



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.

### April Calendar

4/1 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Honor Roll @ 8:45 in MPR  
4/2 FSA Writes  
4/4 & 4/5 FSA 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading  
4/8 PTO Meeting in Media @ 3:30  
4/9 SAC meeting in Media @ 3:30  
4/10 iREADY Testing begins  
4/10 Wacky Wed: 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
4/11 Tropicana Speech in MPR @ 9  
4/12 Good Will Bag it Up!  
4/15 Resource EOC for 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grades  
4/17 Wacky Wed: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
4/19 No school  
4/23 Night of the Arts 6:30-7:30  
4/24 Wacky Wed: 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
4/24 5<sup>th</sup> graders to GRMS

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

Testing season is approaching and we are in need of proctors to serve for FSA Assessments starting on April 2nd. 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!

## Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders:

Please Join Us for New Stingray  
Parent Night @ GRMS



Tuesday, April 30, 2019

- 4:30 Dinner served in the school cafeteria
- 5:45 Welcome presentation in school auditorium
- 6:20 Learning Stations begin

Join us for a dynamic evening full of interactive activities. You and your student will learn all the ins and outs about being a GRMS Stingray. Students will also have the opportunity to decorate a rock that will become part of display at the entrance of the school.

Learning stations include: School info, school-wide expectations, 6<sup>th</sup> grade schedules, important dates for the 2019-20 school year, the AVID binder, sports and club info, elective classes, WEB, HAC, Schoology, & the Media Center.

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS  
THIS EVENT!**

## Collections Update

*Congratulations to Mrs. Nichols' 1<sup>st</sup> grade class for winning the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks Collections Contest! They turned in over 898 Box Tops and Coca Cola codes and will be rewarded with an ice cream party soon.*

*The final collection contest for the school year has begun! Please continue to send in Box Tops, Tyson A+ Labels, and Coca Cola codes to help your child's class win.*

Thank you for your continued support!



## FSA Testing Schedule

- 4/2: FSA Writes 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades
- 4/4 & 4/5: FSA ELA 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- 5/2 & 5/3: FSA ELA 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 5/6 & 5/7: FSA Math 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 5/9 & 5/10: FSA Science 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

iREADY Testing all grades: April 10-May 16  
Resource EOC 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grades: April 15

\*Make ups will take place as needed

**Kindergarten Registration**

Families that are new to Otis A. Mason or who have a rising Kindergartner will need to complete the school registration process online via the Otis A. Mason Website at

<http://www-mes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/> along with the required documents.

\*\*Once online registration has been submitted, parents will need to make an appointment to come into the school for a quick document verification.

**\*\*Kindergarteners will be asked to return for a kindergarten screening, scheduled at your registration verification appointment.**

\*\*Please note: Registration is not complete until you have scheduled a time to verify documents.

**To schedule an appointment and for question regarding registrations, please contact Keisha Bunnell at 904-547-8436.**

**PTO CORNER**

Spring has finally arrived!!! Hope everyone had a terrific Spring Break!!!

With Spring comes the winding up of the school year - with plenty of great things happening around the school!

Cookbook sales coming up - watch for those flyers in the first part of April.

Also, we are looking for donations of items for baskets that will be raffled off for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Our next meeting is going to be held on April 8th at 3:30 pm in the Media Center. Please join us in discussing April and May's topics to include spirit night, teacher appreciation and other events!

Also don't forget to like us on our new Facebook page: <https://facebook.com/OtisMasonPTO/> to stay current with all our events and school happenings!

## **Otis Mason VPK Registration**

for the 2019-2020 school year is now available!

Register now, as spots are limited!

Registration paperwork is available on our school website at <http://www-mes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/>

Call Keisha Bunnell at 904-547-8436 more information.

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