



The Manatee Memo

News for Mason Families

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Dear Mason Families,

We appreciate the parents/guardians that have stepped up and become part-time teachers at home in addition to all of the other things they do to take care of their families. You all have done an AMAZING job of supporting your children and our students not only during this time of distance learning but throughout the year. We are grateful for your efforts and partnership in helping your child learn and grow. It has been a wonderful school year!

Report cards will be available on the Home Access Center (HAC) on May 27th. Please see below for detailed information about report cards for the fourth quarter as well as how to sign up for HAC if you have not already done so.

Congratulations to all of our 5th graders that are off to middle school next year. Special plans are being made to celebrate this accomplishment. Remember to always try your personal best and give your best effort in all that you do. We are proud of you and know you have a future that is bright!

We also want to congratulate our Pre-K/VPK students that are off to Kindergarten. Way to go!

Our school district is offering a "Summer Stretch" program to help students keep their academic skills fresh over the summer. More information can be found in this Memo.

We miss our Manatees! Please have a safe and fun summer. We'll see you back in August!

All the best,

Dr. Nigel D. Pillay & Mrs. Jill Hillier
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Extended Day News

Extended day will start registrations for the new school year on June 1st. Please email Melinda Stevens at Melinda.stevens@stjohns.k12.fl.us (June 1st or later) to put your child on the list now for the 20-21 school year.

Registration papers and fees will be accepted starting July 1st. Hope you are all staying healthy. We look forward to seeing you soon!

No School/No Distance Learning

Monday, May 25th

MEMORIAL DAY

IN HONOR OF OUR HEROES



**Our last day of school
is Wednesday, May 27th.**

Announcements

Returning Student Verification (RSV) Process –

Parents/guardians of all current students will receive an email from PowerSchool to complete the annual Returning Student Verification Form for the upcoming school year. The email will be sent to the parent/guardian listed as the first contact and will contain the link and instructions needed to complete the verification. This email will contain a special snapcode that will need to be used to complete the form. If you have children in multiple schools, you will receive a snapcode (a link) for each child. Snapcodes may be sent on different days depending on the school each child attends.

Please complete the verification form even if your child will not be returning to SJCS D.

If you need assistance, please reach out by emailing: online_registration_issues@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Pre-K/VPK students will receive a different letter instructing them to complete a "New Student" form.

Parent Guide on Grading & Promotion –

Elementary Grading Guide

- Teachers will score assignments and provide feedback to students on a weekly basis therefore interim grades will not be issued.
- Students are accountable for engagement, participation, and completion of assignments

Students in K-2nd Grade

4th quarter marks for ELA & Math

- For identified ELA and math competencies, students will receive P for Progressing or I for Improvement Needed; remaining ELA and math competencies will not be graded
- M (Meeting the Standard) will not be used because of the challenge to observe students demonstrating skills for each competency. Therefore, marks will be limited to P or I for the 4th quarter.
- Improvement Needed will be reserved for students who meet one or more of the following
 - not progressing in 4th quarter
 - below grade level in 3rd quarter
 - active tier 3 RtI plan

4th quarter Science, Social Studies, Resource and Character/Social Development for K-2nd

- Feedback may be provided for science, social studies, resource, and character/social development skills lessons; however, no grade will be recorded on the report card

Students in 3rd-5th Grade

4th Quarter grades for 3rd - 5th

- For the fourth quarter, students will not receive traditional A-F letter grades on the report card. In ELA, math and science, students will receive P for Progressing or I for Improvement Needed for the 4th quarter grade.
- Improvement Needed will be reserved for students who meet one or more of the following:
 - not progressing in quarter four
 - below grade level in quarter 3
 - active tier 3 RtI plan
- Feedback may be provided for social studies, resource, and character/social development skills lessons; however, no grade will be recorded on the report card

3rd - 5th Report Card

- Final grades (A-F) for the school year will be calculated from grades in quarters 1, 2, 3.

Promotion K-5

Promotion decisions for students in grades K-5 will be made in consultation with parents, teachers, and school leaders based on the students' classroom performance and progress monitoring data. We will be holding meetings on Tuesday, May 19th to discuss students being considered for retention.

Grade 3 Promotion: Generally, the Grade 3 ELA FSA is a key component districts use to make promotion decisions. Since this data will not be available due to the cancellation of statewide assessments for the 2019-2020 school year, promotion decisions will be made in consultation with parents, teachers, and school leaders based on the students' classroom performance and progress monitoring data.

