

January 2019



January
Respect

January 3 - Teacher Planning Day,
Student Holiday

January 6– Classes Resume

January 17-Report Cards Issued

January 20-Martin Luther King Day-
Student/Teacher Holiday

January 31– Teacher Inservice Day/
Student Holiday

February
Caring

February 6-Interims Issued

February 17-Presidents Day-Teacher/
Student Holiday



Mustang Messenger

Mill Creek Academy – Built to Last!

Happy New Year Mighty Mustangs!

The new year brings about new beginnings, “start overs,” and goal-setting. Regardless of what you call it, what I love most about the new year is that it gives everyone a “fresh start.”

Our Mighty Mustangs came back reading to learn. As I was in and out of classrooms last week, I observed students engaged in continued learning, reconnecting with prior learning, and revisiting what looks and sounds like to be a powerful learning experience at MCA. It is so important that as a learning community, we re-engage our hearts and minds with our commitment to being a learner. Our Lead Learners, our teachers, do an amazing job making sure our students know they are valued and loved at MCA and how important they are to us! It is so important that after a long break we take time to revisit our values and beliefs to ensure our vision at MCA, **“The Learning Community of Mill Creek will ensure that ALL achieve their fullest potential through challenging, purposeful learning opportunities where lifelong learning becomes a passion,”** continues to drive our daily work!

Establishing a positive learning culture, focused on the whole child, ensures students are supported in active learning, both mentally and physically. The learning environments that have been created at Mill Creek foster communities of learners that are beginning to use complex thinking beyond the surface to interpret and interact with text, explain and justify their thinking and problem solving in math, and create new thinking. This New Year only brings bigger and better things to Mill Creek Academy. We are goal setting with students and classes, meeting our goals, and celebrating. These great things continue to drive the culture of excellence. I look forward to advancing the learning of our students, teachers, and community as we challenge ourselves in 2020 to a year of greatness, with new learning opportunities, meeting goals of excellence, and achieving much beyond our own desires. 2020 will be a year to remember!

Amanda L. Riedl, Learning Leader

Congratulations to our 2nd QTR Honor Roll Students!!

3rd Grade All A's: Angelina Metellus, Audrina McGowan, Avery Clark, Ben Warner, Colton Lewman, Cristiano Hemmings, Delaney Strong, Dominic Petrosko, Duncan McRae, Gavin Marone, Hayden Walker, Isaiah James, Jordan Brady, Juan Salas, Kathleen Patch, Katy Hartford, Kinsley Honstead, Laith Rashid, Lauren Jay, Lauren Morolla, Liam Craig, Madelyn Harubin, Makayla Matthews, Mia Hoffman, Nainoa Cordero, Nataleigh Calder, Noah White, Olivia O'Brien, Owen Holmquist, Pierce Strother, Pierson Crow, Rayne Santiago, Rowan Murdock, Ryder Evans, Saket Potluri, Sofia Seger, Zoe Cheptoo.

