

MARQUEE 🎈🌟

We have a fantastic opportunity for you to make your child's birthday extra special! 🥳 Showcase your kiddo's big day on our school marquee for just \$10! Your child's name will be up for the month. To reserve your spot **CLICK**

HERE: <https://bit.ly/masonbirthdaymarquee>

SPIRIT ROCK

Reservations are NOW OPEN for 2023-2024!

Click to reserve: <https://bit.ly/otismasonrock23-24>

SPIRITWEAR

Order here: <https://bit.ly/OtisSpiritstore>

PTO MEETINGS

📍 Don't Forget, PTO Meeting, October 23rd

📅 In Person: 3:30pm, in the media center

Virtually: <https://bit.ly/MasonPTOMeetings>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & NEEDS

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4CA5A629A5FF2-volunteers#/>

<https://bit.ly/gratefulforvolunteers>

If you are interested or just want to find out more about our open positions, email us at otismasonpto@gmail.com or sign up above.

Help us stock the Teacher's Lounge:

<https://bit.ly/masonteachersrock>

Bus Driver Appreciation Week

Our drivers and attendants go the extra mile for our students! Being a bus driver/attendant is one of the hardest jobs in the district, but also one of the most important. Join us **October 16th -21st** in thanking our Transportation staff for all they do. They make miracles happen every single day. **How can you support your driver?** Log into HAC to see the most up-to-date bus info. Many parents are relying on how things were last year, but routes have changed. Please be at the bus stop 10 minutes before your time and give 10 minutes grace after your time-traffic is unpredictable. Having trouble? In most cases it is best to call Transportation directly at 904-547-7810. Please keep interactions with our staff professional (little eyes are watching!). Thank you for supporting us!

Leonard's: Use Code 715026



Did you miss picture day? No worries! Picture Day Retakes are in November and Spring Photos are in February!

OMES PTO: Big Hearts and Open Arms!

A graphic for the "HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARQUEE" campaign. It features a dark teal background with white stars and a string of colorful triangular bunting. The text "HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARQUEE" is in large, white, bold letters. Below the text is a photo of a school marquee sign. To the right, there is text about the campaign and a link to book a spot.

Would you like to have your child's birthday on the marquee at Mason? Birthday wishes will be posted for the entire birthday month for just \$10!

Go to:
<https://bit.ly/masonbirthdaymarquee>
to book!

A graphic titled "VOLUNTEERS NEEDED" for the Otis A. Mason Elementary PTO. It lists several volunteer opportunities with their meeting times and event dates. At the bottom, there is a collection of school supplies and a QR code.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- CO-CHAIR/COMMITTEE FOR HOLIDAY SHOP
(MEETING ?X BEFORE EVENT, SHOP IS DEC. 4TH-8TH)
- CO-CHAIR/COMMITTEE FOR TEACHERS HOLIDAY LUNCH
(MEETING ?X BEFORE EVENT, LUNCH IS DEC. 20TH)
- CO-CHAIR/COMMITTEE FOR SOUPER BOWL
(MEETING ?X BEFORE EVENT, SOUPER BOWL IS FEB. 2ND)
- CO-CHAIR/COMMITTEE FOR WINTER DANCE
(MEETING ?X BEFORE EVENT, DANCE IS FEBRUARY 9TH)
- CO-CHAIR/COMMITTEE FOR TEACHERS APPRECIATION WEEK
(MEETING ?X BEFORE EVENT, TAW IS MAY 6-10TH)

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO:

A graphic titled "WE NEED YOU! VOLUNTEER NEEDED PTO VICE PRESIDENT" for the Otis A. Mason Elementary PTO. It features a collection of school supplies at the bottom and a QR code for more information.

OTIS A. MASON ELEMENTARY

WE NEED YOU!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

PTO VICE PRESIDENT

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO:

Character Counts Week Oct 16-20

Monday 10/16 No School 	Tuesday 10/17 Wear Yellow or Orange for Respect & Fairness 	Wednesday 10/18 Wear Purple for Citizenship 	Thursday 10/19 Wear Green for Responsibility 	Friday 10/20 Wear Blue or Red for Caring & Trustworthiness 
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RED RIBBON WEEK



- M** 10/23 50's Cool Cats Livin' drug Free! 50's Era Attire
- T** 10/24 Wacky Tacky Day: Wear Mismatched Clothes
- W** 10/25 Team Up Against drugs! Jersey/Sports Attire
- TH** — 10/26 Proud To Be drug Free: Wear red! —
- F** — 10/27 Peace Out To drugs! Wear Tie Dye Shirts —
- M** — 10/30 Be Comfy With Yourself! Pajama Day! —
- T** — 10/31 Say Boo To drugs: Halloween Costumes —



Come out and Support our Manatee Basketball Teams and Cheerleaders!



