

November 2019



November
Citizenship

November 1-15-Student Council Food Drive

November 5-PTA Meeting-9:00 AM

November 8- Veteran's Day Luncheon
Middle School Social (3:00-5:00)

November 11 - Veterans Day – Student/
Teacher Holiday

November 15 - Interims Issued

November 26-2nd Grade Field Study

November 27, 28, 29 - Thanksgiving
Break – Student/Teacher Holiday

December
All Pillars

December 20 - Second Quarter/First
Semester Ends

December 23 - January 2 - Winter
Break

January 3 - Teacher Planning Day,
Student Holiday



Mustang Messenger

Mill Creek Academy – Built to Last!

Expressions of Thanks...

November, what does it mean to you? To me, it becomes about thankfulness, gratitude and a time to reflect over the past year. November becomes about the celebrations that continue to surround us each day, the challenges that we have overcome, and the people in our lives that have done so much that even words don't seem to pay tribute to their deeds. This time of year I feel it only fitting to send our families and community a special "thank you from the heart" for the countless hours you have given to our students, staff, and school!

Thank you Mill Creek parents and families – Your work never goes unnoticed. Your continued partnership in your child's education is priceless. It is what has given Mill Creek's staff the strength to drive forward in progressive learning opportunities, raising the level of learning rigor and providing students with innovative approaches to new learning. Your trust in our leadership as Learning Leaders is never taken for granted, but cherished and honored as we meet every need, of every student, every day! Thank you Mill Creek parents and families for your commitment and trusting that even as we continue to forge new traditions each year, our priority remains student-centered!

Thank you Mill Creek PTA – You never hesitate to try new things and jumping in with both feet regardless of the challenge, time, or commitment! This year it was Trunk or Treat, giving our families a new way to experience celebrating together! The evening was filled with laughter, excitement, and fun as families enjoyed time together. Life seems to be so busy these days that family time together is priceless. Mill Creek's PTA continues to provide ways for our families to connect, whether is a fun game of Bingo or providing a new way to trick or treat! Thank you to all those that serve with diligence, unwavering dedication, and countless hours of service.

Finally, Thank you Mill Creek Volunteers– Each year, Mill Creek is recognized as a Gold School for the enormous amount of volunteer hours our parents and families serve. I feel completely blessed to be part of a community that serves others and believes that their time in our school is priceless... Thank you parents, families, and community members for your continued support in the SUCCESS of our students!

Thank you Mill Creek families for embracing the successes and the challenges. Thank you for supporting the needs of our children... Thank you for supporting our staff... Thank you for the countless hours you devote to your child's education. Thank you for making Mill Creek Academy the greatest school in St. Johns County. I just hope that we have given you so much to be thankful for...Many thanks and blessings to you and your family.

Many Thanks,

Mrs. Riedl, Learning Leader

Amanda L. Riedl, Learning Leader

Leading the Charge of Lifelong Learning!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Arrival of Students—Students may be dropped off during parent drop off time which is 8:05am-8:25am. Students are not to be dropped off before 8:05 am due to safety as there is no supervision before that time.

Lost and Found— Lost and Found is located in the cafe. 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/>

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. 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

Health—The purpose of School Health Services is to ensure that all students are healthy and ready to learn. We do this by providing screenings and referrals, administering medications and treatments, providing first aid, providing health counseling and education, and supporting students to acquire self-management skills.

Clinic Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday while school is in session.

Our nurse can be reached by e-mail, phone or fax:

Charlene.Carroll@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Phone 547-3722 or fax: 547-3730



Congratulations to our 1st QTR Honor Roll Students!!

Way to Go Mustangs!

