



Mustang Messenger

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Attendance Line: 547-3737
AM Drop-off time: 8:10 AM
School Start Time: 8:30 AM
School End Time: 2:50 PM
1 hr. early release every Wed.

Riedl's Round Up



Curriculum Chat Night—Tuesday, September 1st
Session 1 is 5:30-6:30 PM and Session 2 is 6:45-7:45 PM
(both sessions are the same)

We are encouraging our parents to make this an “adult only” evening so parents are truly able to engage in the learning expectations, classroom rituals and routines, and asking and answering of the very important questions that you may have about your child’s year of learning. This will be the only time we ask throughout the year for an adult only evening as we know and are committed to Mill Creek being a child-centered organization. Thank you in advance for your flexibility and support as we engage our parents and guardians in an evening of becoming active participants in their child’s education.

Calendar of Events

August

All pillars of Character Counts

8/28—Back to School Pizza & Movie Night, 6 PM

September

Fairness

9/1—Curriculum Chat Night

Session 1: 5:30-6:30 PM

Session 2: 6:45-7:45 PM

Both sessions are the same

9/2—PTA Board Mtg., 9 AM

9/7—Labor Day Holiday

No School

9/15—Individual Student Pictures

9/22—Health Screenings for
K, 1st & 2nd grades

SAC Mtg., 4 PM

9/25—Character Counts

Celebration, 9:30 AM



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If you missed the **volunteer training** this week, here is some very important information: (And if you were at the meeting, they are important reminders!)

- The language from the school district has changed to “school access” rather than simply “volunteer”. The application on our website and the district website reflects this change.
- Anyone who goes past the front office and into the school building **MUST** have school access clearance. This includes having lunch with a student, helping in the classroom, attending classroom or grade level functions and field trips. This also includes all family members such as grandparents or siblings over the age of 18. Once you have been cleared, it is good for three years and for all St. Johns County schools.
- Please remember to always bring your photo ID (driver’s license) when you sign in at the front office. And also remember to sign out through the front office when you leave. If you don’t have your ID, you will be asked to go back to the car to get it or you may be refused entrance. On a side note, for your child’s security, always remember to bring your photo ID when you pick up your child from school. Our staff is changing and you may not be known to everyone in the front office
- When you volunteer in the classroom, please limit your time to 3 hours per day per classroom.
- It is very important that younger siblings do not attend a volunteer activity where the teacher, students or activity needs your full attention.
- Please remember at all times, confidentiality is a top priority. Do not share student information that you may come across in the classroom with your friends or neighbors. And if you have any concerns, please direct them to administration or the teacher for resolution.
- Remember to dress appropriately while you are in the school building.
- Conferences with teachers should be scheduled. Please don’t use your volunteer time to try to conference with the teacher.
- Please go to the area for which you sign in. If you sign in to have lunch with your child, don’t go to the classroom or playground as well, etc.
- As a volunteer in the classroom, you are not allowed to be left alone with the class while the teacher leaves the room or on the playground. Only school personnel can be responsible for students.

Should you have any questions, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Tina Larson, at tina.larson@stjohns.k12.fl.us or call the front office from noon to 4 PM. Thank you for your cooperation of our volunteer guidelines and understanding our security regarding access to our school building and the students within. We love our volunteers and appreciate all you do for us!

Amanda L. Riedl, Learning Leader

Counselor's Corral

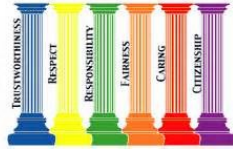
Character Counts! Yes, it most certainly does. We hear this in schools and during school celebrations, but what does it really mean? Answering that question is the main focus of guidance classroom lessons this year. Our lessons will provide explanations, examples, and time for students to practice and reflect what they have learned about the Pillars of Character Counts! These pillars include citizenship, responsibility, fairness, caring, trustworthiness, and respect.

On top of that, MCES's classroom guidance will use **The MindUP Curriculum**, which highlights and develops brain-focused strategies for learning. Mindfulness exercises will be taught as well. Research supports improvement in concentration, emotional control, and decreased anxiety levels which support an optimistic and successful learning environment, as well as helping students develop a greater sense of self and community.

Mrs. Joan White is MCES's school counselor for grades 3- 5, and Ms. Megan Day is MCES's school counselor for grades K-2. You may contact either counselor at the following emails:

Joan.white@stjohns.k12.fl.us
Megan.Day@stjohns.k12.fl.us

CHARACTER COUNTS!



Congratulations! 2015/2016 Student Council Members

President—Tristian Stroud

Vice-President—Brian Tart

Secretary—Ava Dobbins

Treasurer— Ethan Sands

Homeroom Reps: Allie Brown, Alexa Keiser, Mason Carmicle, Jenna Hernandez, Nilanny Estremera, Musa Shaban, Jayden Cole, and Claire Warner

Mill Creek Chorus registration for 5th grade students!

- ◆ Every 5th grade MCE student is welcome!
- ◆ Rehearsals take place BEFORE school on Tuesdays from 7:30am – 8:10am
- ◆ Registration will end after our first rehearsal: Tuesday, September 8th
- ◆ Chorus Registration is found online at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15AevuntsZx_Aq_aqKyTvLTvMcTZ7fz6FIRhb3JTFRsU/viewform?usp=send_form – No need to print – once you click “submit” after completing the information, you are SET!
- ◆ Communication will be sent out before our first rehearsal on September 8th – if you do not hear from me by then, feel free to contact me at: nealp@stjohns.k12.fl.us
- ◆ Registration Fees can be paid online if desired using our SCHOOL PAY feature found on our MCE Website:



Kids Acting Up with Drama Kids—After School program!

Mention the Mustang Messenger and get FREE REGISTRATION!

For over 30 years, Drama Kids International has been the world's most popular children's drama program with 60,000 students enrolled across 25 different countries! Drama Kids is a uniquely interactive, award winning program that utilizes new activities each week to develop confidence, speaking skills, and acting skills in an exciting and positive environment. More importantly, students develop skills in public speaking, creative thinking, teamwork and problem solving. **Enrollment is now open for 1st through 5th grade students. Only 8 spots left!** Class is held weekly for one hour on Thursdays immediately following the school day and will conclude with an original play in May! Class starts September 17th. Register today at www.dramakids.com/fl3 or call (904) 257-5752.

Creeks Baseball Club Fall Registration for ages 9-14

www.creeksbaseballclub.com/events/fall-instructional-program-2015/ to register and to find out more information. The Program begins Sept 1, 2015 and will run Every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6pm-8:30pm at Rivertown Fields.

CAA Flag Football Registration

Register now at www.caaflagfootball.org. And to find out all the information on the exciting upcoming season

Creeks Softball Registration

www.creeksfastpitch.com for all the details



St. Johns County School district is providing **Florida State Assessment (FSA)** parent informational nights this year! Mill Creek will once again host an informational evening on **Tuesday, October 27th**. We invite you to attend as these meetings help our parents gain a deeper understanding of the Florida Assessment. Please visit the district website at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us for more information and for dates of other locations if you cannot attend at MCES.

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The **PTA Shoe Drive** has been extended. We will be doing another shoe pick up during the morning drop off time on Wed., 9/2. Please have them bagged and ready to go. Thank you for all your shoes so far! Keep cleaning out those closets!



The **Mustang Card Fundraiser** begins on Monday, 8/31. Please look for packets coming home in your child's folder.

If you ordered **spirit wear**, it will be delivered during the first week of September.

www.mcepta.weebly.com