

Mustang Messenger April 2019

MCA Learner's "Take Action!"

On Tuesday, April 2, our 4th, 5th, and 6th 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 while writing, 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 us how characters are feelings or portray their feelings in an essay, not just tell us about their characters. Ask your students to share their most recent writing with you and what they did as a writer to ensure the reader was influenced by their writing!

As lead learners in the classrooms, teachers have engaged in on-going 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, while our 6th graders have worked to develop their essay writing by giving meaning to the text evidence chosen to support their writing. 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, we must continue to learn and grow as professionals.

In addition, **our 3rd grade students will take the ELA FSA on Thursday, April 4 and Friday, April 5.** They are ready to work hard and "show what they know."

As we come upon FSA Writes and 3rd grade ELA next week, we are confident of the learning and work our students are doing and know they will all do GREAT!

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 MCA. 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, April 2, Thursday, April 3, and Friday, April 4 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. <http://www-mca.stjohns.k12.fl.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Parent-Testing-Schedule-18-19.pdf>

Sincerely,

Amanda L. Riedl, Learning Leader



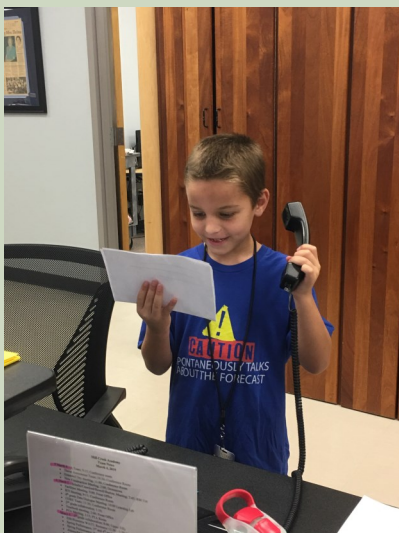


Upcoming Dates

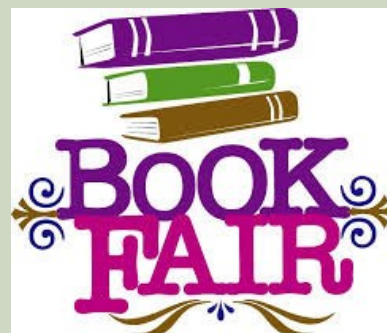
- FSA Testing (ELA-Writing Gr. 4-10) & Gr. 3 – FSA Reading on April 1, 2019
- District Exams on April 15, 2019
- Student/Teacher Holiday on April 19, 2019
- Interims Issued on April 24, 2019
- EOCs, AP, IB on May 1, 2019
- Report Cards Issued – Elementary Only on May 24, 2019

“Please note that in order to ensure a good testing environment, **NO VISITORS** will be allowed on campus April 2, April 4, April 5, May 2, May 3, May 6, May 7, May 9 and May 10.” Please follow the link below to access the testing schedule.

<http://www-mca.stjohns.k12.fl.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Parent-Testing-Schedule-18-19.pdf>



Our Weatherman Tyler Predicts a beautiful Easter!



Many thanks to all that supported the book fair this year. I was a little afraid that having it earlier in the spring that we wouldn't do as well. Well, Mill Creek families you came in full force and full support. I am so excited to say we earned over \$9000 scholastic dollars to purchase new books for the library!

Mill Creek is Filling up with Mustang P-R-I-D-E!

Elementary Students can earn “Pride Bucks” for displays of Politeness, Respect, Integrity, Discipline, and Effort.

Students deposit their pride bucks in the hopper and we draw student names each week to receive the Golden Pride Trophies to keep on their desk for the week!

Mustang P-R-I-D-E

P—Politeness

R—Respect

I—Integrity

D—Discipline

E— Effort



REMINDERS

Arrival of Students—Students may be dropped off during parent drop off time which is 8:05am-8:30am. Students are not to be dropped off before 8:05 am due to safety as there is no supervision before that time. Students arriving after 8:30 am are to be walked to the front office by a parent/guardian and receive a tardy slip before proceeding to class.

Lost and Found— Lost and Found is located in the front office. At the end of each month, items remaining will be donated. Please make sure to label all your student's belongings as we are able to return labeled items promptly to students.

Free and Reduced Lunch - As a reminder, free and reduced lunch accounts are good for one school year. You must reapply at the beginning of each new school year. The application can be found at <https://mealapps.stjohns.k12.fl.us/lfserver/EFORM>.