3rd Grade All A's: Alexis Sexsion , Aubrey Goodman, Audrina McGowan, Avery Clark, Banks Vanpelt, Ben Warner, Braiden Martin, Caleb Theobald, Coleton Sanders, Colton Lewman, Colvin Morace, Cristiano Hemmings, Deja Hayden, DJ Bocook, Duncan McRae, Dylan Duke, Eli Roberston, Ethan Bridges, Faith Smith , Gabrielle Gallardo, Gaven Santiago , Gaven Marone, Giana Marone, Hayden Walker, Henry Hisrich, Isabella Haddock, Isaiah James, Jayden DeForest, Jordan Brady , Katie Patch, Katy Hartfod, Kayla Tarnawa, Kohen Killian, Lauren Garcia, Lauren Morolla , Liam Craig, Mackenzie Hancock, Madelyn Harubin, Madison Rio, Makayla Matthews, Mia Hoffman, Michael Boyd , Nataleigh Calder, Noelle Plambeck, Peyton Cook, Pierce Strother, Piper Martin, Ryder Evans, Ryder Tenney, Rylan Grayling, Savannah Parish, Sofia Seger, Sophia Ioannidis, Tate Ghazanfari, Zoe Cheptoo.

3rd Grade All A's & B's: Abigail Mariotti, Addison Thomas, Alex Cooper, Alyssa Carr, Angelina Metellus, Arabelle Turnell, Asher Healy, Barrett Doughtry, Bella Piscitelli, Braden Rockett, Camryn Shouus, Chandler Santorelli, Daniel Diieso, Dean Soots, Dylan Alexander, Dylan Wiggins, Elijah Paradis, Elizabeth Lutz, Emily Arline, Emily Nguyen, Farah Smith , Gavin Alaimo, Gavin Hobbs, Gio Fontaine, Jackson Lainhart, Jackson Olewski, Jacob Armento , Jacob Martin, Jaimeson Davis, Ja'laya Mitchell, Juan Salas, Jude Conway, Kara Lipsey, Kaylin Pruitt, Kendall Harrington, Kendall Sheets, Khali Mullins, Khushi Wright, Kinsley Honstead, Laith Rashid, Landon Wagers, Liliani Semidey, Lucy Perkins, Makenna Rollins, Max Kleeman, Mila Craig, Nainoa Cordero, Naomi Le, Nevin Merrill, Noah White, Olivia O'Brien, Peirson Crow, Owen Holmquist, Quinlan Davis, Rachel Acosta, Roman Murdock, Saket Potluri , Sam Furse, Samuel Olushola, Sophia Crocket, Sophia Perniciaro, Travis Lowery, Ty Hayden, Vincent Daino, Yumi Riewald, Zachary Clanton.

4th Grade All A's: Addilyn Howell, Addison Mitchell, Alejandro Diaz, Andrea Odoi, Andrew Shwedo, Asia Mashburn, Aubree Sapp, Aubrey Donachie, Avery Villalobos, Bella Hammell, Ben Duke, Blake Kochanski, Bradley Folkenroth, Brady Waters , Braxton Berry , Campbell White, Carmello Daino , Carter Leombruno, Charles Pollack , Clayton Boyle, Colton Shugart , Damon Click, Dani Arias, Daniela Martin , Delaney Strong, Drake Wiggins, Eli Burchett, Emery Coughloan, Emilee Gullion, Emily Barber, Emily Patch, Gavin Espedido, Isabella Black , Jacey Billings, Jack Smith, Jack Tsoukalis, Jacob Tanner, Jason Tarnawa, Jaxon Wilhite , Jeremy Williams, John Seger , Jonathan Scarpace , Kaleb Westrope, Karson Anderon, Karter Kasch, Kaya Keeperman, Kevin Elekes, Landon Traczyk, Layla Mejia, Layna Wanchik, Lazara Van Dyke , Leia Mobley, Lia Mills, Lily Williams, Logan Schuman, Luke Davis, Makenna Borgmeyer, Matthew Van Hoose, Mia Kester, Miah Boutte, Michael Mitchell , Natalie Kobay , Nicholas Plambeck, Olivia Kiefert, Peyton Dugas, Reese Murdock, Riley Becker, Robert Kistner, Roderick Reyes, Ryhs Prieto , Rylie Kolsen, Sara Szcheowicz, Sean Cook, Sophia Lykam , Spirit Sevin, Stella Carter, Victoria Pass, Waylon Compton, Will Grove, Xavier Sanchez Blackford, Zoey Bowden.

