

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

## 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. Dr. Nigel D. Pillay, Principal Mrs. Natalie Gitto, Asst. Principal

### March Calendar

- 3/3 March Madness Basketball/Cheer @ Pedro High School
- 3/6 FSA Writes 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grades
- 3/7 HERO Wed 4th Grade
- 3/8 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade BUGZ Musical @ 6:30pm
- 3/13 SAC Meeting at 3:30 in Media Center
- 3/13 FSA Parent Night 6-7pm
- 3/14 HERO Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- 3/16 Planning Day (No school for students)
- 3/21 HERO Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- 3/23 5th Grade Dance 3-4pm
- 3/26-3/30 Spring Break!

# Volunteer Opportunity! PROCTORS NEEDED!

Testing season is approaching and we are in need of proctors to serve for FSA Writes on March 6<sup>th</sup>. You will need to arrive at 8:30 for a quick training and will be finish around 11am.

Please contact Mrs. Nix at 547-8440 or <u>Catherine.Nix@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> if you are able to volunteer. There is also a sign-up sheet in the front office.

You must be an approved volunteer through the St. Johns County School District. Thank you in advance for your help!

#### **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.

## <u>Attendance is</u> <u>IMPORTANT!</u>

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 you child is absent please send a note or email within 48 hours of returning to school.

## Science Textbook Adoption

The St. Johns County School District took action on February 13, 2018, to adopt science instructional materials. A complete list of the adopted materials is available on the SICSD Instructional Materials website. A petition period for parents and residents of St. Johns County is open from February 14 to March 15, 2018. Petition process information is also available on the SICSD Instructional Materials website. Questions may be directed to the SICSD Instructional **Resources Office at** 904.547.3947.

# Collections Update

\*Our school recently earned another check from Coca Cola Give. This time, in the amount of \$205.02!

\* We mailed in over 5,000 more Box Tops last week! Great job Manatees!

The 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks collection contest ends March 15<sup>th</sup>. The winning class will receive an ice cream party! Will your class win?

Please continue to send in *Box Tops, Coca Cola codes, and Tyson A+ Labels to your child's teacher.* 

\*Just a reminder that our school also collects **Tyson A+ Labels**. Each label is worth  $24\phi$  for Otis Mason Elementary.

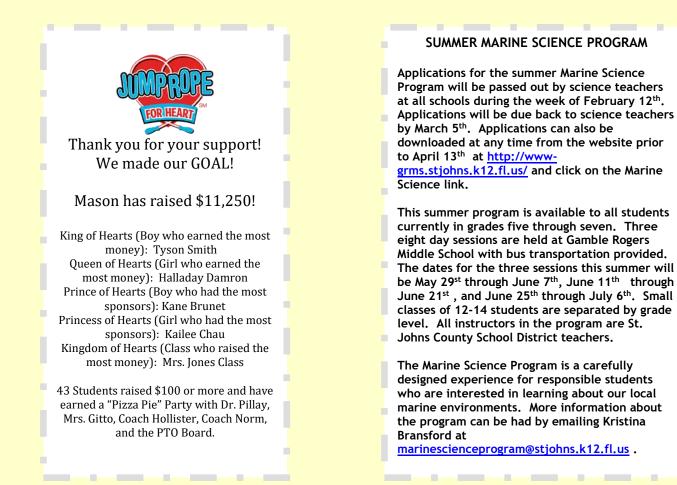
Thank you for your continued support!



## FSA Testing Schedule

- 3/6: FSA Writes 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades 4/10 & 4/11: FSA ELA 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 4/16 & 4/17: FSA Math 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 4/18 & 4/19: FSA ELA 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 4/23 & 4/24: FSA ELA 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 4/25 & 4/26: FSA Math 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 5/1 & 5/2: FSA Science 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 5/3 & 5/4: FSA Math 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- iREADY Testing all grades: April 23-May 18 Resource EOC 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades: May 21

\*Make ups will take place as needed



## FSA Parent Night Grades 3 -5 Tuesday, March 13, 2018 6:00 pm at Mason Elementary

Please join us for an informational night regarding the Math, Science and Reading portions of The Florida Standards Assessment (FSA).We would like to provide you and your student with resources to help prepare for FSA Assessments.



We hope to see you there!