Attendance— Any student who has been absent from school is to submit one MCA Absentee form the day the student returns to school stating the cause of the absence, completed and signed/submitted by parent/guardian. If your student has been out 3 (three) or more days, you will also need to provide a note from a physician. ***There is no longer any reason to call in absences.*** You will still receive the automated phone notification that your child is absent. Please note the list of excused and unexcused absences for the [District's attendance policies](#). MCES Absentee form in two different formats: **MCA ABSENTEE WEB SUBMISSION FORM** or **MCA PRINTABLE ABSENTEE FORM** . For more information or if you have questions, please contact the front office at 904-547-3720.

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 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 the front office.



ART

Second Graders have been creating parakeets in the style of Kees Van Dongen, an impressionist painter (1877-1968).



Fifth Graders have mastered the "Great Wave" in the style of the Japanese artist Hokusai (1760-1849).





Lady of Palms, Abigail Schander
First Place Winner in Painting, Gamble Rogers MS

9th Annual All-County Middle School Art Show & Awards Reception

You are invited to the opening of the All-County Middle School Art Show during First Friday Art Walk on Friday, April 5 from 5:00-9:00 pm at the St. Augustine Art Association.

Please join us for a reception at 7:00 pm to recognize the winners of the St. Augustine Art Association's Spring Members' exhibit and the 2019 All-County Middle School Art Awards.

St. Augustine Art Association

22 Marine Street, St. Augustine, FL

The exhibit will be on display until April 29.

904-824-2310 or www.staaa.org



π DAY

At the beginning of the 3rd quarter we challenged our 6th grade students to put forth their best effort every day they came to school. This includes coming to class prepared by having all their supplies needed, homework completed, and any other materials needed to be successful in class. They were also to stay on task and complete daily class assignments requested by the teacher.

Students who met their dojo goals were rewarded with popcorn and a movie if they got 300 dojo points and students with over 400 dojo points were able to launch a pie into the face of their teacher of choice also to include our Fearless Leader Mrs. Riedl. It was a super day!





Middle School Students can earn “Pride Bucks” for displays of Politeness, Respect, Integrity, and Effort, Students deposit their pride busks in the hopper and then we draw students names each week to receive the VIP Badge to wear for special privileges during the week! Keep up the great PRIDE Mustangs!





SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM


Parents,

Applications for the summer Marine Science Program were passed out at all schools during the week of February 12th. Applications were due back to science teachers by February 28th. Applications can still be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 15th at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/marinescience/> The link also will have a complete day by day curriculum for each grade level, parent information, and a video from last year's program.

This summer program is available to all students currently in grades five through seven and has been sponsored by the school district since 1982. Three eight day sessions are held at Gamble Rogers Middle School with bus transportation provided. The dates for the three sessions this summer will be May 29th through June 7th, June 10th through June 20st, and June 24th through July 3rd. Small classes of 13-15 students are separated by grade level. All instructors in the program are St. Johns County School District teachers.

The Marine Science Program is a carefully designed experience for responsible students who are interested in learning about our local marine environments. Learning is "hands on" in the field with students kayaking, canoeing, boating, hiking, snorkeling, sailing, windsurfing, surfing, SUP, (stand up paddle boarding), etc. Specific grade level activities and curriculum are attached to the applications and are also available from the website.

More information about the program can be had by emailing marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us.



Camp Highlights

- Free Throw Contest
- Hot Shot Contest
- Knock-out Contest
- A fun and educational experience
- Air-conditioned gym
- Competitive games played daily

Coach Terrance Singleton's

Resume

*Has over 26 years experience coaching basketball

*Coach at Switzerland Point Middle School since 1993

*Coached at St. Augustine High School

*Have many years working at basketball camps

*Currently, the head coach of the boy's middle school basketball team at Switzerland Point.

*Graduate of Bethune Cookman University (formerly Bethune Cookman College)

Cost :

\$75.00 per camper for one session
\$140.00 per camper for two sessions
\$200.00 per camper for three sessions
\$255.00 per camper for four sessions
\$300.00 per camper for five sessions

How to Pre-Register:

Send a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit or full payment to:

Switzerland Point Middle School
777 Greenbriar Road
Saint Johns, FL 32259
Attn: Coach Singleton

Pre-register today as space is limited to 60

RAIDERS

Switzerland Point Middle School Summer Basketball Camp

Ages: Boys and Girls, ages 6 – 14

Dates and Times:

June 3–7, 2019 **Week One**
Session 1A – 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Session 1B – 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
June 10 –14, 2019 **Week Two**
Session 2A – 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Session 2B – 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Week Three

****June 24– June 28, 2019****

Team Camp

(30 BOY'S ONLY)

Grades 6th-8th

Session 3A—8:30am to 11:30am.