4th Grade All A's & B's: Aayden Blakely, Aidan Dailing, Allen Sumner, Anthony Ferrigno, Ava Ausili, Avery Schnellbacher, Benjamin Vaks, Blake Farnham, Brady Smith, Brayden Wette, Brinlee Richmond, Brody Barnes, Bryce Glebe, Bryce Miller, Bryson Daw, Cameron Foster, Carsyn LaRue, Carter Atwood, Cayden Paulin, Colby Sanders, Cory Turner, Dane Hood, Daniel Boykin, Dawson Poats, Dillon Tunnicliffe, DJ Crocket, Dylan Frick, Elena Janis, Elijah Williams, Elizabeth Gunter, Enzo Marano, Ethan Holland, Frances Lee, Gabrielle Walcott, Genesis Sanchez, Genesis Speaks, Gerald Siers, Geremiah Brown, Gianna Villarreal, Giovanni Castillo, Grace Giddens, Grace Livingston, Greyson Pasek, Hannah Fein, Holland Plount , Isabella Streebel, James D'Agostino , Jayden Geiser, Jesaiah Tshimanyika, Kalele Hirst, Kamryn Conley, Karleigh Wilmouth, Katalena Rivera, Kaylee Warner , King McFadden, Kirsten Seaman, Lachlan Forga, Lacie Stein, Lakyn Boyer, Lincoln Nutter, Lincoln Svenson, Logan Williams, Lucas Sielaff, Madison McStine, Makayla Cortez, Marianna Franco, Matthew Kiefert , Max Luther, Mia Dooley, Micaiah Cuyler, Michael Turbak, Morgan Smith , Natalia Buitrago, Natasa Boscanin, Noah Jones, Odin Garcia, Olivia Nettles, Preston Schrader, Samantha Johnson, Shelby Parker, Sienna Giammillaro, Siriana Drown, Skylar Flatley, Sophia Chappell, Sophia Foster, Sophia Lawlor, Taylor Edwards, Thomas Miraglia, Timmy Larkin, Tristan Gleman, Tristen Scott, Vaughn Losiniecki, Zach Anderson.

5th Grade All A's: Adam Escamilla, Addison Beardsley, Addison Strong, Alexander Martinez, Ally Gill, Amadou Ba, Amorette Turnell, Anabella Degennaro, Anders Larson, Aneira Lyons , Anthony Lacona, Austin Davis, Ava Cordes, Bailey Hendricks, Brady Nourse, Brandon Eagan , Brenden Merritt, Carlie Kesgan, Charlie Farina, Chloe Tang, CJ Furze, Connor Benson, Dane Sheets, Daniel Wagner, Derrick Velazquez, Eileen Xia, Elise Rutledge , Elizabeth Arnold, Emily Higgins, Emma Garr, Emma Tenney, Enrique Ordonez, Ethan Hughes, Gabi Iturralde, Gavin Daino, Gavin Thomas, Griffin Clark, Harrison Gates, Hunter Duncan, Hunter Rockett, Inara Zayas-Irizarry, Jack Holt, Jackson Ford, Jacy Sevin , Jenna Martimore, Jenna Snoodly, Jordyn Genral , Joseph Sullivan, Kaiden Lawrence, Kate Weinstein , Kinleigh Dubose , Landon Nalley, Leonid Peets, Liam Segurian, Liam Wilson, Logan Pittman, Luke Sanalila, Maddox Feagin, Mariana Pinto, Maril Conway, Matthew McGuinness, Maxx Vigal, Miles Heffernan, Miley Roberts, Natalie Lewman, Nathaniel Keith, Nolan McCool, Noor Omar, Nyna Grayling, Olivia Coppola, Olivia Guillon, Otis Smith, Paul Marin, Piper Scruggs, Quinten Roets, Ramzi El-Hoss, Regan Brown, Reid Bobbitt, Rhea Surage, Riley Jewell, Riley Villalobos , Sofia Alpert, Sofia Sims, Sylan Lueckert, Tyler Covington, Tyler Stone, Tyson Brady, Wake McKendrick, Wesley Boyle.

