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Attendance Line: 547-3737

AM Drop-off time: 8:10 AM

School Start Time: 8:30 AM

School End Time: 2:50 PM

1 hr. early release every Wed.

Calendar of Events

April

4/10—Kindergarten Round-up,
6:30 PM

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night,
5:30-7:30 PM

4/11—Tropicana Speech Contest,
1 PM

Battle of the Books Tryouts,
3 PM

4/15—Wear purple for Military
Child Appreciation Day

4/17—Kindergarten pre-
registration, 9 AM-1 PM

4/18—No School

4/22-4/25—FCAT for grades 3-5
(NO visitors or volunteers
allowed in the building)

4/25—Interims

(SAC Mtg. cancelled for April)

Reminder: You must always have your photo ID (driver's license) when signing in at the front office or picking up a student. You must have a cleared background check to volunteer or enter the building past the front office. The application is online at the Mill Creek or district website.

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Contact:

Sara Burkett 904-589-7895

Riedl's Round Up



Alayna Leonard, Grace Newton, Mariah Raulerson, Jared Tompkins

Fifth Grade Honor Roll—A: Sophia Cross

A/B: Casey Cotton, Sydney Clark, Jamen Conklin, Gerald Favorite, Kirra Ruff, Frank Strawbridge, Johnny Walden, Bruce Van Jaarsveld, Jamila Rodriguez, Ian Horn, Kevin Fayazi, Andrea Gamino, Jordan Pilcher, Halie Childress, Dylan Dosio, David Manaute, Ava McGuire, Andrew Sakal, Sophia Wheeler

Congratulations, more Honor Roll Students!

Fourth Grade Honor Roll—A/B: Isabella Conner, Alison Eberly, Solon Estes, Kendall Gray, Bryce Greer, Chiara Leon,

April is the Month of the Military Child. This is something that is near and dear to my heart. My name is Nicole Orletski. I not only teach 4th grade at Mill Creek but am also a PROUD Navy wife and the mother of three brave "Navy Brats". We have all seen our service men and women around town and many of us have even gone out of our way to thank them for their bravery and service to our country. Have you ever thought about the family that supports that service member, though? Have you ever looked behind that military person to see the family carrying-on loving, supporting and staying strong while that service member is "saving the world?" Our military children are silent heroes that are resilient and strong and deserve our gratitude, too. These precious children "give" us their parents so that they can fight for our freedom.

The next time you meet a military child keep these things in mind: military children have best friends in almost every state and many countries; they can not only identify the type of plane flying but know someone who works on them; they say home is where the military sends you; they live for today because tomorrow, mommy or daddy might get called away again; they sometimes have to kiss a picture of daddy or mommy goodnight; they say "see you later" instead of good-bye and will change schools every 2-3 years. Our military children ARE our silent soldiers. Without any training these children know how to be adaptive, resilient, and strong. During the month of April, we say "thank you" for their sacrifice.

On Tuesday, April 15th, Mill Creek staff and students will salute our military children by wearing purple. We are also requesting all military families to send in a picture of their child(ren). These pictures will be displayed in the front hall of the school. (Please print your child's name and teacher on the picture so that we can return them.) Finally, Mill Creek will be celebrating these children on the morning news show on May 7th (after FCAT). Thank you for your support!

The Military Child

The official flower of the military child is the dandelion. Why?

The plant puts down roots almost anywhere, and it's almost impossible to destroy. It's an unpretentious plant, yet good looking. It's a survivor in a broad range of climates. Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry. They are hardy and upright. Their roots are strong, cultivated deeply in the culture of the military, planted swiftly and surely. They're ready to fly in the breezes that take them to new adventures, new lands, and new friends. Experts say that military children are well-rounded, culturally aware, tolerant, and extremely resilient. Military children have learned from an early age that home is where their hearts are, that a good friend can be found in every corner of the world and in every color, and that education doesn't only come from school. They live history. They learn that to survive means to adapt, that the door that closes one chapter of their life opens up to a new and exciting adventure full of new friends and new experiences.

