

AUGUST 31, 2017

Mustang Messenger

Important Dates

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

Thursday, September 28, 2017

Spirit Night at McDonalds (McTeacher Night)
5-8 PM

Friday, September 29, 2017

Character Counts

October

Responsibility

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

PTA Meeting

Riedl's Roundup

Celebrating Our Community Support!

This week we kicked off our first SAC meeting. SAC, School Advisory Committee, is a diverse group of stakeholders of a school (Community Business Partners, Parents, Teachers, and Staff), established through Florida law, with the shared goal of increasing student achievement in a safe learning environment. The SAC Team works collaboratively through shared decision-making in:

- *Deciding how School Improvement Funds are spent.*
- *Providing feedback to Principal with school budget.*
- *Performing functions as prescribed by regulations of the school board.*
- *Ensuring the vision, mission and goals of the school are current and are included in the school improvement plan.*
- *Approving all professional learning activities for which teachers request payment.*
- *Collaborating with school staff to make recommendations on how to spend school recognition money.*

Together this week I celebrated our School Improvement Goals for the 2016 – 2017 school year:

- 5.2% increase in the number of students scoring at proficiency in English Language Arts.
- 6.2% increase in the number of students scoring at the proficiency in Math.

Our goals for the 2017 – 2018 school year are:

1. Mill Creek will increase the number of students at the proficient level in English Language Arts with a continued focus on forward feedback aligned to individual student learning.
 - A. 2018 Target 77%
2. Mill Creek will increase the number of students scoring proficient in Math.
 - A. 2018 – Target – 84%
3. Mill Creek will continue to increase the number of students scoring at the proficiency on the State Standards Assessment.
 - A. 2018 Target – 84%

Mill Creek's vision leads the work we do every day at Mill Creek: The Learning community of Mill Creek will ensure that ALL achieve their fullest potential through challenging, purposeful learning opportunities; where learning is the only option! The support of our SAC Team is an essential element in the continued success we experience at Mill Creek. I want to say, "Thank You," to our members this year who have given their personal time to attend meetings, give feedback, and represent our parent and community as active participants in our learning community. It is great to be a Mighty Mustang!

Amanda L. Riedl, Learning Leader



In the last newsletter of each month, we will dedicate a section of the newsletter to showcasing our Resource Classes and what the students are learning.

BIENVENIDOS

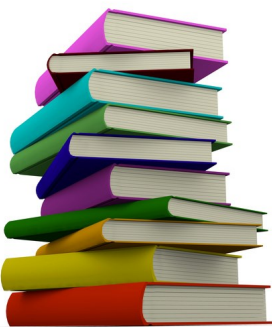
¡Noticias de la clase de Español! News from the Spanish class!
¡Hola! I would love to share with you all about what is going on in our clase de español! It is great to see my students again! I have also seen new faces and am excited to get to know them and share knowledge. In our “clase de Español” we are talking about rules and this year I have created a behavior chart. The students should be in **AZUL** color every time they come to Spanish. When they are in class, I will stamp a positive note in their journal and that means they got an **AZUL** color! Before Christmas break the student with the most **AZUL** days will take home a certificate for great learning in Spanish class. I am sure I will be giving out a lot of certificates! Muchas gracias. Thank you so much. - Mrs. Blankenship

Your PE 411 for August:

I wanted to say thank you to all of the students and Coach Larkin that have welcomed me to the physical education program. It has been a desire of mine to teach PE for many years. I look forward to working with our students this year. Sincerely, Coach Drinkuth.

Mill Creek physical education provides a quality program that helps build the foundation for developing an active lifestyle. Students participate in developmentally appropriate activities that help them learn skills, knowledge and gain confidence in their abilities. The environment is safe and non-threatening and provides opportunities for success.

Have a great day!!



Media Moment - We are off to a great start in media. 1st - 5th grade have completed their orientation and are already checking out books! If you wish to see what you child is checking out go to the school website and click on links for students. Click on Destiny Quest (this is our card catalog). Log in using your HAC number. This should allow you to see your child's bookshelf. Kindergarten is almost ready for check out. We are learning all about being a book lover and not a book bully but taking good care of our library books. - Mrs. Bergmann

WELCOME TO MUSIC! We have lots of great things in store this year for music at MCE. All grades are learning about **RHYTHM** – the heart of music.

K-1st are copying rhythms with movement.

2nd-5th are playing drums, boom-whackers and sticks.

Stay tuned for a RHYTHM study guide in our next newsletter that will show you exactly what each grade learns – you will be amazed at how much your kiddo knows. In addition to classroom music, our **5th grade Chorus** registration is open. Contact me with any questions. Looking forward to a great year!

Mrs. Neal

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PTA NEWS

We want to make sure you joined our Facebook page "**Mustangs PTA-Go Mustangs**". We try to keep that up to date with what is going on through the week.



We also have the www.mce.stjohns.k12.fl.us website. There is a **tab for PTA** that will take you directly to the weebly website. All newsletters that the school sends out are on "**PeachJar**". There is a tab on the stjohns website that gets you directly to "PeachJar".

PTA also has an email if you have any questions. MCEPTA1@gmail.com

This last week of August we have our "**SAC**" meeting on 29th after school. SAC is the School Advisory Council who are a team of people representing various segments of the community- parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, business/industry people and other interested community members.



Helping Hands started Thursday, August 31st. This year helping hands will be in Room 403 right across from the cafeteria doors. Helping Hands is a group of mom's / grandma's / grandpa's / dad's who all help with tasks that some teachers have. Those tasks could include sharpening pencils, cutting out laminated pages, cutting out shapes, stapeling packets, folding papers & etc. They start every Thursday at 8:30am and little ones are always welcome. Since we have a room this year feel free to bring some toys to keep your little ones entertained.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

1. **Attendance Line**—If your child is going to be absent, please report it to us by calling our attendance line: **(904) 547-3737**. **Please note this is not the school's main number.** Then follow up with a written excuse for the absence when the child returns.
2. **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.
3. **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.