

OMES at-a-Glance



News for Otis A. Mason Families October 2023

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Calendar: Save the Date

OCTOBER

3:Picture Day

9-20:Boo Grams for sale, they will deliver on the 30th

10:Spirit Night at Panera Bread, 4pm-8pm, PTO gets 20% of sales

16:No School for Students

21:INK's Jailbreak 5k WalkRun

23:PTO Meeting, In the media center, 3:30pm

24: Title 1 Parent Night 4:30-5:15pm & Trunk or Treat, 5:30-8pm

24:Q1 Report Cards Available on HAC



October 21st: Jailbreak 5K Join our Otis A. Mason Team

Race Groups: Jail Break 5K (runsignup.com)

October 16th-21st: Bus Driver/Attendant Appreciation Week

NOVEMBER

6:Spirit Night at Chipotle Mexican Grill, 4pm-8pm, PTO gets 33% of sales

10:No School (Veteran's Day Observance)

11:Veteran's Day

22-24 :No School

27:PTO Meeting, In the media

center, 3:30pm

28:Spirit Night at Pizza Hut, All day, PTO gets 20% of sales

Character Highlight: Responsibility











Why is "RESPONSIBILITY" so important? Good character is the very foundation of a civil society, and it is what we would like to define us as a community. We here at Otis A. Mason Elementary believe that every parent, student, teacher, and member of our community should strive to be responsible. How can we do that TOGETHER?

- Introduction: How can we teach our child to be responsible for themselves and their actions and decisions? Perhaps we can guide them to not only be responsible for what they do, but also to take responsibility for causes they find to be important in our world? How can everyone contribute to improving the world around them?
- Give clear, specific responsibilities to your child: Give
 your child appropriate responsibilities and guide them in
 managing those responsibilities. These should be ageappropriate tasks and chores. Make sure that your child
 sees their contribution to family responsibilities and the
 household. Show your child that everyone has an
 important role and responsibility in the home.
- Teach your child that caring and trying MATTERS: We
 can't always get it right the first time and sometimes it is
 difficult to fulfill our responsibilities. It is okay to struggle
 and to ask for help sometimes! We can't fix most
 problems overnight, but caring and taking the first step is
 important. If every person in the world picked up one
 piece of litter, there wouldn't be any!
- Responsibility at School: Have your_pack their backpack, make their lunch, or create school routines as their age allows. Teach them the importance of punctuality and cleaning up after themselves. Have them label their belongings and check Lost and Found regularly.

The Character Counts! program is taught to students during their school day. Please check out the curriculum, themes, and activities online at:

https://ccstjohns.com/

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/70A0A4CA5A629A5FF2volunteers#/

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!

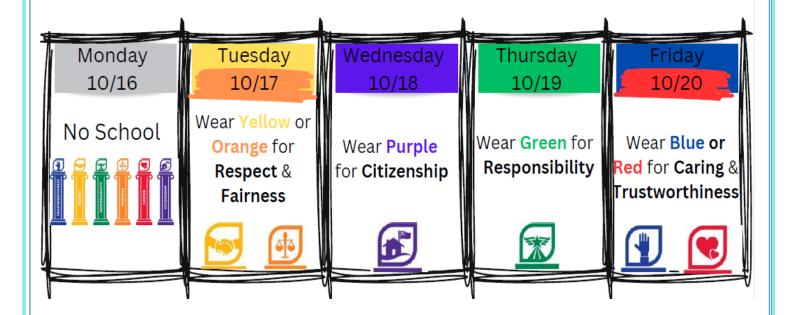
OMES PTO: Big Hearts and Open Arms!







Character Counts Week Oct 16-20





RED RIBBON WEEK

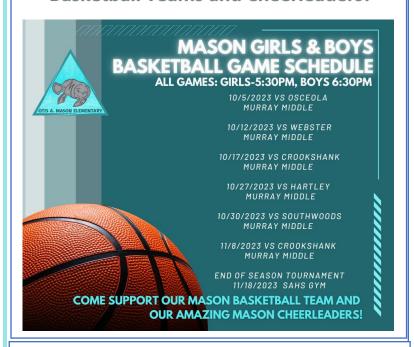


- М 10/23 50's Cool Cats Livin' drug Free! 50's Era Attire
- 10/24 Wacky Tacky Day: Wear Mismatched Clothes
- W 10/25 Team Up Against drugs! Jersey/Sports Attire
- TH 10/26 Proud To Be drug Free: Wear red! —
- F — **10/27** Peace Out To drugs! Wear Tie Dye Shirts —
- 10/30 Be Comfy With Yourself! Pajama Day! —
- **10/31** Say Boo To drugs: Halloween Costumes —





Come out and Support our Manatee Basketball Teams and Cheerleaders!



Manatee Highlight:



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

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

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 wellrounded 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 1^e-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 mee 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.stiohns.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 Signature |
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| Date | |
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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 Districts 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 parentteacher 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.



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



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

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

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 Cafe'



JOIN US FOR THE TITLE 1 Parent Information

Night

WHAT IS
TITLE I AND
HOW IT HELPS
OUR SCHOOL?

IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
TO KEEP YOU
IN THE "KNOW"

