



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.

Calendar of Events

September

Fairness

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



October

Responsibility

10/2—Mother/Son Corn hole

10/7—PTA Board Mtg, 9 AM

10/10—Box Top Contest begins

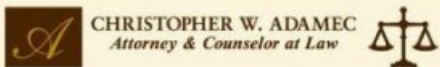
10/20—McTeacher night at
McDonalds 5:30-8 PM

10/27—SAC Mtg., 4 PM

10/29—Box Top Contest ends

10/30—Character Counts
Celebration, 9:30 AM

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Riedl's Round Up



As a committed Learning Community, Mill Creek teachers spend a great deal of time “getting to know their learners.” As we know, a relationship is “one little thing” that can change a child’s learning experience for life. Sometimes, these relationships are easy to build and other times these relationships take time. Regardless, our commitment to our learners, each and every one, is that we will do whatever it takes to reach and connect with them as a person and individual learning. Meeting our learners in ways that are unique can become difficult, however, it is our passion and desire that what we do in the classroom connects our learners to the permanence of new learning, increases their confidence, and build a foundation for success.

This week as we continue on the journey of getting to know our learners, we met as grade level teams to discuss the students learning. Already, the 4th week of school teachers were able to talk about student learning strengths and “areas of opportunity” as we like to call them at Mill Creek. These are the areas that need immediate attention in a child’s learning to ensure future success in new learning. Together, we worked to align BEST instructional practices, additional learning supports, and specific interventions to meet student needs. The conversations are driven by the strengths of students, focusing on what students can do while “recognizing” those areas that may need additional support. This point of view from teachers sets the tone for our learners that with the “right” support, they can achieve at high levels, regardless of learning challenges. We call this “grit,” giving students the confidence to overcome obstacles, face challenges, and continue to persevere through the difficult learning times. We BELIEVE in our students, ALL STUDENTS!

This data-driven dialogue that is described above is led by teachers. Working through multiple pieces of data to ensure we are viewing the whole child allows us to focus on specific learning needs and not generalize a child’s learning. From 8:35 – 9:05(M, T, TH, and F) our students are involved in ALL-STAR (All Students and Teachers Are Reaching Success) time. This is a time that has been developed to provide students additional learning time in areas of learning that may be a challenge or to provide enrichment opportunities to those students exceeding grade level learning goals. These groups are always flexible depending on the need of the child. For this reason, a child may be in an intervention group, re-teaching group, or enrichment group at different times throughout the year. Creating this structure has given faculty and staff at Mill Creek the unique opportunity to reach all learners with targeted instruction based on assessment data. This time will be uninterrupted and all staff members will be working with groups throughout the building. This builds a strong sense of community where we own ALL of our learners. We work with a mindset that every classroom, every learner, is just as important as those that sit directly in front of me. We get to know all learners on a grade level. The experience of coming together in grade level meetings and being able to discuss all our learners together is priceless. On Wednesday, teachers will spend All-Star time collecting formative data on our students to ensure what we are doing during All-Star time is working! Providing constant feedback to our students about their learning is essential in their continued growth.

LEARNING is MUST at Mill Creek! We take pride in being a high-achieving, rigorous learning community where the needs of students are met, regardless of the level to ensure “ALL” students at Mill Creek are continuous learners. Our continued commitment to our families remains consistent, we will do “whatever it takes” for the success of our students! It is our desire that you will embrace the learning of your student, continue to encourage them as learners, and continue to challenge us, teachers and staff, to be continuous learners! As we grow, our students grow! Together Mill Creek students will “anchor their future success in the learning of today.”

Amanda L. Riedl, Learning Leader

Lets Show our Mustang Pride!

Our Mill Creek Spirit Wear has arrived and PTA is working hard to distribute spirit shirts by Friday, Sept. 11 or Monday, Sept. 14. On **Wednesday, Sept. 16**, Mill Creek Teachers and Staff will be wearing their favorite team jersey. We would love nothing more than our students to join on showing their spirit for their favorite team by wearing their favorite team jersey. Lets see if we can fill our halls with team pride!!!!

And on **Friday, Sept. 18** Mill Creek will celebrate Mustang excellence as we begin our Friday tradition of showing Mill Creek PRIDE! Don’t forget to wear your Mill Creek Spirit Wear or the colors of yellow and blue!!!!

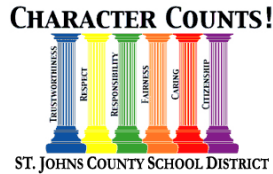
Counselor's Corral



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



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.

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 a few 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.

CAA Flag Football Registration is open!

Register now at www.caaflagfootball.org. and to find out all the information on the exciting upcoming season. Season runs from November to end of February. Registration will be closing soon. Please Register ASAP.

Creeks Boys and Girls Lacrosse registration is open!

FALL BALL IS HERE!

- New players (Boys or Girls) ARE NOT REQUIRED to have any gear!
- We will have loaner sticks and will provide instruction and activities which do not require full gear or contact.
- Fall Ball runs from September 13th through November 22nd.
- Practices are Sunday afternoons, 1 to 2:30 and 2:30 to 4 sessions, specific age group times TBD.
- Open to Kindergarten (U7) through 8th grade (U15) with separate Boys and Girls fields.
- Cost \$75 for 11 weeks including reversible Creeks Lacrosse mesh pinney.
- If registering siblings cost is \$50 for each additional sibling (code needed).

Sessions will feature mix of technical training and small-sided games with players grouped by ability and experience.

www.creekslax.com

Pipeline Lacrosse Clinic

All K-8th grade girls are invited to participate in our FREE lacrosse clinic! Both brand new and seasoned players will benefit from skill-level appropriate curriculum.

Date: Sunday, September 27, 12 PM-2 PM

Location: Plantation Park (3060 Race Track Rd., St. Johns, FL)

For more information, visit <http://www.pipeline210lax.com/>

Fall Portraits



Fall portraits will be taken on **September 15**. Everyone will have their picture taken on this day for their ID badges and the yearbook even if you do not order pictures. Order forms have been sent home.

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The **Mustang Card Fundraiser** began on Monday, 8/31. Packets have been sent home. If you need extra space, please use the back of the order form. The sale will end on September 15 so please be sure to send those orders back in.

Spirit Wear orders are in. They will be sent home in the next few days.

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