



Otis A. Mason Elementary School
207 Mason Manatee Way St. Augustine, FL 32086

Dr. Nigel D. Pillay, Principal
Mrs. Natalie Gitto, Asst. Principal

OUR VISION:

The "Mason Way" is one that nurtures a passion in every child for personal success, good character, and a desire to learn, explore, and better themselves as they grow to be responsible members of our community.

OUR MISSION:

At Mason Elementary, we believe student success is fostered by a continuous commitment to improvement, which ensures well-rounded and motivated learners. We do this by maintaining a safe and dynamic learning environment, promoting high expectations for all students, nurturing determination, developing personal relationships, and involving our community.

October Calendar

10/4 HERO Wednesday 5th Grade
10/6 BMX Character Counts Assembly
10/9 Yankee Candle Fundraiser Ends
10/11 HERO Wednesday 4th Grade
10/10 SAC Meeting 3pm Media Center
10/13 First Quarter Ends
10/16 Hurricane Make up Day
10/18 HERO Wednesday 3rd Grade
10/19 Picture Retakes
10/21 PTO Fall Festival 3-5:30pm
10/24 1st Quarter Report Cards
10/25 HERO Wednesday 2nd Grade

Save the Date!

Did you know Mason Elementary is 25 years old this school year? We will be celebrating on December 7th with a fun and memorable ceremony.

More info to come!

Volunteering Info

A volunteer application must be submitted for anyone entering the building during school hours including eating lunch, volunteering in the classroom, and attending field trips. You must be an approved volunteer through the KeepNTrack system. Applications can be filled out online on the Mason website or in the Front Office.

Birthday Celebrations at School

A birthday treat such as store bought cookies or cupcakes for the class can be shared during lunch. Please contact your child's teacher regarding these arrangements. Please do not send or bring balloons or flowers in a vase to school. Birthday invitations to parties outside of school may not be distributed at school (unless every child in the classroom is invited).

Attendance is IMPORTANT!

It is important that your child arrives at school between 8:00 am and 8:25 am. Please make sure your child arrives at school by 8:25 am so that they can be in their classroom ready to learn by 8:30 am. If your child is absent please send a note or email within 48 hours of returning to school.

Accreditation

Parents, we need your help! Please fill out the Accreditation survey located on our website and at:

<http://eprovesurveys.advanced.org/surveys/#/action/28637/9501>

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mason Teacher of the Year:
Mrs. Jennifer Hughes

Mason Rookie Teacher of the Year: Mr. Joe Thomas

School Counseling News

From Mrs. Saponda Lee

Many of our Mason Families have been affected by Hurricane Irma. If your family is in need of help or you know of a Mason family that is in need, please contact Dr. Pillay or our School Counselor, Ms. Lee at 547-8440.

We have an overflowing clothes closet that is open to all in the community that includes clothes and shoes of all sizes, backpacks, lunch boxes, school supplies, hygiene items, brand new books for kids, as well as non-perishable food items.

Don't forget to sign up for blessings in a backpack by returning the letter sent home with your student or contacting Ms. Lee.

Boxtops Collections Update

*Great news! Our school has received the first check of the school year for \$62.83 from *Coca Cola Give*. Thank you Manatee families for all of the Coke lids and codes you have sent in so far.

* Since August, over 5,800 *Box Tops* have been turned in. Keep up the great work!

*Just a reminder that our school also collects *Tyson A+ Labels*. Each label is worth 24¢ for Otis Mason Elementary.

