



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

May

Citizenship

5/16—PTA Annual Mother/Son Corn Hole Tournament, 5:45 PM

5/16-5/20—Book Fair, 9 AM—6 PM

5/20—McDonalds McTeacher Night, 5-8 PM

5/22—6th grade orientation at PBMS, 9:30-11:30 for students, 6-7 PM for parents at PBMS

5/23—Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, 9 AM

Spring Box Top Contest Ends

Last day to charge lunches

Last day to order MOJO BBQ

5/26—Memorial Day Holiday

No school

5/27—SAC Mtg., 4 PM

MOJO BBQ takeout, 4-6 PM

5/29—5th grade recognition ceremony at PBMS, 6 PM

5/30—5th grade dance here at 12:30 PM

Last day of School:

Thursday, June 5th

Early dismissal at 1:50 PM

Riedl's Round Up



Jay Willets, principal at John A. Crookshank Elementary School (CES), has been selected by Superintendent Dr. Joseph Joyner to be the principal of Pacetti Bay Middle School (PBMS). His nomination will be presented to the St. Johns County School Board at their June 10 meeting.

He will replace Principal Sue Sparkman, who has announced her retirement following this school year. Sparkman will stay on as a principal until June 30.

“Sue Sparkman has been a dedicated educator in St. Johns County for many years,” said Superintendent Dr. Joseph Joyner. “Her service and devotion to our children will never be forgotten.”

Willets has more than 20 years of experience in the St. Johns County School District and started his career as a teacher at Switzerland Point Middle School (SPMS) and St. Augustine High School. He then served as an assistant principal and principal of the district’s Alternative Schools before serving as principal of St. Johns Technical High School. He joined CES in 2007 and has been the principal there for the last seven years.

“Jay Willets is the perfect choice to carry on the great work at Pacetti Bay,” said Joyner. “He is an exceptional educational leader with a clear understanding of high-quality instruction. I have a great deal of confidence and respect for Jay, and I know he will be an outstanding principal for Pacetti Bay.”

He was named St. Johns County’s Principal of the Year in 2007. Active in the community, Willets is on the board of the THE PLAYERS Championship Boys and Girls Club and serves on the Department of Education Advisory Committee at Flagler College. He holds bachelor’s degrees in elementary and special education from Flagler College and a master’s degree in educational leadership from the University of North Florida.

“I am truly excited to become an active member of the Pacetti Bay Wildcat family,” said Willets. “Having had the opportunity to work with Ms. Sparkman at SPMS, I feel fortunate to continue her legacy of academic and cultural excellence with the students, staff and community of PBMS.”

A note from Mrs. Sparkman:

Jay plans to attend the 5th grade orientation to meet his new students and parents. I have no doubt our community will embrace Jay as soon as they meet him. I feel extremely confident that Jay will embrace our vision and bring his many strengths to maintain an excellent educational experience for our students. I know you will welcome him into our feeder pattern as well. It is difficult to leave a school I love so very much....but a little easier now that I know Jay will be here!

Media Release:

New Principal at Pacetti Bay

Please support our Business Partners!



Located at:

530 State Road 13 N, #5

St. Johns, FL

Amanda L. Riedl

Counselor's Corral



Food Pantry

Open to residents of zip codes 32095 & 32092

Dates:

Saturday, May 17 & June 21; 10 AM to noon

Tuesday, June 17; 5-7 PM

At Our Lady Of Good Counsel Church

5950 State Road 16, St. Augustine, FL 32092

Davidson Cares Mojo BBQ Take-Out Night!

Tuesday, May 27th, 4-6 PM

Meals: \$10 per individual (feeds 1 adult or 2 children) with a choice of turkey or pork, side of mac & cheese & green beans Or \$30 for a family style dinner (serves a family of 4) with both turkey and pork, mac & cheese and green beans

Pre-order your Mojo meal by sending a check (*made out to Davidson Cares*) or cash to the school by Friday, May 23rd. Please include your name and student name. Then just pick up your meal (like a drive-thru take-out) on May 27th by driving through the parent pick-up line. Proceeds will go back to Mill Creek for technology, books and other vital learning tools for students. Thank you for your support!

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Friday, May 23rd at 9 AM

We want to say thank you to our many wonderful volunteers that have given of their time and talents this past year. Please come out and let US serve YOU! **RSVP by calling (547-3720) or e-mail: harrisp@stjohns.k12.fl.us**



Mustang Café News

The last day to charge a school lunch is May 23rd. Please make sure your child has enough money in their account to make it until the end of the year. On the last day of school, we will serve a bag lunch. Thank you!

Extended Day Registration for the 2014/2015 school year

Sign up prior to June 6th and get half-off the \$80 registration fee! That's \$40! Registration paperwork is in the front office.

6th Grade Orientation Evening for 5th grade parents

Pacetti Bay Middle School

Thursday, May 22nd, 6-7 PM

Call the PBMS guidance office with questions: 547-8773 Our 5th grade students from Mill Creek will attend the day-time orientation at PBMS on this same day (May 22nd) at 9:30—11:30 AM. They will be transported by school bus.

Harlem Wizards event at Pacetti Bay Middle School

May 23, 7-9 p.m. This family, two-hour event will feature a fantastic array of tricks and basketball fun with the Wizards playing the local principals and teachers. Tickets are \$12 for students now or on site, and \$15 for adults now or \$17 on site. Please come support our World Golf Community. Check out www.harlemwizards.com for more information.

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 physician 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, Mrs. Jennifer Burton, M. S. CCC-SLP (on campus Monday through Friday). You MAY also continue helping others by visiting the American Speech-Language Hearing Associations (ASHA) website at www.asha.org

DISCOVER A TRUCKLOAD OF FUN AT "FEEL THE WHEELS 2014"

"Feel The Wheels" is a hands-on way to experience the coolest vehicles on the roads!

On Saturday, May 31, 2014- Feel the Wheels will be located at the St. Augustine Outlet Mall on the East side of I-95 in St. Augustine from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for children 2 and up. Adults and children under 2 receive free admission. To purchase advanced tickets go to www.explorecmsj.org Presented by the Junior Service League of St. Augustine (JSL) the *Feel the Wheels* event is a fundraiser benefitting the Children's Museum of St. Augustine. All proceeds support the Campaign to build the Children's Museum in St. Augustine. **About tag! Children's Museum:** The mission of this emerging museum is to offer interactive educational experiences for children and families which inspire a lifelong love of learning. For more information, visit: www.facebook.com/FeelTheWheels, and www.tagmuseum.org.

Local Summer Camps listed in attachment!

Most brochures, flyers and registration forms are available here in the front office. Here are additional camps:

Lax Maniax Lacrosse Academy for girls

Summer program for new lacrosse players

Tuesday and Thursday evenings, May 15-July 15

Only \$180 for all practices and a tournament!

At Plantation Park (Fruit Cove MS); Register at

www.laxmaniax.com or call Katharine at 904.347.7922

Castillo de San Marcos Hands-on-History Camp

June 9-13, June 23-27, July 7-11

Fort Matanzas Hands-on-History & Nature Camp,

July 21-25

9 AM—1 PM

Cost: \$25

Call Brandi Kitchens at (904)829-6506, ext. 232

For more information: www.nps.gov/cas/forkids (Castillo)

Or www.nps.gov/foma/forkids (Matanzas)