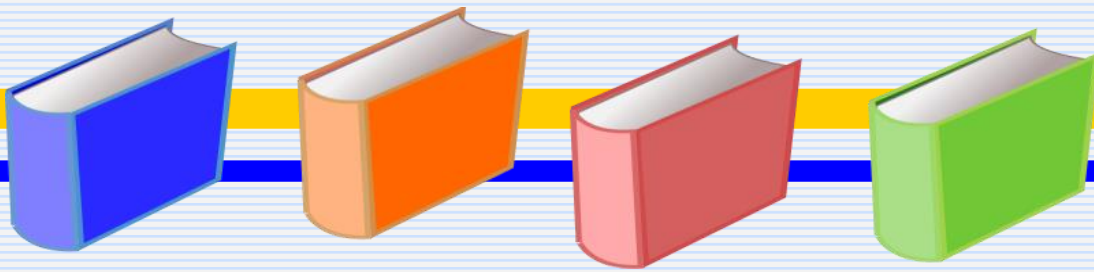
3rd Grade All A's & B's: Addison Thomas, Alex Cooper, Alexis Sexsion, Asher Healy, Aubrey Goodman, Banks Vanpelt, Bella Piscitelli, Braiden Martin, Colvin Morace, Daniel Diieso, Deja Hayden, Dylan Alexander, Dylan Duke, Eli Robertson, Elijah Paradis, Elizabeth Lutz, Emily Arline, Emily Nguyen, Emma Lightfoot, Ethan Bridges, Faith Smith, Farah Smith, Gabrielle Gallardo, Gaven Merritt, Gavin Hobbs, Giana Marone, Gio Fontaine, Henry Hisrich, Indie Honeysett, Isabella Haddock, Ja'laya Mitchell, Jackson Lainhart, Jacob Armento, Jacob Martin, Jayden DeForest, Joshua Picton, Kendall Harrington, Kendall Sheets, Kohen Killian, Lily Turski, Madison Rios, Makena Rollins, Max Kleeman, Michael Boyd, Mila Craig, Naomi Le, Nevin Merrill, Noelle Plambeck, Olivia Hagadorn, Peyton Cook, Piper Martin, Ryder Tenney, Ryleigh Brown, Samuel Furze, Savannah Parish, Sophia Ioannidis, Sophia Perniciaro, Tate Ghanzanfari, Victor Uzodike, William Bocook, Xavier Sanchez-Blackford, Yumi Riewald.

4th Grade All A's: Addilyn Howell, Addison Mitchell, Ali Burchett, Allen Sumner, Andrea Odoi, Andrew Shwedo, Asia Mashburn, Aubree Sapp, Aubrey Donachie, Ava Ausili, Avery Schnellbacher, Avery Villalobos, Bella Hammell, Benjamin Duke, Benjamin Vaks, Blake Kochanski, Brady Smith, Brady Waters, Braxton Berry, Brayden Wetter, Brinlee Richmond, Bryce Glebe, Bryce Miller, Campbell White, Carmella Daino, Carter Atwood, Carter Leombruno, Charlie Pollack, Clayton Boyle, Colton Shugart, Dane Hood, Daniel Boykin, Daniela Martin, Dillon Tunnicliffe, Drake Wiggins, Elena Janis, Elijah Williams, Emery Coughlan, Emilee Gullion, Emily Barber, Emily Patch, Enzo Marano, Ethan Holland, Gabrielle Walcott, Gavin Espedido, Genensis Sanchez, Gianna Villarreal, Giovanni Castillo, Haliey Anderson, Holland Plount, Isabella Streebel, Jacey Billings, Jacob Tanner, James D'Agostino, Jameson Benevides, Jason Tarnawa, Jayden Geiser, John Seger, Jonathan Scarpace, Kamryn Conley, Karter Kasch, Kaya Kepperman, Kaylee Warner, Kevin Elekes, Lacie Stein, Lakyn Boyer, Landon Traczyk, Layla Mejia, Lazara Van Dyke, Leia Mobley, Lia Mills, Lily Williams, Lincoln Svenson, Logan Schuman, Logan Williams, Makenna Borgmeyer, Marianna Franco, Matthew Van Hoose, Mia Kester, Micaiah Cuyler, Michael Mitchell, Morgan Smith, Natalie Buitrago, Natalie Koby, Olivia Kiefert, Peyton Dugas, Reese, Murdock, Rhys Prieto, Riley Becker, Roderick Reyes, Samantha Johnson, Sara Szczechowicz, Sean Cook, Skylar Flatley, Sophia Chappell, Sophia Lawlor, Sophia Lykam, Sophie Foster, Spirit Sevin, Timmy Larkin, Tristan Gleman, Victoria Pass, Waylon Compton, Will Grove, William Langdon, Zachary Anderson, Zoey Bowden.