5th Grade All A's & B's: Aaron Friedman, Abby Williams, Aiden Delacuadra, Alex Perkins, Alyssa Johnson , Antonyo Davis, Ashton Czelusniak, Bella Brown, Benjamin Van Horn , Brayden Crow, Bryce Pacetti, Caden Bacon, Camden Morton, Carter Matthews, Choyce LaRue , Colton Paulson, Ella Diaz, Gianna Rice, Grant Villanueva , Gus Wilson, Hayden Woodside, Isolina Healy, Jaminson Mckibben, Juan Cervantes, Kade Killian, Kaiden Hare, Keagan Monohan, Lily Vanasupa, Lovely Langford , Macy Wells, Mason Moody, Maxim Copeland, Mica Munroe, Natalie Davis, Olivia Miller, Reece Porter, Reese Sarge, Rhett Hendericks, Riley Walker, Tatum Samoeun, Tessa Dixon, Trace Varnes, Tyson Morace, Wyatt Burres, Zayne Rashid, Zuri Brynildsen.

Homecoming Week Door Decorating Contest THE WINNERS ARE:

Little Hands — Shows the decoration is student produced and Student centered.

Ms. Haberin's Kindergarten class! *What we loved most about this door, the students created almost the entire thing! The entire design was student centered.*

Most Creative — Shows a unique perspective on kindness

Ms. Mills homeroom! *Her door was a collage of all of her student's hands, each with their own unique color and design. The hands represented each person having their own value, identity and the beauty they bring together.*

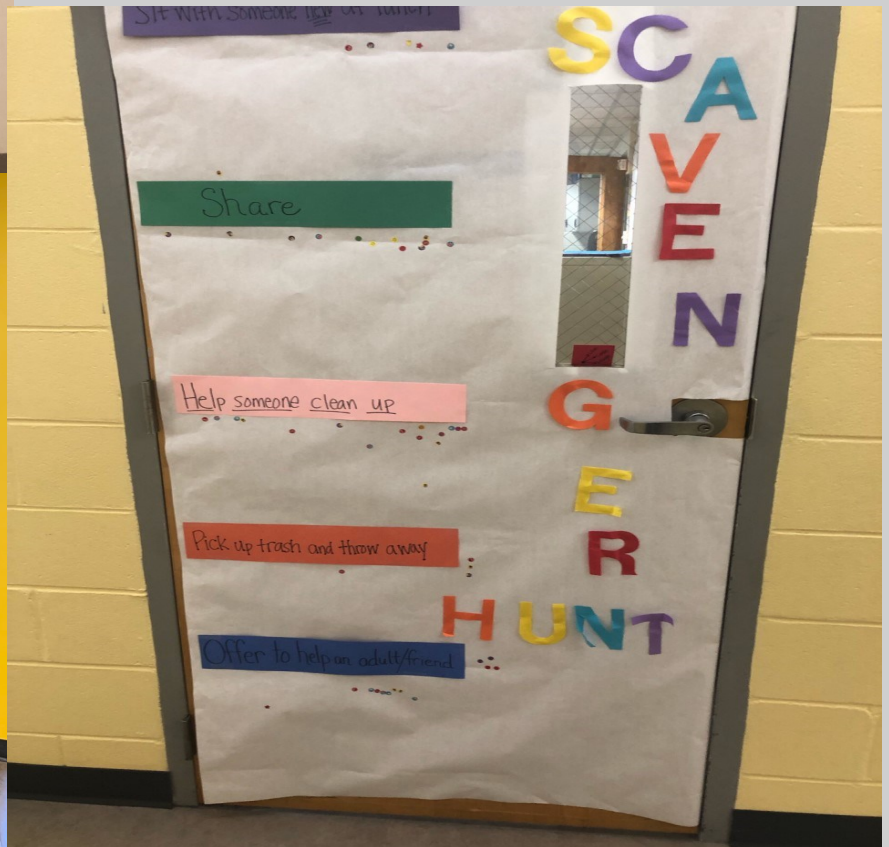
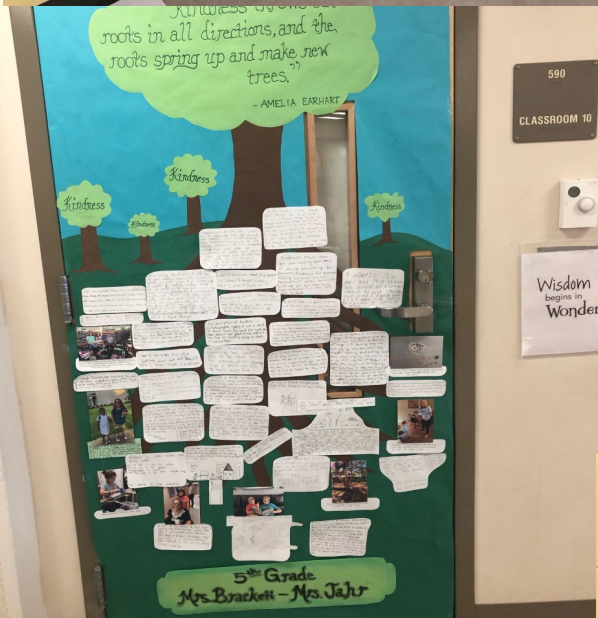
Most Inspiring — The door promoted Acts of Kindness

