

# Mustang Messenger

February 25, 2016

## Riedl's Roundup

### FSA TESTING

Our 4th and 5th grade students will take the paper-based Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) ELA Writing test on Tuesday, March 1. **No visitors will be allowed in the building on that day.** If you or your student would like to gain familiarity with the item types and response formats your student will see on the FSA assessments, sample test questions and answer keys are available at <http://www.fsassessments.org/resources/?section=4-studentsa-paper-based>. For information regarding test session length for all Spring 2016 FSA assessments, please visit the FSA Portal at [www.FSAssessments.org](http://www.FSAssessments.org), click on the **Students and Parents** tab, select **Student and Parent Resources**, select the **Spring 2016 FSA ELA and Mathematics** folder, and then select *Spring 2016 Testing Times*. Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

**Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones and smartphones, at any time during testing OR during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if they are turned off or students do not use them.** If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated. The best practice is for students to leave devices at home on the day of testing.

**Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All FSA tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment printed on the Writing planning sheet that reads, "I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated." Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by signing below the statement on their planning sheet or in their test and answer book.

**Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states, "After the test, you may not reveal details about the passages or items to anyone. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on websites like Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram." Please make sure your student understands that "discussing" test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to blogs or social media websites.

**Test Invalidations**—Students are responsible for working on their own during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. FDOE employs a test security company, Caveon Test Security, to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student results within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.

**Leaving School**—If your student begins a test session and leaves school before completing it (an appointment, illness, etc.), he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. [Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.](#)

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

*Amanda L. Riedl, Learning Leader*

### February

#### *Caring*

**2/26**—Character Counts Celebration, 9:30 AM



### March

#### *Trustworthiness*

**3/1**—FSA Writing Test for 4th and 5th graders, no visitors allowed at Mill Creek

**3/2**—PTA Board Meeting, 9 AM

**3/11**—Mustang Gallop (more information to come)

**3/15**—SAC Mtg, 4 PM

**3/17**—Third quarter ends

**3/18**—Teacher Planning Day—Student Holiday

**3/21-28**—Spring Break—Student/Teacher Holiday

**3/29**—Classes Resume for Students



**Pacetti Bay Middle School welcomes all rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents to attend an open house on **March 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm**. This is a chance to meet 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, the administration team, and learn more about what to get prepared for the middle school years ahead.**

### **CHOCOLATE AND BEYOND**

A celebration of chocolate, desserts, and other culinary sensations, will be held on **Saturday, February 27 from 2 – 4 p.m. at First Coast Technical College Building C** in St. Augustine. Guests will enjoy tasty samples from some of the area's finest restaurants and specialty shops. Hosted by The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of St. Johns County, proceeds from Chocolate and Beyond are used to recruit, train, and recognize senior volunteers in the St. Johns County School District and other county locations. Tickets are \$10 in person, \$12 on-line and can be purchased on the RSVP website at [www.rsvpstjohns.com](http://www.rsvpstjohns.com), or at Whetstone Chocolates (King Street and Anastasia Blvd locations), Cold Cow Ice Cream, and TD Bank in St. Augustine. Call RSVP at (904) 547-3945 for more information.



The Gifted PAC meeting is on **March 3**. It will be held at Gamble Rogers Middle School from 4:30-5:30 p.m.



### **PRACTICAL PARENTING MAGIC**

St Johns County Schools (SJCS) Welcomes Author and Behavior Specialist, Melisa Genaux

**Topic: REDUCING CONFLICT AND CREATING A PEACEFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR CHILD**

**Date/Time:** 3/8/16 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Location:** Pacetti Bay Middle School **Cost:** FREE!

### **Cheer Clinic**

**Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>  
10am-12pm, \$10.00  
per athlete**



**For anyone who is trying out for cheer....This clinic is to help you prepare for what to expect at tryouts. We will go over motions, jumps, cheer etiquette, dance choreography and 1 on 1 critiquing. Contact Anchor Athletics today to register your child!**

**125 E Davis Industrial Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32086  
706-936-2003, [anchorathletics@gmail.com](mailto:anchorathletics@gmail.com), or  
[www.anchorathletics.org](http://www.anchorathletics.org)**

### **Mill Creek Parent Needs Assessment Survey**

Thank you for taking the time to complete the St Johns County School District's Input Survey last week. We now have **The Mill Creek Parent Survey** is available at <https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=n6K24n61>. This survey will give us the specific parent feedback we need as we continue to strive to provide the best learning for our students. The survey will be open **now until March 31**. We will also have a laptop set up in the front office if you would like to complete the survey at the school. We appreciate you sharing your feedback with us.

### **St Johns County Parks and Recreation Department 2016 Super Summer Spectacular**

Registration Dates – February 29 @ 8 AM through March 11 @ 5PM

Registration Locations: online at [www.stcfl.us/youth](http://www.stcfl.us/youth)

Summer Camp Dates – July 4– July 22

For more info, contact Jamie Baccari at (904)209-0377 or [jbaccari@sjcfl.us](mailto:jbaccari@sjcfl.us)

### **PTA NEWS**

**Mustang Gallop** is coming on March 11. We will be sending home information on Friday.

**Ready.Set.Glow 5k** Join us for the first annual Ready.Set.Glow 5K and fun run. A joint collaboration between Mill Creek Elementary, Wards Creek Elementary and Pacetti Bay Middle School to encourage health and fitness in our community as well as raise needed funds for advancements in education. To Stay Updated and to receive more information go to their facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1668450000076104/>

**Helping Hands** meets every Thursday morning at 8:00 in the Cafe.

Always stay connected at Facebook or <http://mcepta.weebly.com/>



Kindergarten Registration for the 2016-2017 school year will be held on the following dates:

**March 10 from 1 PM-5 PM,**

**April 8 from 9 AM-1 PM,**

**May 9 from 1 PM-5 PM.**

To be eligible for public kindergarten in St. Johns County, children must be 5 years old on or before September 1 and must reside in St. Johns County. Parents must register at the school where they are zoned for the 2016-2017 school year.

For more information, including necessary documents to register, visit [www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment](http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment).