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CALENDAR of EVENTS

02/07 Hero's Spirit Night

02/17 In-Service Day (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)

02/20 Presidents' Day (NO SCHOOL)

02/28 FSA Writing Assessment Grades 4 and 5

Ms. Fuller's Message

It's February, Durbin Families!

February brings unpredictable weather and the beginning of our testing season. The weather we can monitor on the news so we can adjust our activities; but testing adds a whole different dimension to our classrooms.

Beginning with our 4th and 5th grade FSA Writes on Tuesday, February 28th, the testing season will have officially begun. Although we know one or two tests do not show depth and understanding for everything, we also know students may have had a "bad day" or not feel their best when taking it. However, in the State of Florida, these tests are mandatory and in 3rd grade the students must score above a level 1 in reading for promotion. Please just encourage your child to do his or her best. Trust that the education they have received has prepared them for success. It is important for students to get a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast before coming to school each morning. If you have any questions or concerns about the testing please don't hesitate to ask—I am happy to explain our process.

Another opportunity February brings is our SAC survey. This survey is an opportunity for parents to answer a few questions and give feedback to the school. In this year's survey we ask questions about what you would like to see and what additional resource (Art, music, PE, etc...) teacher you would like added in the future. Each student whose parent completes the survey will earn a special spirit stick. Parents just need to print out the "survey completed" page at the end and have their student turn it in to their teacher. We certainly appreciate your time in helping us grow and get better at serving our children and community. Here is the link to our survey:

<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=n4K3I844>

We are also very excited to bring back Boosterthon to DCE. On March 1st, our hard-working PTO will be kicking off Boosterthon in hopes of raising funds for technology devices and programs for reinforcing reading and math. I know we can make a difference by all working together. The run will be on Friday, March 10th and will be for all grade levels Pre-K through 5th.

Thank you for your support.

Ms. Angie Fuller

OASIS NEWS

**Ice Cream
On FRIDAYS!**

Breakfast and Lunch
menus rotate every two
weeks.

To view menus, go to
www.stjohns.nutrislice.com

Variety of snacks available
for purchase each day!

Breakfast: \$1.25
Student Lunch: \$2.70
Milk: \$.60

Our Mission:
Making positive
contributions to
society by expanding
minds to explore our
expanding world.



SAFETY CONCERNS

Morning Drop-off: students are to exit vehicles from *passenger* side only, onto the front sidewalk that begins at the "beyond this point" sign. Please do not direct a child to exit across the handicapped parking spaces or between vehicles at any time.

Parent pick-up: please pull forward as far as possible. Students load on *passenger side* only. Drivers and passengers remain in the vehicle. No one walking between vehicles.

Bikers/Walkers: please wait until gate is opened in the morning to enter via sidewalk. Cars are entering the parking lot via the driveway. **Thank you!**

24th Chocolate & Beyond

2017

A benefit for the
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program
of St. Johns County
St. Johns County School District

Délices Parisiens

February 25, 2017

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

First Coast Technical College

2980 Collins Ave.

St. Augustine, FL 32084

Admission \$20 per adult

\$10 per child, (up to 12 years of age)

**No need to purchase extra tasting tickets.*

Enjoy chocolate and other culinary
delights, silent auction, & prizes.

Tickets:

www.rsvpstjohns.com

Whetstone Chocolates (139 King Street and
13 Anastasia Blvd)

To learn more: Call 904 547-3945.

2017 CULINARY ARTISANS

Aviles Restaurant	KC's Kitchen
Brusters Ice Cream	La Cocina
Cabot Creamery	Le Macaron
Carrabba's Italian Grill	Meehan's Irish Pub
Catch 27	The Press Gastropub
Claude's Chocolates	Purple Olive
Cold Cow	Raintree Restaurant
FCTC Baking & Pastry	Savannah Sweets
Florida Cracker Café	Smoothie King
Hot Shot Bakery	The Poppin Box
Hyppo Café	Uncaged Cork
	Whetstone Chocolates



SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM

Parents,

Applications for the summer Marine Science Program will be passed out by science teachers at all schools during the week of February 13th. Applications will be due back to science teachers by February 28th. Applications can also be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 15th at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> and click on the Marine Science link. The link also will have a complete day by day curriculum for each grade level, parent information, and a video from last year's program.

This summer program is available to all students currently in grades five through seven and has been sponsored by the school district since 1982. Three eight day sessions are held at Gamble Rogers Middle School with bus transportation provided. The dates for the three sessions this summer will be May 30th through June 8th, June 12th through June 22nd, and June 26th through July 7th. Small classes of 12-14 students are separated by grade level. All instructors in the program are St. Johns County School District teachers.

The Marine Science Program is a carefully designed experience for responsible students who are interested in learning about our local marine environments. Learning is "hands on" in the field with students kayaking, canoeing, boating, hiking, snorkeling, sailing, windsurfing, surfing, SUP, (stand up paddleboarding), etc. Specific grade level activities and curriculum are attached to the applications and are also available from the website.

More information about the program can be had by emailing Kristina Bransford or John Gordon at marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us .