4th Grade All A's & B's: Kamryn Alvarez, Preston Schrader, Aayden Blakely, Aidan Dailing, Alejandro Diaz, Anthony Ferrigno, Blake Farnham, Bradley Folkenroth, Bryson Daw, Cameron Foster, Carsyn LaRue, Cayden Paulin, Cobly Sanders, Cory Turner, Damon Click, Dani Arias, Dawson Poats, Elizabeth Gunter, Frances Lee, Genesis Speaks, Gerald Siers, Jeremiah Brown, Grace Giddens, Grace Livingston, Greyson Pasek, Hannah Fein, Italo Palacios, Jack Smith, Jackson Tsoukalis, Jaxson Wilhite, Jeremy Williams, Jesaiah Tshimanyika, Justice Howard, Kaleb Westrope, Kalel Hirst, Karleigh Wilmouth, Karson Anderson, Katalena Rivera, King McFadden, Kirsten Seaman, Lachlan Forga, Layna Wanchik, Lincoln Nutter, Lucas Sielaff, Luke Davis, Madison McStine, Makayla Cortez, Matthew Kiefert, Max Luther, Mia Dooley, Miah Boutte, Michael Turbak, Natasa Boscanin, Nicholas Plambeck, Noah Jones, Odin Garcia, Olivia Nettles, Robert Kistner, Rylie Kolsen, Shelby Parker, Sienna Giammillaro, Siriana Drown, Stella Carter, Taylor Edwards, Thomas Miraglia, Tristen Scott, Vaughn Losiniecki.

5th Grade All A's: Adam Escamilla, Alessandra Gill, Alexander Martinez, Alyssa Johnson, Amadou Ba, Amorette Turnell, Anabella DeGennaro, Anders Larson, Aneira Lyons, Ashton Czelusinak, Bailey Hendricks, Benjamin Van Horn, Brady Nourse, Brandon Eagan, Brayden Alison, Brayden Moss, Brenden Merritt, Camden Morton, Charlie Farina, Chloe Tang, Connor Benson, Dane Sheets, Derrick Velazquez, Eileen Xia, Elizabeth Arnold, Ella Diaz, Emily Higgins, Emma Carr, Enrique Ordonez, Ethan Hughes, Gabrielle Iturralde, Gavin Thomas, Gianna Rice, Grant Villanueva, Griffin Clark, Harrison Gates, Hayden Woodside, Inara Zayas-Irizarry, Jack Holt, Jackson Ford, Jenna Mortimore, Jenna Snoddy, Jordyn General, Joseph Sullivan, Juan Cervantes, Kade Killian, Kinleigh Dubose, Kloe Beardsley, Landon Nalley, Liam Seguritan, Liam Wilson, Logan Pittman, Luke Sanalila, Mariana Pinto, Mason Moody, Matthew McGuiness, Mica Munroe, Miley Roberts, Natalie Lewman, Nathaniel Keith, Nolan McCool, Noor Omar, Nyna Grayling, Olivia Guillon, Paul Marin, Piper Scruggs, Quinten Roets, Ramzi El-Hoss, Reagan Brown, Reese Sarge, Reid Bobbitt, Rhea Surage, Riley Jewell, Riley Villalobos, Sofia Alpert, Sofia Sims, Tessa Dixon, Trace Varnes, Tyler Covington, Tyson Brady, Wesley Boyle, Zayne Rashid, Zuri Brynildsen.

5th Grade All A's & B's: Aaron Friedman, Abigail Williams, Addison Strong, Aiden Delacuadra, Anthony Iacona, Austin Davis, Ava Cordes, Brayden Crow, Bryce Pacetti, Caden Bacon, Carlie Kesgan, Choyce Larue, Christian Furze, Colton Adams, Colton Paulson, Daniel Berry, Daniel Wagner, Dylan Luekert, Elise Rutledge, Emma Tenney, Gavin Daino, Gus Wilson, Hunter Duncan, Isabella Brown, Isolina Healy, Jacyra Sevin, Jaminson McKibben, Kaiden Hare, Kaiden Lawrence, Kate Weinstein, Keagan Monahan, Leo Peets, Lily Vanasupa, Lovely Langford, Macy Wells, Maddox Feagin, Madelene Grove, Madison Baxter, Maxx Vigal, Miles Heffernan, Natalie Davis, Olivia Coppola, Olivia Miller, Otis Smith, Reece Porter, Rhett Hendericks, Riley Walker, Sylvie Lancaster, Tatum Samoeum, Tyler Stone, Tyson Morace, Wake McKendrick, Wyatt Burres.

