



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

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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.

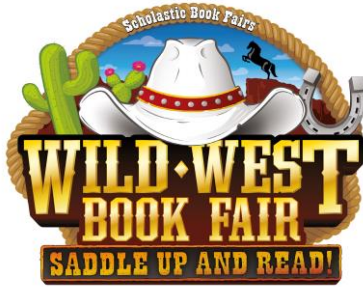
December Calendar

- 11/30-12/8 Scholastic Book Fair
- 12/5 Character Counts Program: 8:45 in Café
- 12/6 HERO WED 3rd Grade
- 12/7 Santa Pictures for Students in Room 301
- 12/7 AVID Multicultural Night and 25th Year Celebration**
- 12/12 SAC Meeting @ 3:30 in Media Ctr
- 12/13 5th Grade Spelling Bee
- 12/13 HERO WED 2nd Grade
- 12/19 Evening performance of Martian Christmas at 6:30pm in Cafe
- 12/20 HERO WED 1st Grade
- 12/22-1/4 Winter Break
- 1/5 Teacher Planning Day/No school for students
- 1/8 Students Return from Winter Break

Mason 25th Year Celebration and AVID/Title 1 Multicultural Night

Please join us in celebrating 25 years of excellence in education on
December 7th from 6pm to 8pm.

Here's a sneak peak of some of the activities and fun:
5th Grade Multicultural performances,
Multicultural projects and art from all grade levels,
Chorus performance, Book Fair,
Celebration of Mason's first 25 years, and more!
You will not want to miss this celebration!



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.

CHARACTER COUNTS! 6

Pillars 6K/3K Run/Walk



Walkers, runners and fitness enthusiasts are invited to participate in the CHARACTER COUNTS! 6 Pillars 6K/3K Run/Walk on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 9 a.m. The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School.

Register before January 1 and receive a \$5 discount!

[Learn more and register today!](#)

Scholastic Book Fair is here! Nov. 30 - Dec. 8

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that provides the books kids want to read! It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Please make plans to come to our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits. Remember, all purchases benefit our school. See you at the Book Fair!

*Online shopping begins November 25th and will end December 8th. All purchases will be delivered to the school within 10 days of the Book Fair closing, at no extra charge.

*Grandparent Day is Wednesday, 12/6 8:30am – 1:00pm. Come in and enjoy a great book and a donut!

Interpreter Requests

If you are in need of an interpreter for an event at Mason, we ask you to send a request in writing at least two weeks in advance to the date of your event. We will do our very best to secure an interpreter, but need your help in asking to notify us as far in advance as you can to assure we are able to have an interpreter in place. Please communicate these requests with your child's teacher and they will pass them on to the office for processing. Thank you for your assistance.

St. Johns Elementary Basketball League Schedule 2017-2018

12/2 - Kickoff Event @ PMHS
 12-12:30 Hartley vs. Mason girls
 12:35-1:05 Hartley vs. Mason boys

WEEK 1

1/12 Fri Osceola vs. Mason @
 Solomon Calhoun 5:30girls/6:30boys

WEEK 2

1/19 Fri Mason vs. Crookshank @
 Sebastian 5:30 girls/6:30 boys

WEEK 3

1/26 Fri Southwoods vs. Mason @
 GRMS 5:30 girls/6:30 boys

WEEK 4

2/2 Fri Hartley vs. Mason @
 GRMS 5:30 girls/6:30 boys

WEEK 5

2/9 Fri Mason vs. Webster @
 Murray 5:30 girls/6:30 boys

WEEK 6

2/21 Wed Mason vs. Southwoods @
 Harris Center 5:30 girls/6:30 boys
 3/3 - March Madness Tournament @
 PMHS Time: TBD

A Martian Christmas

The Mason Manatee Chorus will present an "out of this world" experience on Tuesday, December 19th, at 6:30 PM. Come and see how our students fare with Martians landing on our planet during the holiday season. It will be an adventure of song, drama, and even a little bit of suspense as the students face off with Darph Meanie!



i-Ready Family Center

How Can I Support My Student (continued from last month)?

- **Encourage your child to use the tools that will appear at the bottom of the screen in some lessons.** Your child will sometimes see tools, like a calculator or dictionary, that will be helpful for completing an activity or answering a question on a quiz.
- **Discuss your child's results by looking at "My Progress" together.** First, look at the number of lessons shown as completed in *i-Ready* and celebrate that number with your child, who should feel good about this achievement alone. Then, take a look at the percentage of questions your child answered correctly in the quiz at the end of each lesson. In discussing these results, you might say:
 - "Let's look at how well you've been doing on your *i-Ready* lessons!"
 - "What is something you feel like you are doing well?"
 - "What areas are challenging to you?"
 - "Let's look at your data to see where and how we can work together to improve in those more challenging areas."
- **If you are unsure about the expectations your child's teacher has for the use of *i-Ready* at home, and which lessons your child should be completing, contact the teacher to clarify them.**