MASON GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL GAME SCHEDULE
 ALL GAMES: GIRLS-5:30PM, BOYS 6:30PM

10/5/2023 VS OSCEOLA
MURRAY MIDDLE

10/12/2023 VS WEBSTER
MURRAY MIDDLE

10/17/2023 VS CROOKSHANK
MURRAY MIDDLE

10/27/2023 VS HARTLEY
MURRAY MIDDLE

10/30/2023 VS SOUTHWOODS
MURRAY MIDDLE

11/8/2023 VS CROOKSHANK
MURRAY MIDDLE

END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT
11/18/2023 SAHS GYM

COME SUPPORT OUR MASON BASKETBALL TEAM AND OUR AMAZING MASON CHEERLEADERS!

How can I support my child's education?

There are many things you can do to support your child's education.

A child's needs are many, we can help! Balanced meals; lots of water; quality, full nights of sleep, et cetera. Please reach out to us if you need assistance with this. Resources are available including free breakfast and lunch, weekend food bags, reusable water bottles, daily snacks, etc. Call 547-8440 and ask to speak to a guidance counselor. Our district has amazing support services for families in need! We are here to help you.

Take the professional advice of your child's teacher: Read twenty minutes per night with your child, support your child as they complete homework, use free and available resources through Clever and the St. Johns County Public Library System, attend conferences, spark your child's curiosity! Ask your child's teacher what you can do at home to support learning.

Want to contribute to your child's educational journey? Ask your child's teacher for a link to their Amazon Wishlist or Donor's Choose Project. Teachers always appreciate donations. Can't donate money? Teachers appreciate your time as well. Ask to volunteer in the classroom or to chaperone a field trip. Can't volunteer during the day? Teachers always appreciate help with copying and cutting and preparing classroom lessons and supplies, just ask!



Otis A. Mason Projects that still need funding:

[Support a Classroom, Shape the Future! | DonorsChoose project by Mrs. Cacchione](#)

[Pull Up a Seat at the Table... or a Stool! | DonorsChoose project by Ms. Taylor](#)

[Mrs. K/Guidance Need Sensory Items at OMES! | DonorsChoose project by Mrs. Kirsimagi](#)

Manatee Highlight:

Meet the Mason ESE Team



JOE THOMAS

Math support teacher for 3rd and 5th grade, and our fearless team leader. This is his 9th year teaching at Mason and has been a Manatee all 9 years! He enjoys time with his family, the beach, and wood working.



NICOLE HAYES

Reading support teacher for 3rd and 5th grade. Loves her 2 little girls. This is her 4th year teaching at Mason and has been a Manatee all 4 years!



JULINA SIKES

Math and Reading support teacher for 4th grade. Has a daughter in 1st grade at Mason and a future Manatee at home. This is her 9th year teaching and 2nd year at Mason.



CHRISTINA FALLICA

Reading support teacher for K-2nd grade. Loves her baby, Tessa and cat, Binx. This is her 5th year teaching and her 2nd year at Mason.



POLLY SMILEY

Math support teacher for K-2nd grade. Loves music, swimming, and DIY project. This is her 2nd year at Mason, and has a background in productions.

Otis A. Mason Elementary School-Parent Compact 2023-2024

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.

Our Vision

The "Mason Experience" 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.

Required School-Parent Compact Provisions

Otis A. Mason Elementary School will:

Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment:

- Communicate high expectations for every student.
- Motivate our students to learn.
- Teach and involve students in classes that are interesting and challenging.
- Participate in professional learning opportunities.
- Enforce rules equitably and involve students in creating a warm and caring learning environment in the classroom.
- LEAD by ensuring Character Counts!

Hold parent-teacher conferences during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's academic achievement.

- Communicate regularly with families about their child's progress in school.
- Conferences will be held at least annually.
- Provide assistance to families on what they can do to support their child's learning.
- Participate in shared decision making with school staff and families for the benefit of students.

Otis A. Mason Elementary School will:

Provide parent frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:

- All grade levels will send home (daily/weekly) behavior reports and in-school work completion information.
- Grade levels 1st-5th will send home or publish on HAC Interim Report Cards.
- All grade levels will complete quarterly report cards.
- And more!

Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:

- Parents may make a request to meet with the staff via a telephone call, note from home, email, or in person at the school.
- Provide parents opportunities to volunteer in their children's school and class. In a continuing effort to provide safety and security to our students and staff we ask that you complete a School Access form if you plan to visit Otis A. Mason Elementary during the school year.
- <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>



Compact:

Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement 1118(d)

It is important that families and schools work together to help students achieve high academic standards. Through a process that included teachers, families, students, and community representatives, the following were agreed upon roles and responsibilities that we, as partners, will carry out to support student success in school and in life.