It was a tie....

Ms. Shearer/Ms. Howell's Kindness Scavenger Hunt — *This door tracked their student's progress in performing Acts of Kindness around the school. It was an amazing visual for the progress of our mission.*

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Ms. Brackett/Ms. Jahr's - *This door included mini-essays and pictures documenting Acts of Kindness the students performed outside of school in their communities!*



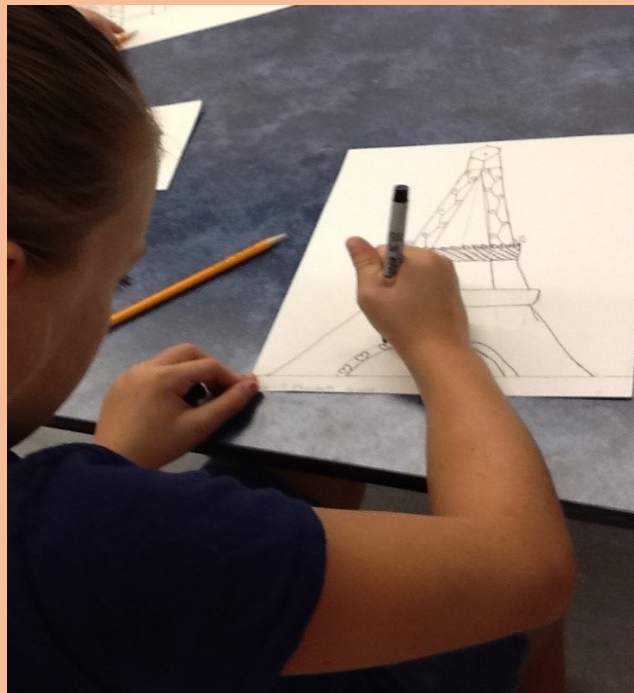


October Art News

Upper grades have gone to Paris to learn the purpose of the Eiffel Tower. France is celebrating the 130th anniversary of the Eiffel Tower. This amazing architecture was built for the 1898's World's Fair in Paris. It served as the gateway into the fair and was over 1,000 feet tall. It was three times as tall as the Statue of Liberty. Eiffel's company also designed the support structure for the inside of the Statue of Liberty. At first, the French people thought the tower was an eyesore and dangerous. They thought it might fall and they wanted it destroyed. The Eiffel Tower is wind resistant and strong. Today it is considered a beautiful piece of art

Our students are creating the basic symmetry and shapes of the Eiffel Tower, but adding their own personal design and pattern.

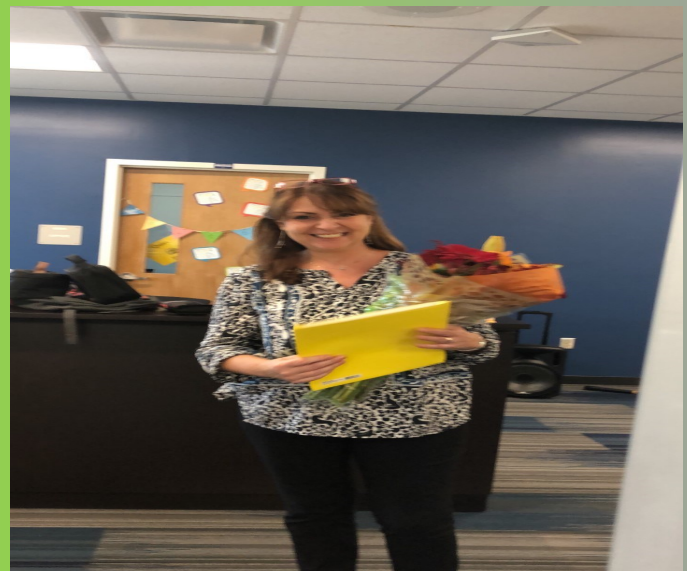
The final artwork will be given a watercolor wash.



