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CALENDAR of EVENTS

- 08/29 PTO Bingo Night 6:00
- 08/30 3rd Grade Health Screenings
- 08/31 Fall Picture Day
- 09/04 Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
- 09/05 PTO Fundraiser begins-
Discount Cards
- 09/12 Interims issued
5th Grade Curriculum Chat 6:00
4th Grade Curriculum Chat 6:30
- 09/14 Curriculum Chats
Kindergarten 6:00
3rd Grade 6:30
Accelerated Reader Kick-Off
- 9/18 Pre-K/ESE Service Providers
(Speech, OT, SLD) 6:00
- 09/19 SAC Meeting 4:00
2nd Grade Curriculum Chat 6:00
- 09/21 1st Grade Curriculum Chat
6:00

Ms. Miller's Message

New School-Year Greetings Durbin Families!

It sure has been a fast and furious beginning to our school-year. I want to welcome back all of our previous students and send out a big "shout out" welcome to all of our new families! All of us here at DCES are so excited that you are with us and we are all ready to have fun and learn a lot together this year.

Speaking of learning, Curriculum Chats are coming up in the next few weeks. For those who may not know, Curriculum Chats are an opportunity for parents to learn all about specific grade level standards and expectations. These 30 minute sessions are designed to give parents an overview of what they can expect their child to learn throughout the year. Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

9/12: 5th Grade, 6:00 pm
4th Grade, 6:30 pm

9/14: Kindergarten, 6:00 pm
3rd Grade, 6:30 pm

9/18: Pre-K/ESE Service Providers(Speech, OT, SLD) 6:00 pm

9/19: 2nd Grade, 6:00 pm

9/21: 1st Grade, 6:00 pm

We look forward to learning with our parents during these times.

Calling All Parents!! If you are interested in serving DCES and are looking for a way to connect, please consider joining our **School Advisory Council**. SAC is a school-based group that brings together the school and community for the expressed intent of school improvement. We work hard here at DCES, but can always find ways to do better. Parents' input is invaluable to this process, so please feel free to join us Tuesday, September 19th at 4pm. Scheduled meetings will be the third Tuesday of each month also at 4pm.

As always, thank you for the dedication you have to your child's education. We look forward to serving you and yours throughout the year.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Miller, AP

OASIS NEWS

**Ice Cream
On FRIDAYS!
Starts
September 1st**

Breakfast and Lunch
menus rotate every two
weeks.

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

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

Media Center News

This year's theme in the Media Center is "Read Around the World" and we want to know where our DCES families are from! Please email Mr. O the name of the countries represented in your family and we will proudly display the flags of those countries in our Media Center! Our goal is that the nationality/heritage of every single DCES student and staff member be represented. Please email your family info to Mr. O at ostrowm@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Thank you in advance!!!



PENUT AWARE!

LIVE SAFE

What is Peanut Allergy Aware?

Several of our students have a severe allergy to peanuts/tree nuts. This allergy can be life-threatening and, for these students, strict avoidance is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction. Accidental contact or ingestion can be fatal.

Are peanut/tree nut products allowed in school?

Yes. However, in order to reduce the risk of exposure for students who possess an allergy to peanut products, these items are not sold in the school lunch program, at extracurricular events, or provided in school-wide activities.

BUSINESS PARTNER SPOTLIGHT!



At **Weaver & Stratton Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics**, we've been serving infants, children, and teenagers of the Orange Park and Jacksonville areas for over 38 years. Your child's health and happiness are our highest priorities. Our goal is to build a strong foundation of positive dental experiences so your child will be confident and comfortable at the dentist forever. Our wonderful staff, orthodontist, and pediatric dentists in Fruit Cove, FL and Orange Park, FL, use pleasant, non-frightening, simple words to describe your child's dental visits and treatment. In addition, our zoo-themed offices are designed to provide a fun atmosphere for the children. We want your family to feel at ease the moment you arrive at our office.

Attendance Zone Discussions

Three Town Hall meetings have been scheduled to discuss potential Attendance Zoning changes for the two new K-8 Schools currently under construction and opening for the 2018-2019 School Year. K-8 School KK is located at 2135 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra, FL, 32081 and is being constructed using monies from the school impact fees, school proportionate share mitigation fees and the half-cent sales tax passed in November 2015. K-8 School LL is located at 1365 Shetland Drive, St. Johns, FL, 32259 and is being constructed using monies from half-cent sales tax. Other possible attendance zone changes relate to Heritage Park located off of Woodlawn Road and the Sawmill Landing development located off of SR 207, both in St. Augustine.

The meetings will take place as follows:

- **Tuesday, September 5th** at 6 p.m. at Creekside High School, located at 100 Knights Lane, St. Johns, FL 32259
- **Thursday, September 7th** at 6 p.m. at Valley Ridge Academy, located at 105 Greenleaf Drive, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081
- **Thursday, September 14th** at 6 p.m. at First Coast Technical College, Building C, located at 2980 Collins Avenue, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

The same information will be discussed at all three meetings. School Board members and district staff will be in attendance and there will be opportunity for public comment.

Proposals are currently being developed and could impact attendance zones and students at Cunningham Creek Elementary, **Durbin Creek Elementary**, Fruit Cove Middle School, Alice B. Landrum Middle School, Otis A. Mason Elementary School, R.J. Murray Middle School, Ocean Palms Elementary, Palencia Elementary School, Pacetti Bay Middle School, Patriot Oaks Academy, Sebastian Middle School, Switzerland Point Middle School and Valley Ridge Academy.

CHARACTER COUNTS! CHARACTER COUNTS! CHARACTER COUNTS!



Alicia Smith



My name is Alicia Smith, and I am so excited to be here at Durbin Creek. This is my first year as a Cafeteria Manager. I have had the opportunity to work at many different schools in the District, and know this one is an awesome one to be at. I have lived near here my entire life, in Green Cove Springs, just across the river. I enjoy cooking and making people smile. So I think I have the perfect job!

Debra Osborne

Hi! My name is Debra Osborne and I am very excited to be teaching fourth grade this year at Durbin Creek Elementary. I am married to my wonderful husband, Michael, and have two precious daughters, Gracen and Samantha. I am a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and began my teaching career as a high school English teacher. After my oldest daughter was born, I chose to stay home with her and continued to stay home after the birth of my second daughter. We moved to Florida from Mississippi six years ago and when Samantha started kindergarten, I decided to go back into teaching. I loved teaching my own children so much, I decided to get certified in Elementary Education! I feel very blessed to be teaching here.



Ashley Fazio

My name is Ashley Fazio and I am so excited to be a Kindergarten teacher here at Durbin Creek Elementary. I was born and raised in south Florida and moved to Jacksonville 8 years ago. I attended college at The University of Central Florida where I received a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. I am starting my ninth year of teaching. I taught 1st grade in Orlando for a year right out of college, then moved to Jacksonville and taught at Merrill Road, in Duval County for the last 7 years. I taught Kindergarten for 5 years and 2nd grade for 2 years. I am so happy to be back in Kindergarten, it is definitely where my heart belongs! I have been married to my high school sweetheart for 4 years now, and we have a 1-year-old daughter named Addie, and a sweet golden retriever named Chloe. I am so happy to be a part of the Durbin Creek Family I am looking forward to a wonderful year in Kindergarten!



Dismissal Changes

If your child will be going home from school a different way than usual, please send an email to:

dcesnotifications@stjohns.k12.fl.us BEFORE 2:15 p.m. (1:15 p.m. on Wednesdays).

Please be sure to copy the teacher on your email.

We cannot accept verbal changes from students, nor changes from a parent by phone.