



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.

### March Calendar

- 3/3 March Madness Basketball/Cheer @ Pedro High School
- 3/6 FSA Writes 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grades
- 3/7 HERO Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 3/8 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade BUGZ Musical @ 6:30pm
- 3/13 SAC Meeting at 3:30 in Media Center
- 3/13 FSA Parent Night 6-7pm
- 3/14 HERO Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- 3/16 Planning Day (No school for students)
- 3/21 HERO Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- 3/23 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance 3-4pm
- 3/26-3/30 Spring Break!

## **Volunteer Opportunity! PROCTORS NEEDED!**

Testing season is approaching and we are in need of proctors to serve for FSA Writes on March 6<sup>th</sup>. You will need to arrive at 8:30 for a quick training and will be finish around 11am.

Please contact Mrs. Nix at 547-8440 or [Catherine.Nix@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Catherine.Nix@stjohns.k12.fl.us) if you are able to volunteer. There is also a sign-up sheet in the front office.

You must be an approved volunteer through the St. Johns County School District. Thank you in advance for your help!

### 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.**

### 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.

### Science Textbook Adoption

The St. Johns County School District took action on February 13, 2018, to adopt science instructional materials. A complete list of the adopted materials is available on the [SJCSJ Instructional Materials website](#). A petition period for parents and residents of St. Johns County is open from February 14 to March 15, 2018. Petition process information is also available on the [SJCSJ Instructional Materials website](#). Questions may be directed to the SJCSJ Instructional Resources Office at 904.547.3947.

## Collections Update

*\*Our school recently earned another check from Coca Cola Give. This time, in the amount of \$205.02!*

*\* We mailed in over 5,000 more Box Tops last week!  
Great job Manatees!*

*The 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks collection contest ends March 15<sup>th</sup>.  
The winning class will receive an ice cream party!  
Will your class win?*

Please continue to send in **Box Tops, Coca Cola codes, and Tyson A+ Labels** to your child's teacher.

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

Thank you for your continued support!



## FSA Testing Schedule

3/6: FSA Writes 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades  
 4/10 & 4/11: FSA ELA 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
 4/16 & 4/17: FSA Math 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
 4/18 & 4/19: FSA ELA 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 4/23 & 4/24: FSA ELA 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 4/25 & 4/26: FSA Math 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 5/1 & 5/2: FSA Science 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 5/3 & 5/4: FSA Math 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

iREADY Testing all grades: April 23-May 18  
 Resource EOC 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades: May 21

\*Make ups will take place as needed



Thank you for your support!  
We made our GOAL!

Mason has raised \$11,250!

- King of Hearts (Boy who earned the most money): Tyson Smith
  - Queen of Hearts (Girl who earned the most money): Halladay Damron
  - Prince of Hearts (Boy who had the most sponsors): Kane Brunet
  - Princess of Hearts (Girl who had the most sponsors): Kailee Chau
  - Kingdom of Hearts (Class who raised the most money): Mrs. Jones Class
- 43 Students raised \$100 or more and have earned a "Pizza Pie" Party with Dr. Pillay, Mrs. Gitto, Coach Hollister, Coach Norm, and the PTO Board.

### SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM

Applications for the summer Marine Science Program will be passed out by science teachers at all schools during the week of February 12<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be due back to science teachers by March 5<sup>th</sup>. Applications can also be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 13<sup>th</sup> at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> and click on the Marine Science link.

This summer program is available to all students currently in grades five through seven. Three eight day sessions are held at Gamble Rogers Middle School with bus transportation provided. The dates for the three sessions this summer will be May 29<sup>st</sup> through June 7<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup> through June 21<sup>st</sup>, and June 25<sup>th</sup> through July 6<sup>th</sup>. Small classes of 12-14 students are separated by grade level. All instructors in the program are St. Johns County School District teachers.

The Marine Science Program is a carefully designed experience for responsible students who are interested in learning about our local marine environments. More information about the program can be had by emailing Kristina Bransford at [marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

## FSA Parent Night Grades 3 -5 Tuesday, March 13, 2018 6:00 pm at Mason Elementary

Please join us for an informational night regarding the Math, Science and Reading portions of The Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). We would like to provide you and your student with resources to help prepare for FSA Assessments.

We hope to see you there!

