

Mill Creek Elementary

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Important Dates



December

All Pillars

12/18—2nd quarter ends

12/18—Early Release

12/21-1/5—Winter Break



January

Respect

1/5—Teacher Planning Day, no school for students

1/6—Classes Resume

1/13—PTA Board Mtg, 9 AM

1/18—Martin Luther King Day, no school

1/26—SAC Mtg, 4 PM

1/29—Character Counts Celebration, 9 AM

1/29—Father/Daughter Dance

Mustang Messenger

Riedl's Roundup

Celebration Time

As we move into this holiday season, a season that many of us celebrate things very special to us, I want to celebrate our Mill Creek learners. As a Professional Learning Community, we believe that celebrating our students and their success is critical. Our students are being asked to work at a high level of rigor, justify their thinking and become independent learners. The work is complex and can sometimes feel overwhelming; however, our students continue to achieve at very high levels.

In recent days, students have completed quarterly assessments, diagnostic reading tests, and classwork assignments. Each morning on the announcements, I celebrate individual students and classes for meeting or exceeding their academic SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-bound) Goals. We also celebrate students that are being recognized for "Champion" behavior. These celebrations continue to shine as grade levels have shown a tremendous amount of growth on school and district assessments. All grade levels showed a 40% increase or more from fall to winter data. AMAZING!

Finally, I want to celebrate you, our families. The growth of our students would not be possible without your constant love, support, and commitment. You are an essential piece of our learning community and I will continue to remind you just how valuable you are to us at Mill Creek. Your level of support is overwhelming and with deepest gratitude and appreciation I feel honored to serve as your Learning Leader at Mill Creek. Thank you for trusting Mill Creek to provide the highest level of education for your children, our students, every day.

From our family to yours, we wish you the happiest holiday season and may you be blessed with a beautiful start to the 2016 year!

Amanda L. Riedl, Learning Leader

Please see the following message regarding transportation changes beginning on Wednesday, January 6, 2016.

Beginning Wednesday, January 6, we are asking parents not drop students off in the morning until 8:05 AM. Due to the staff hours, it has become difficult to ensure adult supervision at 8:00AM. For this reason, in addition to the fact that we have monitored morning traffic flow and have a very low drop off prior to 8:05, this time change will be more successful for our community. We are asking that students **not be permitted** to exit cars until an adult is present. This is to ensure safety for all students. In addition, this gives our patrols the opportunity to raise the flag and assume their duties.

In addition, **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. We appreciate your diligence and attention to these changes. Should you have any questions, please call the front office at 547-3720.

Counselor's Corral

LEADS 2.0

Our leadership team travelled to Pacetti Bay this week to work with their WEB Crew. While there the fifth graders participated in getting to know you activities, team building activities, and other fun activities lead by the WEB Crew. We then had the opportunity to interview the older leadership students about middle school, and what to expect when our fifth graders go on to sixth grade. A joint project, a "What to Expect When You Go to Middle School" will be created from this and shared with all of the fifth grade (and more!). Stay tuned for more exciting news from the leadership team!



Joan White, Guidance Counselor

Mill Creek Elementary is SAILing



into Action -
Students and Staff
Active In Learning!

Good News Club (GNC)

Good news Club is an exciting, fun-filled hour once a week, beginning **Thursday, January 14** It includes: Dynamic Bible Lessons, Creative Learning Activities, Inspiring Missionary Stories, Meaningful Songs and Life-changing Scripture Memory. All children ages 5-12 are welcome to attend, regardless of religious background.

Parents are welcome to attend with their child. Permission slips and more information are available in the front office.



We will be donating items left in the lost and found on **at the end of the month**. If you are missing an item, please stop by the front office.



Rising Star BASEBALL

The Rising Stars Baseball Division of Ponte Vedra Athletic Association is created to give girls and boys 8-15 from the Jacksonville area who are unable to "shine" in the traditional little league an outlet to have fun with baseball, build self-confidence, teamwork and lasting memories and friendships. All sessions will be held at Cornerstone Park, located at the southern end of Ponte Vedra just off A1A. Practices will begin January 23rd and games February 6. The season will conclude March 12. Please go to our website to register or to get more information.



www.risingstarsbaseball.org

Or Contact Coach Bob at 904-859-9606.



Girls on the Run spring season will begin registration on January 7th - 29th 2016. It is open to girls in grades 3rd-5th. Go to gotrnefl.org for more information and to register. Spots are limited so register early!

PTA NEWS

Remember Early Release on December 18th and the beginning of Winter Break. Classes resume on Wednesday January 6th.

No Helpings Hands until 2016.

Hope everyone has a Wonderful Holiday and a Happy New Year. See you next year!!