun and creative curriculum promotes important confidence-building skills that will help students succeed personally and academically.

Activities include:

- Improvisations
- Mini-scripts
- Speaking skills
- Character analysis
- Theater games
- Creative movement
- Performances

If you want your child to get a jump on achievement, enroll them today. Space is limited.

THE DIFFERENCE IS DRAMATIC!®

Enroll Online Today:
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dramakidsjax@gmail.com • (904) 257-5752

Schedule:
All classes meet directly after school once per week for 1 hour.

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
LIBERTY PINES	JULINGTON CREEK	DURBIN CREEK	HICKORY CREEK	PALENCIA
TIMBERLIN CREEK	PATRIOT OAKS	SOCAL PALMS	MILL CREEK	PATRICK OAKS
VALLEY RIDGE	PICOLATA CROSSING	WARDS CREEK	PVPW/RAWLINGS	PVPW/RAWLINGS

*Non-extended day students must pay an annual registration fee to extended day at their school to participate in after-school activities.

Visit our website for session dates and flexible tuition options.
Click on CLASS SCHEDULES to learn more!

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Welcome Back to School!

Register with Building Minds for an exciting new year of Lego Robotics at Mill Creek Elementary School K-5

Classes are held each Friday from 3-4
Cost is \$80 for an 8 week session of classes

Session 1
Aug. 25
Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Oct. 6

Session 2
Oct. 13, 20, 27
Nov. 3, 17
Dec. 1, 8, 15

Session 3
Jan. 12, 19, 26
Feb. 9, 16, 23
March 6, 13, 20, 27

Session 4
March 29, 31
April 6, 13, 20, 27
May 4, 11



Register at:
Regpacks.com/Buildingminds
For Returning students... please update your teacher and grade levels!
Questions? Call Genevieve Kelley at 904-612-2508





*Deborah Shor's
School of Etiquette
"The Classy Class"*

Learning good manners, social skills, and how to have respect for others couldn't be more fun.
This four Week program will teach table manners, social etiquette, good hygiene, common courtesies and much more!

Fridays \$19.50
3:00-4:00pm per Class

PLEASE

- ◆ Social Skills
- ◆ Party/Playdate Etiquette
- ◆ Self-confidence
- ◆ Anti-bullying
- ◆ Good Hygiene
- ◆ Telephone Etiquette
- ◆ Thank You Notes
- ◆ Table Manners
- ◆ RESPECT
- ◆ Restaurant Etiquette

HELLO

MILL CREEK ELEMENTARY
SEPTEMBER 8TH, 15TH, 22ND & 29TH
PHONE NUMBER: (904) 864-7166

Register Today!

Who? - All children 1st-5th Grade
Where? - Right here at Mill Creek Elementary
When? - 1st-5th Grade - Thursdays 3pm-4pm

How Much? - \$60/month + \$20 yearly reg fee
August 28th 2017 - May 18th 2018
No Classes During School Holidays, Thanksgiving Week, December 18th-January 12th and Spring Break
Must email us 30 days prior to withdrawal from program

For questions email us at northflorida@engineeringforkids.com

How: Register Online
<http://tinyurl.com/EFK-jax1>







Phone:
904-494-6499

E-mail:
northflorida@engineeringforkids.com

Online:
[engineeringforkids.com/
location/northflorida](http://engineeringforkids.com/location/northflorida)



2017/2018 Philosophy of Teaching and Curriculums

Here at EFK we take teaching very seriously however we aren't overly concerned if the child retains the specific engineering concepts or scientific laws. We teach to ensure that the children develop a *love of learning*, that they accept to learn through trial and error, "*Failure is an Option!*" and that they develop key *teamwork skills* that are paramount for future education and career endeavors.

1st-5th: LEGO Robotics, Minecraft, Makey-Makey, Computer Programming with Scratch Jr, and creative Engineering builds like: Candy Catapults, Egg Drop Parachute and Cartesian Divers.

For specific descriptions of each quarterly learning block, please visit our website.

Official Partners:







PTA NEWS

For a \$12 Donation to Mill Creek you become a PTA Member and you can receive great deals like this one at Legoland!!



AWESOME AWAITS

PTA MEMBER DAYS AT LEGOLAND FLORIDA RESORT

LEGOLAND® Florida Tickets \$35.00 + tax
(gate price \$93.00 + tax)

LEGOLAND® Water Park Combo Tickets \$55.00 + tax
(gate price \$113.00 + tax)

To purchase discount tickets, please visit the Florida PTA website:
<https://floridapta.org/>

Offer is good through December 31, 2017. LEGOLAND Water Park is open seasonally; please check operating schedule for availability. Price does not include tax and is valid for Adult or Child LEGOLAND® Florida Resort admission. Tickets are dated and only valid for date of purchase. A maximum of 6 tickets can be purchased per transaction. No refunds.

LEGOLAND
FLORIDA RESORT

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 online at the Mill Creek website: www-mce.stjohns.k12.fl.us
On the right side of the front page click on parent information- then click school access. Make sure to designate Mill Creek Elementary so we receive the application. Enter your information and finish by clicking submit.

You will be contacted via email should you choose to include it in the application when you have been cleared. 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 resubmit another application.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact me at 904-547-3720 or tina.larson@stjohns.k12.fl.us.