



Otis A. Mason Elementary School
207 Mason Manatee Way St. Augustine, FL 32086

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OUR VISION:

The "Mason Way" 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.

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.

January Calendar

- 1/7 Students Return from Winter Break
- 1/9 Resource Wed 3rd Grade
- 1/15 SAC Meeting in Media @ 3:30
- 1/16 Resource Wed 2nd Grade
- 1/16 4th grade Honor Roll @ 8:45
- 1/17 5th grade Honor Roll @ 8:45
- 1/17 Spring Picture Day
- 1/21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day-No School
- 1/22 3rd grade Honor Roll @ 8:45
- 1/23 Resource Wed 1st Grade
- 1/23 Kids Heart Challenge Begins!

Hello Manatee Families!

Happy New Year and welcome back! We are excited for the second semester. We are continuing to renew and renovate our campus as needed. So far we have raised a little more than \$14,000 toward replacing our playground. Thank you to all who have contributed toward this effort. During the holidays we were able to serve over 30 families for Thanksgiving and over 100 students for our Angel Tree gift giving.

Supporting our community is the Mason Way! The second half of the year, our faculty and staff are looking forward to ensuring each student is supported and succeeding in classroom. This Spring, we will be readying ourselves for the standardized testing and we are confident our students will do their best. Thank you for continued support of Mason and the school community!

Nigel

Volunteering Info

A volunteer application must be submitted for anyone entering the building during school hours including eating lunch, volunteering in the classroom, and attending field trips. You must be an approved volunteer through the KeepNTrack system. Applications can be filled out online on the Mason website or in the Front Office.

Attendance is IMPORTANT!

It is important that your child arrives at school between 8:00 am and 8:25 am. Please make sure your child arrives at school by 8:25 am so that they can be in their classroom ready to learn by 8:30 am. If your child is absent please send a note or email within 48 hours of returning to school.

CHARACTER COUNTS! 6 Pillars 6K/3K Run/Walk

Walkers, runners and fitness enthusiasts are invited to participate in the

CHARACTER COUNTS! 6 Pillars 6K/3K Run/Walk on **Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 9 a.m.**

The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School.

Registration forms and more information are available online at www.racesmith.com/races/CHARACTER COUNTS.html.

Collections Update

Welcome back!

Congratulations to Mrs. Swanson's 3rd grade class for winning the 2nd nine weeks collections contest. They will be rewarded with an ice cream party soon!

The 3rd nine weeks contest has begun! Please continue to send in **Box Tops**, **Tyson A+ Labels**, and **Coca Cola** codes with your child(ren).

Thank you for your continued support!



Interpreter Requests

If you are in need of an interpreter for an event at Mason, we ask you to send a request in writing at least two weeks in advance to the date of your event. We will do our very best to secure an interpreter, but need your help in asking to notify us as far in advance as you can to assure we are able to have an interpreter in place. Please communicate these requests with your child's teacher and they will pass them on to the office for processing. Thank you for your assistance.

Congratulations!

***Mason Elementary
School Related Employee of
the Year***

Daniel Carter, Media
Paraprofessional

Volunteers of the Year

Adult: Marlou Duncan

Junior: Destiny Gabriel

***Congrats to Mrs. Kohlmann
for being chosen as a
District finalist for
Teacher of the Year!***

*Thank you for all you do for our
school!*

PTO CORNER

The PTO would like to thank everyone who volunteered at the Holiday Shop in December. We were able to raise just over \$900 after expenses! We hope that the kids had as much fun picking out gifts as we did helping them. We would appreciate any feedback concerning the Holiday Shop in preparation for next year.

Due to the winter break, the next PTO Meeting will be Monday, January 14th at 3:30 pm in the media room.

We hope you will be able to attend!

Kids Heart Challenge begins January 23rd!



It's time for Kids Heart Challenge (formerly Jump Rope For Heart) an American Heart Association program that teach students in 38,000 schools nationwide valuable lessons that will last a lifetime, such as:

Your child learns about the importance of taking care of their heart and how it works.

Your child learns the importance of helping others through this service learning project.

Your child feels good for making a difference in people's lives!

Funds raised support the American Heart Association's research and education initiatives that save lives in our community. Additionally, the school earns money for PE equipment so we can keep our kids MOVING!