

February 2020



February
Caring

February 6-Interims Issued

February 7-Daddy/Daughter Dance

February 17-Presidents Day-Teacher/
Student Holiday

March
Trustworthiness

March 12- 3rd QTR ends

March {16-20}- Spring Break

March 23- Classes Resume

March 24- Zaxby's Spirit Night

March 31- Report Cards Issued



Mustang Messenger

Mill Creek Academy – Built to Last!

What is important!

Most recently, we have celebrated Literacy week and Kindness week. Both weeks represent what we are about – building and recognizing the strengths of our learners and staffulty at MCA. During Literacy week, our students read 90,000 minutes and celebrated literacy with a school-wide Literacy night where they enjoyed books read by staffulty from around the world. Our staffulty is committed to providing opportunities for students that promote the love of reading, but more importantly promote family involvement. We say, “the family that plays together, stays together.” Thank you for making learning and spending time with family a priority for the MCA learning community.

Last week we kicked off our first annual “kindness week.” Mrs. Ribeiro and Mrs. Didomenico planned ways for our students and staffulty to engage in acts of kindness. Our middle school students were able to write messages daily to each other and leave them on lockers. What a great experience to see how spreading kindness truly changes an environment. What we focus on becomes a priority. If everyone is working on ways to be kind, ways to be respectful in what we say and do, it becomes a habit. Our goal is to continue these acts of kindness each and every day at MCA. We want our students and staffulty to know they are cared about and loved and that when they are at school it is a place that promotes healthy relationships that focus on creating habits that are enduring and reach far beyond our years at MCA! This week our kindness chains will line the 400 halls, displaying messages of all 1300+ students. The question they answered on the strip – “What does kindness mean?” From our littles to our middles, the messages written were beautifully crafted. This will continue to send our message of kindness in a powerful way!

Thank you to all our MCA families that make what we do at MCA a priority in your home. We want the very best for our students and without you this is not possible. It is great to be a Mighty Mustang!

Love and Kindness – Mrs. Riedl, Learning Leader

Leading the Charge of Lifelong Learning!



Congratulations to our fantastic elementary Battle of the Books team. They placed 5th in the District Battle of the Books completion. They were challenged by the other elementary school in their knowledge of this year's 15 Sunshine State Young Reader Award books. These students are truly awesome Mustangs! Members of the team are – Reagan Brown (captain), Tyson Brady, Roderick Reyes, Rayne Santiago, Asia Mashburn, Gianna Rice, Aubree Sapp and our student coach Kade Killian. Thanks to all the parents that support reading and the Sunshine State program.

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!



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DATE!



**SAVE THE
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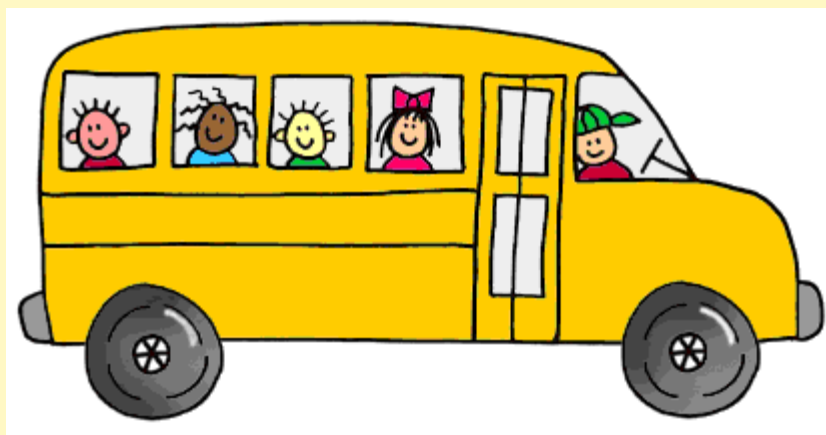
We love our Bus Drivers at MCA!

Everyone loves feeling appreciated!

After extensive training, our bus drivers become professional Bus Operators.

Click on the link below to fill out the form to celebrate your Bus Operator so that we may recognize her/him.

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/transportation/celebrate-your-driver/>





An update from Coach Larkin, Elementary PE Teacher

We are looking forward to continuing to learn and have fun in PE. Now that the weather is colder we can do more vigorous skills and games. We just finished with Gaga Ball and Battleship. Gaga Ball helped the students develop offensive and defensive skills. Battleship helped the students improve throwing and catching skills. We will continue to improve past and learn new skills.

**Come support our MCA Girls and Boys
Basketball Team:**

Girls begin at 5:30, with boys to follow.

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)



Renaissance Rally



Our Mighty Middles had a great time at their quarterly Renaissance Rally!

Each student received a Renaissance Membership card and rally t-shirt! The Renaissance card comes with the opportunity to participate in unique privileges and giveaways on the announcements.

Thank you Amy D, Coach Reyes, Coach Hagy, Ms. Z, Ms. Brackett, Ms. Jahr, Mr. Quinn, Ms. Riedl, Ms. Tompkins, Ms. Eaton and our PTO for their amazing help today! Especially to those staff who volunteered during their planning to help with organization.



SUPPORTING EDUCATION IN THE WGV

5K / FUN RUN

APRIL 3, 2020

FUN RUN 7:45PM  **5K 8:00PM**

RING POWER CAMPUS

500 World Commerce Pkwy, St Augustine, FL 32092

ALL RACERS RECEIVE:

T-SHIRT

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FINISHERS MEDAL

FUN FOR ALL AGES

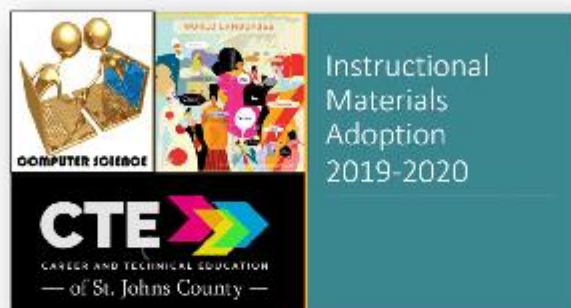
\$25 ADULT

\$15 STUDENT

\$10 FUN RUN

**ALL PROCEEDS ARE DONATED BACK TO OUR FOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS:
MILL CREEK ACADEMY, PACETTI BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL, PICOLATA CROSSING
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND WARDS CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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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.