



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

Dr. Nigel D. Pillay, Principal
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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

3/6 Wacky Wed 2nd grade
3/7 FSA Night 6-7pm
3/12 SAC Meeting in Media @ 3:30
3/13 Wacky Wed 1st
3/14 Spring Dance 3-4pm for 3rd-5th graders
3/15 Teacher Planning Day/No school for students
3/18-3/22 Spring Break
3/27 Wacky Wed Kindergarten
3/27 4th Grade Honor Roll @ 8:45
3/28 Character Counts Assembly
3/29 5th Grade Honor Roll @ 8:45
4/1 3rd Grade Honor Roll @ 8:45
4/1 Classroom Picture Day

Volunteer Opportunity! PROCTORS NEEDED!

Testing season is approaching and we are in need of proctors to serve for FSA Testing 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 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!



Parents,

Did you know AVID provides parent resources to help your child grow in all areas: academically and social/emotionally?

Check out

<https://www.avid.org/parent-resources>

for more information, including a Parent Toolkit with lots of great articles for students of all ages.

FSA Testing Schedule

4/2: FSA Writes 4th and 5th Grades

4/4 & 4/5: FSA ELA 3rd Grade

5/2 & 5/3: FSA ELA 4th & 5th Grade

5/6 & 5/7: FSA Math 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade

5/9 & 5/10: FSA Science 5th Grade

iREADY Testing all grades:
April 10-May 16

Resource EOC 4th/5th grades:
April 15

*Make ups will take place as needed

Collections Update

*Our school has received another check from Coca Cola Give.
This time we earned \$145.05!*

Thank you Manatee families for the Coke lids and codes you are sending in. They really add up.

In addition, we will soon be mailing our next Box Tops submission and are anticipating a check for just over \$480.00!

The 3rd nine weeks collection contest ends March 15th.

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!



PTO CORNER

The Otis Mason PTO Cookbooks will be going on pre-sale this month! Look for order forms to come home soon. 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!

Please join us March 4th, 3:30pm in the Media Center for our monthly PTO meeting!

Gamble Rogers Football Tryout Schedule

-Open to all GRMS students and current 5th Graders that will be attending GRMS this August.

Monday, March 25: Study Hall 2-3pm, Practice 3:15-5:15pm

Tuesday, March 26: Study Hall 2-3pm, Practice 3:15-5:15pm (First Cuts announced)

Wednesday, March 27: Practice 5:30-7:00pm

Thursday, March 28: Study Hall 2-3pm, practice 3:15-5:15pm (Last day of cuts)

Notes:

- You must register to tryout on SJMSAA.com. This is mandatory.
- Tryouts are mandatory, even if players were on the team last season.
- GRMS students can stay after school for study hall on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. They must go home after school on Wednesday and return for 5:30 practice.
- Current Elementary school students that are attending GRMS, in the fall, are invited and encouraged to tryout. In the past we have had several sixth grades start on the GRMS football team.
- Current elementary school students can attend tryouts from 4:00-5:15pm because of their school schedule.
- Wear Cleats and athletic clothing

Please contact Coach Potak with any questions about the tryout process.

Email: m_potak@yahoo.com or 904-315-2778





Thank you for your support!
We made our GOAL!

Mason has raised over
\$15,000!

King of Hearts: Kane Brunet
Queen of Hearts: Kailee Chau
Prince of Hearts: Ashby Quillen
Princess of Hearts:
Tie: Halladay Damron
Coralyn Damron
Schoolwide Kingdom of Hearts:
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SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM

Applications for the summer Marine Science Program were passed out at all schools during the week of February 12th. Applications were due back to science teachers by February 28th. Applications can still be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 15th at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/marinescience/> The link also will have a complete day by day curriculum for each grade level, parent information, and a video from last year's program.

This summer program is available to all students currently in grades five through seven and has been sponsored by the school district since 1982. 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 29th through June 7th, June 10th through June 20st, and June 24th through July 3rd. Learning is "hands on" in the field with students kayaking, canoeing, boating, hiking, snorkeling, sailing, windsurfing, surfing, SUP, (stand up paddleboarding), etc.

More information about the program can be had by emailing marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

FSA Parent Night Grades 3 -5 Thursday, March 7, 2019 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 will be providing you and your student with resources to help prepare for FSA Assessments.

We hope to see you there!

