

Mustang Messenger

April 21, 2016

Riedl's Roundup

**Pennies
for
Patients[®]**

Our school is still collecting money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society known as Pennies for Patients. ***The last day to send in donations to school will be tomorrow, April 22nd. You can donate online until Sunday, April 24 at <http://events.lls.org/>***

[pages/ncfl/MillCreekElementarySchool](http://pages.ncfl/MillCreekElementarySchool). Your class will get credit for these donations. This is our 11th year participating in this program. All the money collected at MCES goes directly to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The LLS is an organization that collects money to help find a cure for blood cancer. They also help patients and their families with medical and living expenses.

To date, we have collected \$4,490.00! Way to go, Mustangs! This week you may purchase a coin with your name on it to be displayed in the main hallway for \$1. You can still bring in your \$1 tomorrow. Let's fill the wall up with coins!

Last year our school donated \$5,889.65. That made a big difference for a lot of people dealing with blood cancer. MCES was awarded the Student Series Highest Increase of Funds Year over Year. What a great honor and it was all due to your generosity. This year, we have been challenged to hit the \$10,000.00 mark and we are almost halfway there. No school in northeast Florida has ever collected that much. Regardless of the amount we raise, we are helping to find a cure. As a reminder, the class that collects the most money will be treated to an Olive Garden Lunch at school and the classes that collect \$100.00 or more will be treated to ice cream sundaes from Student Council.

Let's all keep helping this to be the biggest year for Pennies for Patients!! You are a big-hearted community and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society appreciates your generosity.

Amanda L. Riedl, Learning Leader

April

All Pillars

- 4/21-22, 4/25-28, (various classes)**—FSA Testing and Adjusted Lunch Schedules
- 4/22**—Last Day for Pennies for Patients
- 4/26**—SAC Mtg, 4 PM in Media Center
- 4/26**—PTA Info Mtg, 6 PM
- 4/29**—Student/Teacher Holiday



May

Citizenship

- 5/3—5/4 - (5th grade classes)**—FSA Testing
- 5/4**—Goodwill Bag It Up (see attached flyer)
- 5/5-5/13**—Book Fair
- 5/13**—Character Counts Celebration, 9:30 AM
- 5/13**—Evening with the Stars
- 5/16**—5th graders visit Pacetti Bay
- 5/16**—SAC Mtg, 4 PM in Media Center
- 5/17**—Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, RSVP to Tina.Larson@stjohns.k12.fl.us by May 13
- 5/20**—5th grade Dance
- 5/23**—5th grade Recognition
- 5/26**—Last Day of School for Students, **EARLY RELEASE**



The last day to order your **individual spring pictures** from Leonard's is **April 28**. You can order these online from Leonard's per the flyer that was sent home with the proof. **Class Pictures** will be taken on May 3. This is a prepaid picture. Information and envelopes will be coming home next week.

Due to the upcoming retirement of Dr. Joyner, the School Board is in the process of a search for the next Superintendent. It is extremely important to solicit and receive input from parents, students, employees, community members and other stakeholders relative to the experiences and qualities that should be considered when choosing our next leader. Therefore, I encourage you to access this short survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sjcsdsuperintendentsearch> and provide your input. The survey will be open through **April 25**. Thank you for your input and we look forward to reviewing each and every response provided.



**St. Johns County
School District**

MAY is Better Speech and Hearing Month



Although **MAY** is better speech and hearing month, **MAY** we remind you that it is never too late for you to do your part to help friends and loved ones conserve their hearing and improve their speaking abilities. **MAY** we suggest that you start early by helping your children to remember to speak in appropriate tones and not yell to others. **MAY** we also recommend that you do your part by listening to the car radio at an acceptable volume so that you **MAY** conserve the hearing that your children have and ensure that, as adults, they will enjoy the ability to hear their own children speak. Hearing loss is not discriminatory and it is possible that even young adults **MAY** experience difficulties with their hearing. Long term illnesses and allergies **MAY** also negatively impact your hearing. To determine if your hearing is in fact up to par, a physicians help **MAY** be necessary. If you have questions or concerns about your child's speech or hearing abilities you **MAY** contact Mill Creek Elementary Schools Speech-Language Pathologist's, Mrs. Jennifer Burton, M. S. CCC-SLP (on campus Monday through Friday), Ms. Maria DiMare M. A. CCC-SLP (on campus Monday through Friday) or Mrs. Shelly Warner M. S. CCC-SLP (on campus Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). You **MAY** also continue helping others by visiting the American Speech-Language Hearing Associations (ASHA) website at www.asha.org



Our Media Center will also be hosting a

Book Fair, May 5-13!

This will be a great time to stock up on some great summer reading materials!

May 5 & 6: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

May 9—May 12: 9:00 AM-5:00PM

May 13: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM or at the conclusion of Evening with the Stars

Note: We will not be open before school.

April is Autism Awareness Month



Since the 1970's the Autism Society of America has been celebrating Autism Awareness month in order to highlight the growing need for concern and awareness about autism. Autism is a spectrum disorder that affects each individual differently and to various degrees. Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and greatly affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. Currently, there is no known single cause for autism but increased awareness and funding can help families today. Visit www.autism-society.org for information autism, living with autism and various research and learning programs for those with autism spectrum disorders. If you have questions or concerns about your child's learning or developmental skills visit the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) website at www.nefec.org or check out the HEAL foundation (<http://www.healautismnow.org/>), a local non-profit organization located right here in the Jacksonville area!

PTA NEWS

- 1) We are now accepting applications for next years PTA Board and Committees. If you are interested please fill out the attached form and either email to mcepta1@gmail.com or return to school by Monday, April 25th. Our nominating committee will be in touch with you.
- 2) Teacher appreciation week is approaching. We have a great week planned to show them how much we value them. See the attached letter for more info. Also we are collecting donations now if you would like to contribute to the teacher gift cards.
- 3) We are preparing for Evening with the Stars and our Basket Raffle. If you or your business would like to donate a basket or items to be placed in a basket to raffle we would love it! Contact us at mcepta1@gmail.com. This is a great way to get a little tax deduction and promote your business while helping the school.
- 4) Our basket raffle collections are under way! Our Evening with the Stars will be wonderful and we need your help to make these baskets as spectacular as we can get them. To keep things simple this year each grade has ONE theme. We've included different ideas with each theme in the Sign Up Genius but as always you can also donate other items not listed that coordinate with the theme. The deadline for donations of Thursday April 28th, the Evening with the Stars event is Friday May 13th.

Pre-K <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49aaa62ea6fa7-basket>

Kindergarten <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49aaa62ea6fa7-kindergarten>

1st Grade <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49aaa62ea6fa7-1stgrade>

2nd Grade <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49aaa62ea6fa7-2ndgrade>

3rd Grade <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49aaa62ea6fa7-4thgrade>

4th Grade <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49aaa62ea6fa7-3rdgrade>

5th Grade <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49aaa62ea6fa7-5thgrade>

The St. Johns County School District will hold pre-registration for children entering kindergarten and students new to St. Johns County Schools on the following date:

May 9 from 1 PM-5 PM (school tour timeslots available from 2:45-5 PM).

Registration this year at Mill Creek Elementary is BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please be sure to sign up for a timeslot on the Sign Up Genius located on our website <http://www-mce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/>.

Please visit Mill Creek's website <http://www-mce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/> for additional registration information, including necessary documentation you will need to bring with you. You must sign up for a registration time slot. If you choose a slot that is on May 9 and is after 2:45, you will be able to tour the school.