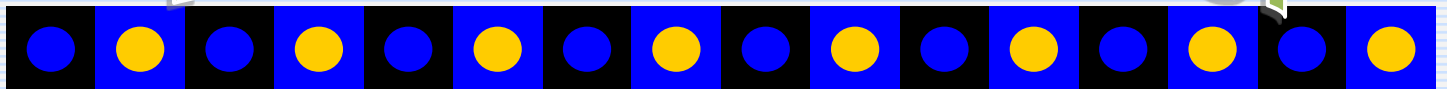


Media Center Information

Want to know what your student has checked out of the library and is reading or missing? Simply go to the MCA website and click on links for students at the top of the page. Click on the Follett- Destiny Discover tile. Log in to your students account using your HCA # and password. Click on the hamburger in the top left corner, when the drop down comes up, choose checkouts and see what is checked out. You can also use this site to browse books that your student can check out and it also is the gateway to accessing the ebooks. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at abby.bergmann@stjohns.k12.fl.us
Happy Reading – Mrs. Bergmann

Yearbooks are now on sale. The cost is \$30 until January 17, at which time the price will increase to \$32. We will not have extra yearbooks available for purchase at the end of the year so please purchase now. You can order online at [Leonard's](#) and enter access code C480720.

Yearbooks for Sale!



Student Council News

Student Council would like to thank all the students and families that made the Candy Cane Grams a big success. Through your generosity we donated \$1,152.00 to the Empty Stocking Fund, to help local families during the holiday season.

WE WILL BE SELLING VALENTINE CANDY GRAMS STARTING JANUARY 30TH THRU FEBRUARY 10TH. MORE INFORMATION WILL GO HOME AT A LATER DATE.

On December 10th, the Mill Creek Academy Music program held its Winter Concert, where members of the Sixth and Seventh Grade bands, Fifth Grade Chorus, and Orff Ensemble performed a fantastic program of music for a great audience of family and friends. Each of the groups worked diligently over the first months of the school year, and it showed through their brilliant performance. All of the ensembles played a combination of holiday classics and ensemble specific pieces. The elementary ensembles were directed by our new elementary teacher Mr. Vincent Bello, and the bands were directed by our new band director Mr. Clinton Carter. Both the directors and students look forward to their spring performances!





Come support your 2020 MCA Basketball Teams!

Mill Creek Academy Basketball Schedule 2020

Girls 5:30 pm, Boys immediately following

January 14 – Mill Creek vs. Fruit Cove (HOME)

January 16 – Mill Creek vs. Pacetti (AWAY)

January 23 - Mill Creek vs. Palm Valley (HOME)

January 28 – Mill Creek vs. Patriot Oaks (HOME)

January 30 - Mill Creek vs. Murray (HOME)

February 4 – Mill Creek vs. Freedom Crossing (AWAY)

February 6 - Mill Creek vs. Liberty Pines (AWAY)

February 11 - Mill Creek vs. Swiss Point (HOME)

February 13 – Mill Creek vs. BYE

February 20 – Mill Creek vs. Valley Ridge (AWAY)

February 25 – Mill Creek vs. Gamble Rogers (AWAY)

February 27 – Mill Creek vs. Sebastian (AWAY)

March 3 - Mill Creek vs. Landrum (HOME)





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MENTOR FAIR

**MENTORS ARE VITAL WITHIN THE SJCSD TO
PROMOTE ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND GOOD
CHARACTER IN OUR STUDENTS.**

