



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.

September Calendar

- 9/3 No School
- 9/5 Resource Wednesday 3rd grade
- 9/11 Interims Issued
- 9/11 SAC Meeting 3:30 pm Media Center
- 9/12 Resource Wednesday 2nd grade
- 9/17 Yankee Candle Fundraiser Begins
- 9/19 Resource Wednesday 1st grade
- 9/26 Dad's Take Your Child to School Day & Donuts with Dads @ 8am
- 9/26 Resource Wednesday Kindergarten

Hello Mason Families!

Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year! I want to start by thanking, our teachers, staff, students and all of you for the hard work you all put in this past school year. We are once again a "B" rated school. We will be continuing with all of our exciting clubs and programs at the school for our students to experience. It is the continued efforts of the children, the school and the community that will pay dividends this year as well. After all, it is the "Mason Way". I am continually grateful for the opportunity to serve the Mason community. If I can ever be of service to your family, please feel free to contact me. Thank you again for all of your hard work and dedication to Otis A. Mason Elementary.

Onward,
Nigel D. Pillay

CLINIC NEWS

From Mrs. Baxa

Greetings Parents!

Just some quick reminders that students are not permitted to carry medication of any kind in their backpacks. This applies to over the counter medication like Tylenol and cough drops as well. This is a district policy established for the safety of students. If you would like your student to have medicine available for headaches, colds, sore throats, etc. please call the clinic and we can make the proper arrangements. Thank you for keeping our students safe!

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 you child is absent please send a note or email within 48 hours of returning to school.

**Research shows that attendance is an important factor in student achievement.*

New Mason Parents:

You must be an approved volunteer through the KeepNTrack system to go on field trips or eat lunch at Mason. Please call Cathy Nix at 904-547-8440 with any questions.

Mason Policies to Know!

- Students should not be exiting their car before 8:00 am. There is no supervision for students before that time.
- Cell Phone usage is never allowed in the student drop off/pick up lines.
- Pull all the way forward during arrival and dismissal so that as many cars as possible can be unloaded/loaded at one time.
- In the afternoon please keep the blue sign, with your student's name and grade level written in large, black marker, in the window until your student is in the car.
- Transportations changes need to be made in writing. For the safety of our students, transportation changes will not be accepted after 2:15pm.

Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!

Collections Information

Please help us earn money for our school by sending in *Box Tops, Tyson A+ Labels, and Coca Cola codes!*

All of these items may be sent in to your child's teacher any day of the week.

Please place them in an envelope or baggie labeled with your child's **TEACHER'S NAME (you may also use a collection sheet for Box Tops).**

The class that turns in the most labels and items each 9 weeks will receive a special prize!

Below is a link with information on in-store Box Top offers...please be sure to check it out to help us earn even more \$ for Otis Mason Elementary School.

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/in-store-offers>