Student Pick-up & Drop-off of Materials/Say Good-bye –

On Tuesday, May 26th and Wednesday, May 27th, OMES will be open to collect some instructional materials from families (library books, borrowed items from the classroom, technology) and return any belongings that may have been left in the classroom. We will also be distributing yearbooks at this time. This is a great time to say good-bye to your teacher too! **Families with children in different grade-levels will need to come at EACH pick-up time.** We will not be able to accommodate multiple grade levels at a time.

5th Graders only need to bring: All of the items listed above, your borrowed copy of *Tuck Everlasting*, and any materials to be included in the 5th grade time capsule.

5th Graders only will receive: Promotion certificates, 5th Grade t-shirt, celebratory yard sign, yearbook (if ordered) and any items left in the classroom.

Pick-up and drop-off will be done in the PPU loop. Families will remain in their vehicles. Grade-levels will be assigned a time for distribution and pick-up (see below).

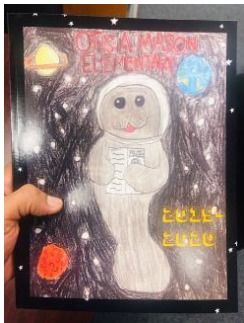
Tuesday, May 26 th	Grade Level
8:30am – 10:00am	VPK/PreK
10:00am – 11:30am	4 th Grade
11:30am – 1:00pm	2 nd Grade
1:00pm – 2:30pm	5 th Grade

Wednesday, May 27 th	Grade Level
8:30am – 10:00am	3 rd Grade
10:00am – 11:30am	Kindergarten
11:30am – 1:00pm	1 st Grade

YEARBOOKS –

If you missed out on ordering a yearbook or grabbing one of the extras, we have some good news! We are going to order some more yearbooks! If you would like to preorder one, please sign up through the Sign-Up Genius below. Yearbooks are \$20 each and once you sign up you will receive an email with more information. The LAST DAY to sign up for a yearbook will be 5/28 at 3:30PM.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044AAFAE29A2F58-preorder>




[PREORDER 2020 YEARBOOK](#)

Miss out on grabbing one of the extra yearbooks? No worries! From now until 5/28 we are taking orders for a 2nd yearbook order! Yearbooks are \$20 each. If you would like to order one, please sign up below. Once you sign up you will receive an email with more information. Thank you, Yearbook

www.signupgenius.com

Mason PTO

Please Like and Follow us on Facebook  at **Otis Mason Elementary PTO**. We are posting updates and fun pictures from our faculty at OMES on our FB page. We'd love to hear from you!

Home Access Center (HAC)

Home Access Center (HAC) allows students and parents/guardians to view their child's educational information such as grades, test scores, bus route information, etc. via a secure, password protected website. Please visit <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/> to learn more about HAC.

Report cards for the fourth nine weeks will be available via HAC on May 27th.

SUMMER STRETCH INFORMATION

This summer, we have an awesome opportunity for students called **Summer Stretch**. The **Summer Stretch** program has exciting activities in Math, Reading, Science, and Social Skills to stretch their learning all summer long! Official start date is Monday, June 1st. There are multiple activity options to engage your child for up to six weeks, ending Friday, July 10th.

When kids participate in **Summer Stretch**, they will enjoy

- interactive math games,
- interesting articles to read and videos to watch,
- fun and engaging science activities to complete, and
- relaxing and calming videos and activities to practice social skills.

Watch this one-minute video to get pumped up about **Summer Stretch**: [Summer Stretch Video](#).

On June 1st, please go to our school's webpage and click on the **Summer Stretch** link. From there, you will click on your child's grade level to open a PowerPoint with links to take you to activities in Math, Reading, Science, and Social Skills. Page 2 of the PowerPoint is a navigation page to take you to weekly activities in each content area! Encourage your children to participate and stretch their learning all summer long!

If you would like to keep the lap top or hotspot that you borrowed, please let us know. Email Sharese.Thomas@stjohns.k12.fl.us and Michael.Oakes@stjohns.k12.fl.us and indicate your request to keep the technology for Summer Stretch. All technology that is checked out for Summer Stretch will be due back to Otis Mason on July 6th.

Optional Modified Hard Copy Paper Version (each packet is about 45 pages)

- Parents that would like a hard copy version can email Sharese.Thomas@stjohns.k12.fl.us. She will print the packet and arrange a time for the parent to come and pick it up.
- The plan includes 6 weeks of games and activities families can do at home in the form of a hard copy paper packet.

