



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.

December Calendar

12/4 PTO Meeting in Media @ 3:30
12/5 BBall/Cheer @ 5:30 at GRMS
12/6 Kona Ice reward for Yankee Candle
12/10 BBall/Cheer @ 5:30 at SMS
12/11 Pictures w/ Santa (see flyer)
12/11-12/13 PTO Holiday Shop (K-5th)
12/11 SAC Meeting in Media @ 3:30
12/12 Resource Wed: 4th Grade
12/12 PreK Parent Meeting in Café @ 8:30am
12/12 5th Grade Spelling Bee in Café @ 9:30am
12/17 5th grade Honor Roll 8:45
12/21 Early Release Day
12/24-1/4 Winter Break

1/7 First day back from Winter Break for Students

Hello Manatee Families!

Thank you for a great first half of the 2018-2019 school year. This year our Yankee Candle fundraiser this year brought us close to \$15,000 in revenue to be used toward our new playground. We are especially grateful for all of the contributions and donations provided to the Mason community for our food drive. We were able to make Thanksgiving a possibility for over 30 families this year. It goes without saying that none of this would have been possible without all of you. I would like to personally thank you for sharing in our vision and helping to make the "Mason Way" a reality. Please be safe in your travels and enjoy the break.

See you in January!
Nigel

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.

Coming to Visit Mason Elementary?

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.



PTO CORNER:

The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, December 4th at 3:30pm in the media center. Hope to see everyone there!

On Sunday, December 2nd from 4:30 to 7:30pm, the PTO will be manning the Ameris Bank Parking Lot downtown for Night of Lights. If you are in need of a parking space or know someone who is, be sure to come park at Ameris Bank. All proceeds go to the PTO!

Also the PTO is hosting a Holiday Shop December 11th-13th where children can purchase inexpensive gifts for friends and family for the holiday season. We are looking for volunteers that week to help fill daily shifts for set-up, break down, and day to day running of the Holiday Shop. If you would be interested please email otismasonpto@gmail.com for more information and the shifts that are available.

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.



Coats for Kids has collected coats, socks, underwear, and various other necessities that may be needed for the Holiday season.

If you are interested in receiving coats or any of these items, the pick-up date is Friday, December 14th from 10:00am to 6:00pm at King Street Self Storage in St. Augustine located at 238 West King Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

Families that are receiving coats should come to the second entrance door of the storage facility. If there any questions, please contact Michael Israel at 904-547-7589 or Mitchell Moody at 904-547-7593 with the ASSIST Program.

We wish everyone a very happy Holiday season!

CHARACTER COUNTS!
6 Pillars 6K/3K Run/Walk on
Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 9 a.m.

The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine.

Registration fees are as follows:
6K-\$25 before January 1, \$30 January 1-
February 1, \$35 on race day

3K-\$20 before January 1, \$25 January 1-
February 1, \$30 on race day

Registration forms and more information
are available online at
www.racesmith.com/races/CHARACTERCOUNTS.html.

Collections Update

Our school has recently earned
\$24.00 from **Tyson Project A+**
\$185.61 from **Coca Cola Give** and
\$920.70 from **Box Tops** submissions.

WAY TO GO MASON FAMILIES!

Please continue to show your support by turning in **Tyson Labels**, **Coca Cola** codes, and **Box Tops**!
The class that turns in the most this 9 weeks will be rewarded with an ice cream party!

