

# Mustang Messenger

May 26, 2016

## Riedl's Roundup

**We are – The Mighty Mustangs – Trailblazers in Education!**

Our school year has come to a close and this serves as our “see you real soon” newsletter to families as we close the 2015 - 2016 school year. What a gift it continues to be to serve the families of Mill Creek. The teachers, staff, and students have worked incredibly hard this year raising the level of expectations and rigor in the classrooms, setting grade level, class, and most importantly individual learning goals that are clear and attainable. From published authors, to mathematicians, our students and teachers continue to think and work in ways that are more critical and at more sophisticated levels than ever before, sometimes challenging parents and families beyond what they know. Explaining their thinking, justifying their answers, and agreeing or disagreeing with other learners drives learning to a level that was once viewed as unattainable for young learners. Teachers have given students ways to understand why authors write in different structures and through different lenses to help encounter the world around through the eyes of characters in books, imagination, and creative thinking. For so long in schools, we were challenged with the task that students should be made to answer specific questions after reading, not truly engaging them in the “real” work that we engage in as readers - the natural ways as readers we would read and react or respond to text. Our learners have embraced a deeper way of thinking that allows them to react to reading, math, and hopefully the world around them in a much different way.

We continue to embrace our vision at Mill Creek, “**The Learning community of Mill Creek will ensure that ALL achieve their fullest potential through challenging, purposeful learning opportunities; where learning is the only option!**” We celebrate the greatness of our students, we celebrate the hard work they have achieved this year, we celebrate our families that have trusted and believed in the work we do at Mill Creek, and finally we celebrate each other, for we know it is our commitment to each other and learning that truly drives the success of the learning environment.

As we bid farewell to each other for a short period of time, we will be saying goodbye to some very dedicated, special people that mean so much to us.

Mrs. Susan Jackson and Mrs. Lynn Fox are retiring.

Mrs. Jennifer Tiller is moving to Gainesville to teach 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Ms. Jessica Rodriguez is moving back to Delaware to be closer to her family.

Mrs. Sandra Leadbetter has decided to stay home with her boys as they begin new chapters in their lives.

Mrs. Megan Day will relocate to Georgia as she plans her upcoming wedding.

In addition, these staff members will join new grade level teams at Mill Creek:

Mrs. Danielle Johnson will join the Kindergarten Team.

Ms. Heather Keiser and Ms. Jessica Ferrara will join the 1<sup>st</sup> grade Team.

Mrs. Kristina Knox will join the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Team.

Mrs. Debbie Schroeder and Mrs. Jessica Brumleve will join the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Team.

Mrs. Lauren Nourse will join the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Team.

Beyond staff changes, every year some of our Mill Creek families will leave us. Whether it's the last child going off to middle school, business demands, or family takes them elsewhere, sometimes, although we look forward to the end of the year, it never comes with ease! 2015 – 2016 leaves us with many memories and we look forward to continued success in the 2016

– 2017 school year! **We are – The Mighty Mustangs – Trailblazers in Education!**

Have a fabulous summer, and KEEP LEARNING!!!!

*Amanda L. Riedl, Learning Leader*



The Summer Learning Challenge pages were sent home in the report card envelopes and are also attached to the newsletter email. They can also be found on our webpage at <http://www-mce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>.

The summer resource page is another great tool for giving you links and ideas for summer learning.

In addition, here are the web links to the new SSYRA, SSYRA Jr., and Florida lists for 2016 – 2017!

[http://www.floridamediaed.org/uploads/6/1/4/2/61420659/2016-17\\_ssyra\\_annotated\\_list\\_elementary\\_1 .pdf](http://www.floridamediaed.org/uploads/6/1/4/2/61420659/2016-17_ssyra_annotated_list_elementary_1.pdf) (SSYRA grades 3 - 5)

[http://www.floridamediaed.org/uploads/6/1/4/2/61420659/ssyrajr\\_2016-2017\\_annotated\\_list.pdf](http://www.floridamediaed.org/uploads/6/1/4/2/61420659/ssyrajr_2016-2017_annotated_list.pdf) (SSYRA Jr. [grades K - 2nd])

### Mill Creek's Student Council 2016-2017

President - Kobe Keeperman

VP—Maci Cerasale

Treasurer - Logan Green

Secretary - Jordan Klucharich

Elections for Homeroom Representatives will be held after we begin school in August.



### Attention: Rising 1st Grade Boys

Please take a minute to read the attached flyer about SUPERCUBS, Pack 329.

### Goodwill Bag It Up!

We had 100% participation in the Goodwill Bag It Up event. Our school received \$1,000 and a new computer for the wonderful participation. Student were entered into the contest to win prizes and each student received certificates for great discounts at local businesses.

We are signed up to participate in this program again next year so be on the lookout for details next May.

### Mill Creek's PTA Executive Board for 2016-2017

President - Nery De Los Santos

VP means & ways and business partners - Mayra Medina

VP school engagement - Ashley Vece

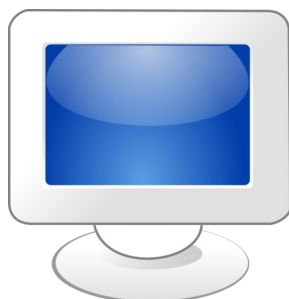
Treasurer - Sheri Blackman

Recording Secretary - Sondra Hisrich

Parliamentarian - Christie Hobbs

Communications Coordinator - Dawn Crosby

Membership Coordinator- Kalli Burrell



Please check our website <http://www-mce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> periodically over the summer for updates on orientation dates, supply lists and other valuable information as you prepare for the **2016-2017 school year.**