"3rd Annual" Girls Team Camp

(25 GIRL'S ONLY)

Grades 5th-8th

Session 3B—12:30pm to 3:30pm

For additional information call or contact Coach Singleton at Terrance.singleton@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Switzerland Point Middle School

Summer Basketball Camp



June 3 - 7, 2019

June 10 – 14, 2019

June 24- June 28, 2019

777 Greenbriar Road

Saint Johns, FL 32259

Telephone Number

(904) 547-8650

Or

Name: _____

Age: _____ (As of camp start date for your child)

Circle T-shirt size : YM YL AS M L XL*

Please check sizes carefully!!

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Number: _____

Work or Cell Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I hereby authorize the staff of the Switzerland Point Basketball Camp to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention. I hereby waive and release Switzerland Point Middle School and the Switzerland Point Basketball Camp staff from any and all liability for any injuries or illness occurred while at the camp. I have no knowledge of any physical impairment that would be affected by the above campers participation in the camp.

Please check which session(s) the camper will attend:

Session 1A _____ Session 1B _____

Session 2A _____ Session 2B _____

Session 3A _____ 3B _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Tropicana Speech



4/5 Grade winner is Ty Duncan

6th Grade winner is Gianna Ferrigno

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



6th Grade Finalists—Gianna Ferrigno, Mya Oberholtzer, Tess Myroup, Summer Smith,

4/5 Grade Finalists—Ty Duncan, Liam Dykeman, Alyssa Johnson, Karissa Kochanski, Laurel McEwen, Gianna Rice, Matthew Ritchie, Ethan Tan, Macy Wells, Maxx Vigal

"A" Honor Roll

Emily Patch, Roderick Reyes, Gabriella Walcott, Grace Livingston, Benjamin Vaks, Elijah Williams, Ana Lia Mills, Lincoln Nutter, Andrew Shwedo, Jason Tarnawa, Sofia Alpert, Connor Benson, Grant Dugas, Olivia Gullion, Alexander Martinez, Wake McKendrick, Noor Omar, Bryce Pacetti, Elise Rutledge, Liam Seguritan, Maxx Vigal, Tyler Stone, Dylan Lueckert, Ethan Hughes, William Gould, Ramzi El-Hoss, Kloe Beardsley, Carter Leombruno, Peyton Dugas, Kaya Keeperman, Isla Atwood, Amanda Betterman, Shawn Dooley, Logan Foresman, Kayla Shoemaker Joanna Bales, Carmella Daino,

Michael "Luke" Davis, Morgan Smith Joseph Alcantara, Dekoyta Blackmon, Kindra Bowden, Abigail Cottam, Laird Drown, Anthony Furlani, Ishikta Kumari, Mason Stone, Samuel Brackett, Coen Butler, Adam Chernitsky, Addison Harpe, Atreyu Johnson, Andrew Joransen, Alessandro Rodriguez- Bazan, Chris Smith, Avery Southall, Annabelle Perkins, Isabella Slate, Taylor Thomas, Steven Bacci, Alejandro Martinez, Bryce Allgood, Marissa Berger, Mitchell Doughtry, Alyssa Heider, Mackenzie Lovely, Koltan Pearson, Zach Pound, Avery Sunner, Forrest White, Reagan Brown, Tyler Covington, Tessa Dixon, Charlie Farina, Brenden Merritt, Jenna Mortimore, Aubree Sapp, Reese Murdock, Asia Mashburn, Zoe Carroll, Laurel McEwen, Thomas Pollack, Wyatt Scruggs, Joy Wong, Adam Escamilla, Piper Scruggs, Luke Sanalila, Zachary Berger, Ty Brown, Natalie Koby, Addison Mitchell, Katalena Rivera, John Seger, LaZara Van Dyke, Matthew Van Hoose, Layna Wanchik, Andrea Odoi, Colby Sanders, Mica Munroe, Landon Nalley, Brady Nourse, Miley Riley, Joseph Sullivan, Inara Zayas, Katie Cooksey, Morgan Cubbedge, Ty Duncan, Tristan Keeperman, Ivan Ma, Alanna Mixson, Dresden Nutter, Sahiti Reddy, Peyton Scott, Katarina Sexion, Brooke Van Hoose, Cassidy Arnold, Isabella Beasley, Jessica Crockett, Julie Davis, Liam Dykeman, Kenneth Folkenroth, Mathew Galer, Savannah Hartford, Anthony Hayden, Makaela Hoffman, Micah Kester, Michael Lykam, Julia Mauldin, Evan Moore, Vernon Stephens, Sean Sullivan, Jack Thomas, Jayse Anderson, Sean Banat, Sophie Bonnar, Xavier Castro, Adriana De Los Santos, Anthony Fiorvanti, Emma Hisrich, Brayden Laboranti, Jady Lampugnano, Marc Mitchell, Megan Ritchie, Gavin Wilson

