



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

Dr. Nigel D. Pillay, Principal  
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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.

### May Calendar

5/1 Wacky Wed: 2nd grade  
5/7 Kindie Moosical @ 6:30  
5/8 Wacky Wed: 1st grade  
5/13 Safety Patrol Awards in Café @ 3:30  
5/14 PK/VPK Promotion Ceremony in Café @ 6  
5/14 SAC Meeting in Media @ 3:30  
5/15 Wacky Wed: Kindergarten  
5/17 5th grade Seaworld Trip  
5/20 Field Day: 3-5th: 9-11am & K-2: 12:15-2:15  
5/21 4th grade Honor Roll @ 8:45  
5/22 5th grade EOY Celebration @ OMES  
5/23 3rd grade Honor Roll @ 8:45  
5/23 5th grade Promotion Ceremony 6-8pm @ GRMS  
5/24 Last day for students/**Early Release**

**HAPPY SUMMER!!!**

## **Volunteer Opportunity! PROCTORS NEEDED!**

We are in need of proctors to serve for through May 16th. 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 [Catherine.Nix@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Catherine.Nix@stjohns.k12.fl.us) 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!

### Home Access Center

The district has moved to a paperless system for report cards.

Paper report cards will no longer be sent home unless specifically requested.

Your child's report card and other important information such as attendance and test scores will need to be accessed using the Home Access Center at <https://homeaccess.stjohns.k12.fl.us>

Information has been sent home on how to log on and gain access.

If you still need help logging in, please call 547-8444.



## Collections Update

*Thanks to your help this year Manatee families we have earned \$1,937.02 for our school!*

*(\$1420.60 from Box Tops, \$48.00 from Tyson A+ labels, and \$468.42 from Coca Cola codes)*

*The last nine weeks collections contest will end on May 10<sup>th</sup>.*

*Please continue to send in Box Tops, Coca Cola codes, and Tyson A+ labels to help your child's class win an ice cream party!*

*Once summer break begins, please keep clipping and saving your Box Tops, Tyson A+ Labels, and Coke codes.*

*We will have collections contests again starting in the Fall!*

*Thank you for your continued support.*



## PTO Corner

Cookbooks have arrived and will be distributed the first week in May. If you would like to purchase a copy, send in a note with cash/check made out to Otis Mason PTO.

\$15 per copy.... Get 'em while they last!

We have one more meeting left in the school year! PTO will be having a meeting mid May to discuss the 2019 - 2020 school PTO schedule. More information will be emailed out once a date is decided.

The PTO would like to send a big "Thank You!" out to all the Mason Teaches, Staff, volunteers and parents for their support! We look forward to sharing some wonderful ideas and events coming next school year!



## Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week Week of May 6<sup>th</sup>- May 10<sup>th</sup>

### Cat in the Hat Notes

**MONDAY:** Teachers are **NOTEWORTHY**  
Write any teacher a note to explain how they  
have impacted your life this year.

### Seuss Sweets

**TUESDAY:** My Teacher's a **TREAT**  
Treat any teacher to their favorite snack or  
beverage, homemade treats or Candy.

### Wacky Wednesday

**WEDNESDAY:** **SUPPLY** them with **THANKS**  
Pick up any supply any teacher is running low on for  
your class.

### Truffula Trees

**THURSDAY:** You make us **BLOOM**  
Bring in your favorite flower/plant (fresh, fake, or  
hand drawn) or something with a floral print.

### Oh, the Places You'll GO !

**FRIDAY:** **FREE** choice! Bring your teacher something  
that shows how much you care!

The week of May 6<sup>th</sup> is Nurse's Week! We are so thankful  
for our Nurse Baxa and all she does for our students!



**Kindergarten Registration**

Families that are new to Otis A. Mason or who have a rising Kindergartner will need to complete the school registration process online via the Otis A. Mason Website at

<http://www-mes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/> along with the required documents.

**\*\*Once online registration has been submitted, parents will need to make an appointment to come into the school for a quick document verification.**

**\*\*Kindergarteners will be asked to return for a kindergarten screening, scheduled at your registration verification appointment.**

**\*\*Please note: Registration is not complete until you have scheduled a time to verify documents.**

**To schedule an appointment and for question regarding registrations, please contact Keisha Bunnell at 904-547-8436.**



## FOOD THAT'S IN WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT!

Any Student who is 18 years of age or younger may receive free, nutritious meals at **Otis Mason Elementary (June 10- July 12)** or **Osceola Elementary (June 3 - July 26)** or the **Solomon Calhoun Center (June 3-July 19)**.

Please dial 211 to inquire about the serving times or any additional locations.

## Otis Mason VPK Registration

for the 2019-2020 school year is now available!

Register now, as spots are limited!

Registration paperwork is available on our school website at <http://www-mes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/>

Call Keisha Bunnell at 904-547-8436 more information.

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