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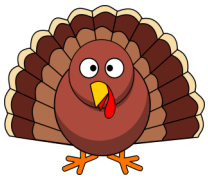
November 19, 2015

Important Dates



November

Citizenship

11/20—Character Counts Celebration, 9:30 AM
11/26-27—Thanksgiving Break

December

All Pillars

12/2—PTA Board Mtg, 9 AM
12/18—2nd quarter ends
12/18—Early Release
12/21-1/5—Winter Break

McDonald's

McDonald's at Murabella

Please support our business partners!

Riedl's Roundup

Congratulations to our Volunteers of the Year for 2015/2016!

Larry Jackson
Senior Volunteer

Sarah Borgmeyer
Adult Volunteer

Piper Green
Student Volunteer

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, giving of their own time to serve the immediate needs of our students and staff. I feel completely blessed to be part of a community that serves others and believes that their time in our school is priceless. Each year through staff nomination and voting, Mill Creek recognizes a Volunteer, Senior Volunteer, and Student Volunteer. We have many volunteers that could be recognized for their services, so it is always very difficult to choose just one. This year, we would like to congratulate: **Mrs. Sarah Borgmeyer, Adult Volunteer; Mr. Jackson, Senior Volunteer ; and Piper Green, Student Volunteer.** Congratulations to these wonderful individuals and most importantly, THANK YOU for your continued support in the SUCCESS of our students!

Amanda L. Riedl, Learning Leader

Counselor's Corral

The research is clear – attitude matters!! Students who are generally optimistic enjoy better physical health, have more success at school, flourish in relationships, and are more equipped to handle stress in their lives. Brain research has confirmed that optimism is more of a learned trait than anything, and that with practice, can become a way of thinking.

How do we do this? One way is to celebrate mistakes as opportunities to learn. Another is to reaffirm that while we cannot always control a problem, we can always control our reaction to it.

Joan White, Guidance Counselor

Reminder: You may not go beyond the front office at Mill Creek (or any other St. Johns County Public School) without having a current approved volunteer application on file. Please fill out the online application using the link below. Please note that this process can take up to 2-3 weeks.
https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply

ESE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

St Johns County Schools (SJCS), The ARC, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) offer

Topic: **TRANISTION PLANNING**
Date/Time: 12/1/15 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Location: Creekside High School – 100 Knights Lane, St. Johns, FL 32259

As of 1997, federal law mandates that students with disabilities who have an IEP (Individual Education Plan) must begin a process called transition planning at age 14. This program is designed to connect students with the proper transition planning services that give them the important skills and career planning tools to better prepare them for a successful life after high school, whether it be in a college setting or in the community.

TAKE AWAY: Students and families will know more about transition planning services available at schools and in our community.
ACTION STEPS: Make appointments with community groups that can help students reach their goals or support the family during the transition planning process.
Target Audience: Parents of students with disabilities, Students with disabilities age 14 and up, and Secondary teachers of students with disabilities.

The purpose of the committee is to provide input to district staff regarding our ongoing effort
to continuously improve services for students with disabilities. Parents, Educators, Administrators, & Business Representatives are invited and encouraged to attend.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

In an effort to accommodate the growth at Mill Creek, we have found that communicating transportation changes during the day needs to be revised in order to maintain a high level of safety for our students. Please see new mode of communication protocol for transportation changes below. This protocol will be strictly enforced beginning January 2016.

Should you need to change your child's dismissal transportation, please email or send a written note to your child's teacher BEFORE 8:00 AM .
If there is a situation during the day and a change in normal dismissal is needed, please email **mcestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us** BEFORE 2 PM (1 PM on Wednesdays). Include your child's name, grade, teacher and how they need to get home. We will no longer be able to accept phone calls for transportation changes. In addition, please remain in your car during PPU to ensure the safety of all students. We cannot release children to parents walking up. Thank you for your continued adherence to these policies to ensure the safety of all our students.

YMCA School's Out Camp

It's the perfect way for youth in grades K-8th to stay active, engaged, learning and having fun while school is out. Camp activities include sports, arts and humanities, literacy, science projects, nutrition activities, indoor and outdoor games, character development, team building, and more. Winter Break Camp will be offered on December 21-23, 28-30, and January 4th from 6:30am-6:00pm at three locations in St. Johns County. Join us for an Artic Adventure your child will never forget! Visit your local YMCA to register today.

Locations:
Ponte Vedra YMCA – 170 Landrum Lane Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
Faith Community Church – 3450 CR 210 W St. Johns, FL 32259
Galimore Center – 399 Riberia St., St. Augustine, FL 32084

Rates:
$30 for members per day
$35 for non-members per day