"A/B" Honor Roll

Kamryn Conley, Hannah Fein, Timothy Larkin, King McFadden, Layla Mejia, Charles Pollack, Jonathan Scarpace, Isabella Streebel, Natasa Boscanin, Alejandro Diaz, Grace Giddens, Addilynn Howell, Carsyn LaRue, Max Luther, Sophia Lykam, Campbell White, Juan Cervantes, Ashton Czelusniak, Natalie Davis, Gavin Daino, Annabella DeGennaro, Riley Jewell, Miles Heffernan, Zayne Rashid, Ben VanHorn, Rhea Surae, Owen Martin, Carlie Kesgen, Nathan Keith, Brayden Crow, Max Copeland, Wyatt Burren, Brayden Alison, Tyson Brady, Kade Killian, Matthew McGuinness, Dane Sheets, Victoria Pass, Colton Shugart, Dillon Tunnicliffe, Lily Williams, Emily Barber, Brady Baxter, Gavin Espedido, Bella Hammell, Avery Schnellbacher, Clayton Boyle, Sara Szczechowicz, Jacob Tanner, Giovanni Castillo, Sean Cook, Siriana Drown, Gavin Flemming, William Langdon, Taylor Oliver, Mikayla Robor, Brayden Wetter, Logan Williams, Jordan Feagan, Tyler Howard, Hudson Mickey, Jaden Nygen, Elizabeth Rangel, Elizabeth Torres, Sidney Wilson, Macy Wells, Zoey Bowden, Dylan Cooksey, Aubrey Donachie, Anthony Ferrigno, Tristan Gleman, Dane Hood, Shelby Parker, Daniela Martin, Italo Palacios, Rhys Prieto, Allen Sumner, Lincoln Svenson, Landon Traczyk, Karter Alvarez, Kimora Collbert, Jacob Froehlich, Elijah Fultz, Gabrielle Lowery, Joshua Medina, London Singleton, Antonella Sotomayor, Emily Tan, Ethan Tan, Joseph VanHorn, Jack Cason, Abigail Bacon, Gunnar Higdon, Jazzmin Zavadskiy, Gabby Hobbs, Drew Holmquist, Jackson Hughes, Jamil Kahok, Ethan White, Ryan Berger, Brody Browning, Jack Edwards, Bella Fritz, Caragh Kiefert, Karissa Kochanski, Colby North, Caeley Gleman, Jayden Kleeman, Emma Giammatteo, Sandra Suarez, Wesley Boyle, Anders Larson, Aneira Lyons, Adyson Powers, Reese Sarge, Chloe Tang, Isabella Black, Jack Smith, Brady Smith, Nicholas Plambeck, Leia Mobley, Michael Mitchell, William Grove, Lucas Sielaff, Lakyn Boyer, Bryce Glebe, Mia Kester, Kendyll Cobb, Maxwell Haddock, Ryan Hood, Alexia Lefflbine, Christian McCoy, Ethan Payne, Xipe Thorngate, Isabella Blankenship, Leo Peets, Lily Watson, Griffin Clark, Mariana Pinto, Derrick Velasquez, Brandon Eagon, Quinten Roets, Emily Higgins, Addison Strong, Enrique Ordonez, Daniel Wagner, Benjamin Duke, Emilee Gullion, Blake Kochanski, Celina Seago, Zachary Anderson, Riley Becker, Natalia Buitrago, Sophia Chappell, Rylie Kolsen, Sophia Lawlor, Thomas Miraglia, Logan Schuman, Jeremy Williams, Cameron Foster, Elizabeth Arnold, Amadodu Ba, Reid Bobbitt, Antonella DeGennaro, Harrison Gates, Jack Holt, Choyce LaRue, Natalie Lewman, Paul Marin, Jaminson McKibben, Mason Moody, Tyson Morace, Grace Morris, Camden Morton, Logan Pittman, Reece Porter, Gianna Rice, Jenna Snoddy, Lily Vanasupa, Riley Villalobos, Kate Weinstein, Howard Wilson, Sophie Bennett, Cayden Campbell, Bryant Chappell, Jakub DeMarco, Joseph Keating, Hailey Richards, Luke Riewald, Connor Sielaff, Rylee Van Zante, Noah Williams, Carter Atwood, Ava Ausili, Aayden Blakely, Matthew Campton, Aidan Dailing, James D'Agostino, Taylor Edwards, Ethan Holland, Elena Janis, Izzy Ross, Kirsten Seaman, Lacie Stein, Kaylee Warner, Ava Boniello, Abigail Flemming, Cole Hammell, Nehemiah Raggins, Sofia Rivera, Joe Bova, Bella Bryant, Jeremiah Davila, Alexis Harper, Carlin Knowles, Kasey Lipsey, Shaun Miller, Kalia Seago