## **News for Mason Families**

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DMES at a Glance



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### **Important Dates**

Feb 22	PTO Meeting at 5:30	Parents: Remember that the tardy bell rings at 8:25 and learning begins right away. It is very important to have students on time in the mornings.
Feb 23	SAC Meeting at 3:30	
Mar 1 – 8	Covid Conscious Book Fair!	
Mar 17	Spring Break Begins	
Mar 22	Classes Resume	
April 2	Good Friday, Student/Teacher Holiday <b>No School</b>	
April 5	FSA Testing opens for Reading 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Writing 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> .	
April 8	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends	
April 9	Teacher Planning Day, No School for Students	
April 5-16	FSA Writing (4th & 5th) Testing Window & 3rd Grade Reading Window	
May 3-14	FSA Reading (4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> ) and Math (3rd, 4 <sup>th</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> )	

### **Onsite Book Fair is COMING!**

The Onsite Book Fair is happening! It will open on Monday, March 1st and close at noon on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Parents are required to schedule their visit if choosing to come to the book fair. Check out the Media Center website for more details and to sign up for your shopping time: https://www-mes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/

# A message from the St. Johns County School District:

Florida Department of Education does not allow districts to provide a virtual testing option for the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) or EOC's for the 2020-2021 school year. According to the state Department of Education, "We are not considering remote proctoring or at-home testing for any of Florida's K-12 summative or postsecondary assessments in 2020-21".

The Florida Department of Education has in the past stated that by statute, "Participation in the assessment program is mandatory for all school districts and all students attending public schools...".

St. Johns County School District does not have the statutory authority to exempt any student from required, state developed assessments, except as specified in Section 1008.212, F.S. which primarily addresses students with physical impairment or children who have a medical complexity as defined in Section 1008.22(9) F.S.

Mask Reminder! Masks should be worn daily and washed DAILY. Remember to keep in touch with Nurse Johna if you or your kids are feeling ill. Thank you! 904-547-8444



#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We need volunteers to help proctor on all FSA testing days (above) from 9 – 11 am. If you can volunteer some of your time, please call Mrs. Puch or email at <u>Margaret.puch@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>. 904-547-8440. Any help is appreciated.

### Jump Rope 4 Heart

It's that time! The Kids Heart Challenge - Jump Rope for Heart, is our annual community service project! This year marks the 42nd Anniversary of the National JR4H, and the 16th consecutive year that Mason Elementary has participated. A full information packet will be coming home with your student soon.

Congratulations to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter A and A-B honor roll students! Mason had 60 A Honor Roll and 105 A-B Honor Roll students!