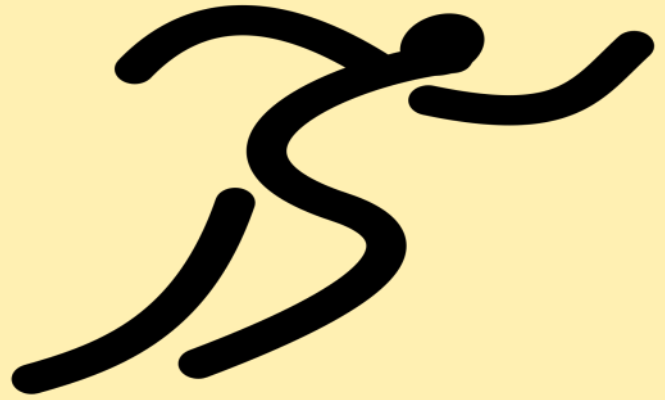
**COME LEARN AND EXPERIENCE HOW YOU CAN
BE A MENTOR!**

**FEBRUARY 5
8:30 A.M.-11:30A.M.**

(DROP IN ANYTIME BETWEEN THESE HOURS)

**10 HILDRETH DR.
ST. AUGUSTINE, FL
32084**

**CALL OR EMAIL TO RSVP
904-547-3945
CHERYL.FREEMAN@STJOHNS.K12.FL.US**



The CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee is calling all walk-

ers, runners and fitness enthusiasts to participate in the CHARACTER COUNTS! 6K/3K Run/Walk on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at 9 a.m. The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine.

Walkers and runners will enjoy a course running through the neighborhoods of Kensington and Las Calinas and can choose to participate in the 6K (3.73 miles) or 3K (1.86 miles) distance.

Registration fees are as follows:

6K: \$25 before January 1	\$30 January 1-January 31	\$35 on race day
3K: \$20 before January 1	\$25 January 1-January 31	\$30 on race day

Registration forms and more information are available online at www.racesmith.com/races/CHARACTERCOUNTS.html.

Race proceeds support CHARACTER COUNTS! initiatives throughout the St. Johns County School District (SJCS D). The run/walk is open to all ages, and the top three winners will be awarded in each of the age categories as well as the overall male and female finishers. A cash donation will be awarded to the top three to five schools with the most registrants. Last year these schools were Ocean Palms Elementary, Alice B. Landrum Middle, Otis Mason Elementary, Palm Valley Academy and Palencia Elementary. All race registrants will receive a t-shirt and other goodies from area businesses and organizations. At the finish line, each race participant will receive a commemorative dog tag which is the sixth design in its series.

This event is produced by the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee and is presented by Beaver Toyota with support from businesses and community groups. Action News Jax CBS47/ FOX30 is the official media sponsor of this run/walk.

The SJCS D, along with area businesses, youth organizations and civic groups, selected the national character education program of CHARACTER COUNTS! as a countywide initiative to instill positive character traits in young people throughout the county. Additionally, the SJCS D became the first school district in Florida to implement Pursuing Victory With Honor in all of its athletic programs. Character education is an important part of every School Improvement Plan and a major component of the Student Code of Conduct and the school district's Strategic Plan.



St. Johns County School District curriculum department representatives and adoption committee members have completed the review process for the Instructional Materials Adoption for Career and Technical Education (CTE), Computer Science, and World Languages. On January 28, 2020, the School Board will conduct a public hearing to receive comment from the community regarding the final list of recommendations for instructional resources for this adoption. Committees composed of teachers, district content experts, parents and community members compiled the lists. The hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the District Administrative Building located at 40 Orange Street in St. Augustine.

Please visit <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/instructional-resources-media-services/textbooks/adoption/> to view the final recommended selections. If you would like access to available printed materials or require assistance reviewing the online resources, please call the Instructional Resources and Media Services office at 904.547.3947. Materials are available for review from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Board action on the final recommendations for CTE, Computer Science and World Languages instructional materials is expected to take place at the School Board meeting in February.

SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM

Parents,

Applications for the summer Marine Science Program will be passed out by science teachers at all schools during the week of February 10th. Applications will be due back to science teachers by February 28th. Applications can also be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 6th at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> and click on the Marine Science link. 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 June 1st through June 11th, June 15th through June 25th, and June 29th through July 9th (Monday-Thursday).

Small classes of 12-14 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 paddleboarding), 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 Kristina Bransford at marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us.