Student's—Parent's Pledge

Student's Pledge:

I will share the responsibility to improve my academic achievement and achieve Florida's high standards in the following ways:

- LEAD and know at Otis A. Mason Elementary my Character Counts!
- Come to school on time, ready to learn and work hard.
- Believe that I can and will learn.
- Set aside time every day to complete my homework.
- Return my completed assignments and homework on time.
- Know and follow the school and classroom rules.
- Communicate with my parents and teachers about school so they can help me to be successful.
- Read five days a week for at least 20 minutes.
- Give all important notices and information to my parent/guardian.

Parent's Pledge:

I will support our child's learning in the following ways:

- Encourage my child to LEAD by ensuring Character Counts!
- Ensure my child attends school on time every day.
- Support the school's discipline code and District's Student Code of Conduct.
- Provide a quiet time and place for homework.
- Make sure my child reads every day.
- Participate in school, home, and community sponsored activities.
- Regularly monitor my child's progress in school and in HAC.
- Stay informed about my child's education and communicate with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district, either received by children, by mail/email, and responding as appropriate.
- Participate in shared decision making with school staff and other families for the benefit of the students.
- Make every effort to attend events such as parent-teacher conferences, fall activities, spring events, Raise Craze, Family Engagement festivities, Art Festival, PTO/SAC.
- Talk to my child about the value of education and learning.
- Respect the school, staff, students, and families.

Parent Signature

Date _____

Art Class UPCOMING EVENTS

"Art is like a magic wand that turns scribbles into giggles and imagination into a masterpiece!" 🌟🎨

FALL/HALLOWEEN ART CONTEST



Grades: K-5

It's time to dive into the excitement of our Fall/Halloween art contest! All creative souls are invited to participate, and any art materials you fancy are welcome. Remember to submit your masterpiece along with a submission entry form for consideration.

Winners will be revealed on October 31st, with one winner chosen from each grade level, from Kindergarten to 5th grade. Could it be you? Join the contest and embrace the fall spirit!"

Winners will receive an awesome grand prize and have their artwork displayed in the front office lobby for everyone to enjoy.

Submission Due Date
October 27th

*ART WORK WITH WEAPONS OR DEPICTING VIOLENCE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Sign Up Here to Volunteer, Donate Candy or Host a Trunk: <https://bit.ly/Masontrunkortreat>

OTIS A. MASON ELEMENTARY'S TRUNK OR TREAT

24 OCTOBER, 2023
5:30 - 7 PM

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT IN THE PARKING LOT OF OMES!

COME DRESSED TO IMPRESS IN YOUR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME (SCHOOL APPROPRIATE) AND BRING A BUCKET!

OUR FAMILIES AND OUR OMES STAFF ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN DECORATING A TRUNK.

WE WILL HAVE PIZZA, DRINKS, AND SPIRITWEAR FOR SALE! CASH ONLY!



VINTAGE
SPIRIT WEAR
SALE!!
ALL SHIRTS \$5
CASH ONLY!
LIMITED SIZES!

SCAN HERE TO
SIGN UP FOR A
TRUNK OR TO
VOLUNTEER
FOR OUR
EVENT:



PIZZA BY SLICE \$2
WHOLE LARGE
PIZZA \$14
DRINKS \$1

Otis A. Mason
Elementary School

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023

TITLE I Parent Information Meeting Night

4:30 PM - 5:15 PM

Candy treats & snacks will be served

Meeting held in the OMES Café



JOIN US FOR
THE TITLE I
Parent
Information
Night

WHAT IS
TITLE I AND
HOW IT HELPS
OUR SCHOOL?

IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
TO KEEP YOU
IN THE "KNOW"

UFHealth
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA HEALTH

CARD & FDLRS-MDC Satellite Clinics

10:00-6:00 PM

8/1/2023
9/5/2023
10/2/2023
11/7/2023
12/5/2023

St. Johns
County

The UF-Jacksonville Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) and the UF-Jacksonville Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System Multi-Disciplinary Center (FDLRS-MDC) offer clinics to outlying counties in order to more effectively serve their constituents.

Sign up for a consultative appointment with clinicians who specialize in child psychology, behavior therapy, academic interventions, Autism Screeners, Transition, and more. Appointments are at no cost to the family.

Location: Southeast Library, 6670 US-1, Saint Augustine, FL 32086.

For more information or to schedule an appointment please contact
Jennifer.O'Brien@jax.ufl.edu.