Counselor's Corral



FCAT Reminders

Please be reminded that our 3rd, 4th & 5th graders begin FCAT testing on Tuesday, April 22 – May 2. A few reminders as we approach those dates:

- Please make every effort to not schedule any appointments during these two weeks of testing. It is very important that students are here everyday to avoid any make up testing.
- Make sure your student is ON TIME to school. We begin testing immediately after the bell rings at 8:30 and need all students in their classroom by 8:30. It would be wonderful for all children to be at school by 8:20 on these mornings. Remember, we begin allowing students to exit cars at 8:00.
- Make sure your child(ren) eat a healthy breakfast and get a good night's sleep.

Thank you in advance for supporting your child's education and ensuring that we have provided every opportunity for success.

FCAT proctors still needed!

April 22-25 (Tuesday through Friday) are the dates from 8:30 AM for app. 2 hours. You must be a cleared volunteer and you will be trained. We need a test proctor for each class in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. You do not have to volunteer each day, but that would be helpful! We appreciate any time you are able to give us! Please call the front office at 547-3720 if you are able to volunteer.

Student Council News

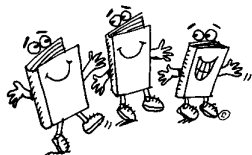
Student Council will once again (the 8th year!) sponsor The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pasta for Pennies, presented by Olive Garden. Here are the activities:

Ends April 11th—Students may send in \$1 to purchase a raffle ticket and be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a McDonald's lunch with Mrs. Riedl and Mrs. Eberhard

April 14th through April 17th—Students and their families may purchase a paper coin with their name(s) on it for \$1 each. Student Council will fill in the names. The coins will be displayed in the front hallway.

Thank you for your support of this worthy cause!

To sign up for the **Spring 2014 Babish Book Bunch**, please text the student name, parent name and email address, home-room teacher, and grade level to the BBB Google Voice at 904-595-6501. If texting is not an option, the form for the club is located at <http://tinyurl.com/BBBSpring>. The selection is "Pi in the Sky" by Wendy Mass. **BBB will meet every Tuesday in May from 2:55-4:25 in lower Filly Plaza.** Is it science or science fiction? Join us in our exploration of the Universe and find out more...



Extended Day Registration for the 2014/2015 school year
Sign up prior to June 6th and get half-off the \$80 registration fee! That's \$40! What a bargain! The early bird gets the worm. Registration paperwork is available in the front office.

2014/2015 Registration Information:

Next 2014/2015 Kindergarten and new student pre-registration date: Thursday, April 17, 9 AM—1 PM

Kindergarten Round-Up for registration and information: Tonight Thursday, April 10th at 6:30 PM

Even if you have already registered, please come on this night!

Please note: VPK for 2014/2015 has been filled.



COMMUNITY ASTHMA WORKSHOP
SATURDAYS FROM 11 AM TO 1 PM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES :

APRIL 12, MAY 10 OR JUNE 14TH

OR WEDNESDAYS FROM 6 PM UNTIL 8 PM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

APRIL 9, MAY 7 OR JUNE 11TH

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CALL 202-5132 TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

St. Johns County Virtual School Open Enrollment

To start on 8/18/2014—

Registration window is 4/14/2014—7/17/2014

To start on 1/6/2015—

Registration window is 11/25/2014—1/6/2015

Please visit the website at www-sjvs.stjohns.k12.fl.us

St. Johns County Recreation & Parks Dept. Activities

Annual Easter Egg Hunt beginning at **11 a.m. on Thursday, April 17** at the following local parks:

Treaty Park, 1595 Wildwood Drive, St. Augustine

Palencia Park, 405 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine

Veterans Park, 1332 Veterans Parkway, St. Johns

Al Wilkie Park, 6140 Main Street, Hastings

Children ages eight and younger can enjoy hunting colorful, candy-filled Easter eggs. Bring your Easter basket. There will be a special visit by the Easter Bunny at 10:15 a.m.

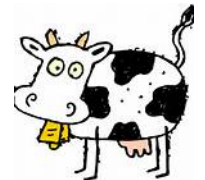
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Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

Thursday, April 10th

5:30-7:30pm

Tonight!



If you are interested in getting involved with the PTA next school year, there are positions to be filled. It is a great way to connect & support your child's school. Please contact Tina Larson at jt_larson@comcast.net to answer any questions. Fill one out and send it back to school!