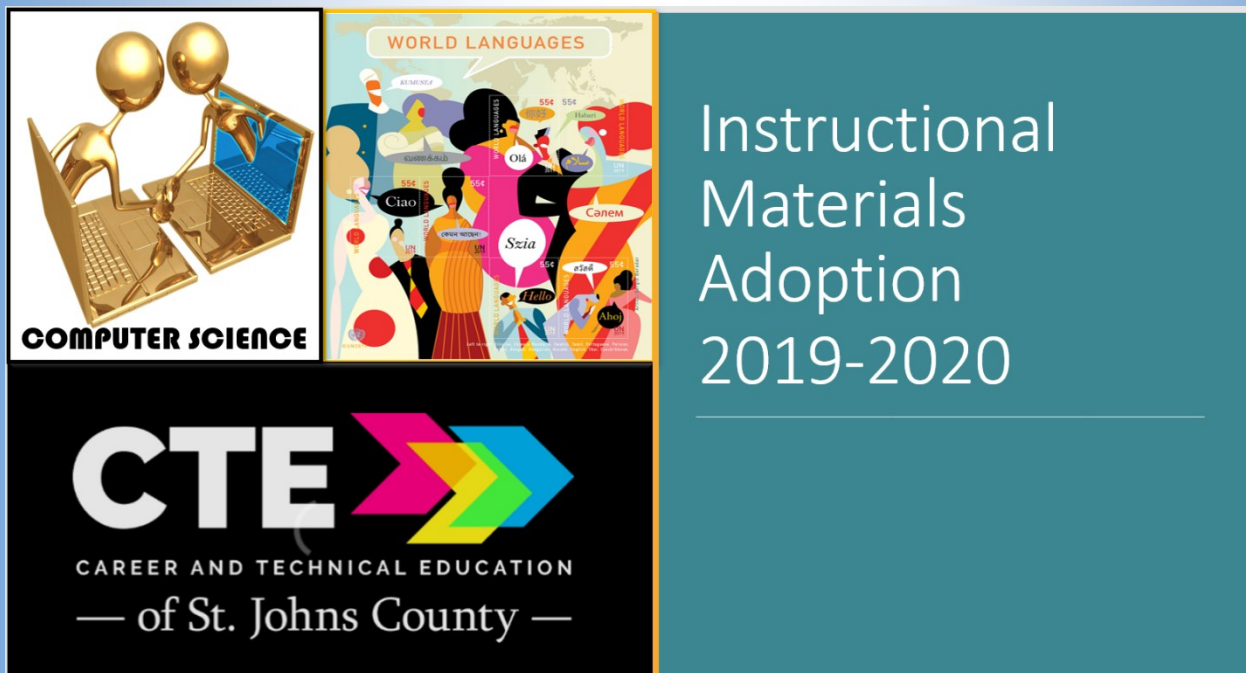
Ooh La La!



Congratulations to our Teacher of the Year,
Mrs. Shely and our Rookie Teacher of the Year,
Mrs. Zagoraki. Thank you for your hard work and
dedication to our students!



Congratulations



Instructional Materials Adoption 2019-2020

The St. Johns County School District curriculum department representatives and adoption committee members are currently conducting the review process for the 2019-2020 Instructional Materials Adoption for Career and Technical Education, Computer Science, and Foreign Languages resources. Please click here <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/instructional-resources-media-services/textbooks/adoption/> to obtain access to the resources that are available for review. The core resources that have been submitted for evaluation have come from the state adoption consideration lists when available. Additional resources for programs may be reviewed from materials listed as appropriate for the program indicated. **If** you are interested in serving on an adoption review committee, please contact the principal or assistant principal.