



OMES at-a-Glance



News for Otis A. Mason Families
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From Front Office: Help Us to Better Serve You!

Dear Mason Families-Thank you for a wonderful start of the school year!

The Front Office is a very busy place, especially this time of year. We appreciate your help in making our campus a safe and orderly place. Please help us by being receptive to the following school policies:

- Please drop-off students between 8am and 8:25am so they are in class on time
- Tardy students must be walked into the Front Office by an adult
- Please pick-up students for Early Dismissal before 1:15pm on Wednesday/2:15pm any other day
- All adults on campus must have a photo ID
- All cars in "Parent Pick Up" should have their Yellow placard visible for staff and safety patrol
- All adults who volunteer or access campus must complete the School Access Form: <http://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply>
- We need your help! We want to guarantee that every child arrives home the correct way every day. **If you need to make a dismissal change for your student, please notify us by using the [DISMISSAL CHANGE FORM](#) located on the Otis Mason Website.** This form is the most effective means to change your child's transportation. Starting in Quarter 2 on October 19th, this will be the ONLY means to change your child's transportation. If you need assistance with the process, please call Mrs. Waler in the Front Office (904-547-8440)
- Please label all of your child's belongings so we can quickly and easily reunite items with owners
- Mask reminders: Masks are MANDATORY for adults on campus and OPTIONAL for students

Thank you so much from our office to your homes. It is GREAT to be a Manatee!



A Note From the Clinic: Nurse Johna wants parents to feel that their children are safe at school. If your child is exposed to COVID, you will receive a text and email from the clinic and from the district. It will include answers to many of the questions that parents have about quarantine. This information and free testing sites are also on the clinic portion of the school website under [COVID HELP](#). Nurse Johna wants to hear from you if you or your child is unwell or if you or a family member is waiting for COVID results (please email or text her if it is after hours). Remember, the school cannot accept home test results, they are required to get a lab test for confirmation. We can get through this time if we handle it TOGETHER, so reach out if you have any concerns (Clinic Phone 904- 547-8444). If your child has been exposed to or tested positive for COVID, please contact the Department of Health (904-506-6217).



Save the Date on Wednesday 9/22:

We are happy to announce our "Dads, Take your Child to School Day"! We would love to celebrate familial participation in education. More information will be coming soon about this family fun day here at Otis A. Mason Elementary School. Thank you to ALL of our parents and guardians who participate in the educational success of their child! We can't wait to see you in the drop-off line!

October is Fire Prevention Month!

On Wednesday, Oct. 20th, our 2nd grade students will participate in a Fire Safety video during GRIN-Win Wednesday! 😊 This is part of National Fire Prevention Month which is celebrated in October. We encourage all families to discuss how to stay safe! Click on the link below for Home Fire Prevention & Safety Tips from the American Red Cross! 👍 [Home Fire Prevention & Safety Tips | American Red Cross](#)



Important Dates:

September 10: PICTURE DAY!

September 10-27: Raise Craze Fundraiser

September 11: Patriot Day

September 13-17: Curriculum Night! "Virtual Open House"

September 14: Interims Issued; SAC Meeting (3:30pm-Media)

September 20: PTO Meeting

September 22: Dads, Take your Child to School Day

September 27: SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT! Tijuana Flats

October 15: First Quarter Ends

October 18: Teacher Planning Day

October 20: 2nd Grade Fire Prevention Activity

Happy 93rd Birthday to Mr. Otis A. Mason (our school namesake)!

In honor of Mr. Mason's 93rd birthday, our staff has dedicated itself to celebrate "30 Days of Kindness". Each OMES staff member will be sending some kindness to the many tireless workers in our district. Please join us by celebrating all of our SJCS D faculty, staff, volunteers, drivers, custodians, professionals, etc. **We are so fortunate to have you in our lives!**

Virtual Curriculum News:

Parents,

Beginning next week you will be able to view your child's grade level video curriculum news. Each grade level will feature updated curriculum and grade level information that you need to know. Each grade level will publish their video and PowerPoint in Schoology. Each grade level is requesting your participation confirmation. Please respond directly to your teacher's request in order to confirm the receipt of curriculum news. Don't forget to view the Curriculum News Video on our school website as well!

To access Schoology, please go to:

Stjohnsschools.schoology.com

You will then be prompted to sign into Microsoft:

S#####@stjohns.k12.fl.us and the student's password



Intake Conferences:

Beginning the week of October 25th, you will have an opportunity to meet one-on-one with your child's teacher to specifically discuss your child. Otis A. Mason Elementary School provides this personalized approach to parent-teacher conferences because our teachers strongly believe your child and you deserve it. Look forward to arranging this conference with your child's teacher in the future!

Raise Craze Fundraiser:

Dates: September 10 - September 27

We are so excited to share our Raise Craze Fundraiser goal of \$30,000!

Every student can participate in Raise Craze by completing Acts of Kindness (AOK) so we're aiming for 100% participation. As a little encouragement, teachers will be recognizing "Kindness On the Spot" when they see students being kind so please talk to your student about ways he or she might show kindness at school.

Need help getting started? Check out the Raise Craze Instructional Video at raisecraze.com/instructional-video/ or contact Anne Cook at otismasonpto@gmail.com