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The Ultimate Guide for Explorers

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 29 WOW 3rd grade
Talent show
Rehearsals
- Jan 30 Talent show
6:00pm
- Feb 3 Teacher in-service
Student holiday
- Feb 4 4th grade field trip
Doughtry/Rogerson
- Feb 5 WOW 2nd grade
KG Registration
8:30am—1:00pm
- Feb 6 Spring pictures
Odyssey of the
Mind 3pm
- Feb 7 Interims
- Feb 10 Jump Rope for Heart
Character Counts!
Celebration 9:15am
PTO meeting 6:30pm

A La Carte Menu

- Mon. Red Baron Pizza
Ice cream
- Tues. Spicy Chicken
Sandwich
Curly fries
Cookies
- Wed. Cookies
Tater tots or Potato
triangles
- Thurs. Papa Johns
Cookies
- Fri. Ice Cream



Our Mission:

**Making positive
contributions to
society by expanding
minds to explore our
expanding world**

Ms. McMandon's Journal



As we begin the second semester teachers and students have jumped right in to the teaching and learning process! They are focusing on the standards and mastery of those standards. Report cards were sent home on Friday January 17, 2014. If you would like a conference with your child's teacher, please contact the teacher directly.

Maggie Titus, in Mrs. Sallas' class, is the DCES Spelling Bee champion! She won the school Spelling Bee and represented Durbin in the St. Johns County School District Spelling Bee on January 15, 2014 in the School Board building auditorium. Great job Maggie!! Halley Headrick, also in Mrs. Sallas' class, came in second. Thanks to Mrs. Rice for organizing the Spelling Bee. We are very proud of our finalists who represented their class in the school Spelling Bee including: Trevor Chesser, Emma Chestang, Charlie Farnsworth, Christopher Carlos, Gavin Flynt, Landon Greene, David Adewale, Evan Peters, Cole Lowman, Alexa Campbell, Anisa Travancic, Caleb Morton, Holden Bilbrey, Robbie Balke, Lauren Jackson, Ethan Pierce, Cassidy Carlson.

Congratulations to Mrs. Jan Phillips for being selected as our School-Related Employee of the Year! Mrs. Phillips is a Para-Professional at Durbin Creek and has been a member of the Durbin Creek family since we opened our doors! Mrs. Phillips serves in many capacities here at Durbin. She is our patrol sponsor who organizes and supervises almost 70 patrols. In addition, Jan organizes our 5 Star School application and documentation, is an integral part of the parent drop-off/pick-up process, and works with small groups of students on sharpening their academic skills. We are proud that Mrs. Phillips will be representing Durbin Creek at a district level School-Related Employee of the Year reception in the near future.

Enjoy the rest of the week!

Resource Record



Do you have a child in 3rd, 4th or 5th Grade who loves to sing? Durbin Creek's Chorus will start rehearsals for our spring program on Tuesday, January 28th. Chorus meets every Tuesday after school until 4:00. If you would like to register your child, please click on the link below and complete the registration information. If you have any questions, you may contact Mrs. Pence at penceb@stjohns.k12.fl.us



CHOCOLATE AND BEYOND – A SWEET WAY TO SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

Chocolate and Beyond, a celebration of chocolate, desserts, and other culinary sensations, will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014 from 2 – 4 p.m. at First Coast Technical College, Building C in St. Augustine. Guests will enjoy tasty samples from some of the area's finest restaurants and specialty shops. A silent auction, raffle, and contests will also be part of this fun and exciting afternoon.

Hosted by The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of St. Johns County, proceeds from Chocolate and Beyond benefit the volunteer program, and young students through book purchases. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased on the RSVP website (www.rsvpstjohns.com), or in person at Whetstone Chocolates (King Street and Anastasia Blvd locations), Cold Cow Ice Cream, and TD Bank in St. Augustine. Call RSVP at 904-547-3945 for more information.

St. Johns County Mentor Fair

In celebration of National Mentor Month, the St. Johns County School District and RSVP of St. Johns County will be hosting a mentor fair on Wednesday, January 29 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., at the Fullerwood Center Auditorium, 10 Hildreth Drive in St. Augustine. Representatives will be on hand to provide information about mentoring students in the St. Johns County School District. Mentor training will also be provided to interested individuals and a continental breakfast will be served.

Mentors give approximately one hour per week to meet with a student and support him/her in academic pursuits, and other goals. No prior experience is required and background screening and training are provided at no cost. Contact RSVP/Volunteer Services at 904-547-3945, or Cheryl_Freeman@stjohns.k12.fl.us for more details.

Seaside Children's Dentistry

2014 Give Kids A Smile Day

Date: Friday, Feb 7

Time: 8am to 3pm

Location: 1100 S. Ponce De Leon, St Augustine, FL

For information call 904-829-6321 Call to see if you qualify



Deliver the Dream

Family Retreat—for families in a crisis/illness. For more information please visit their website: www.deliverthedream.org

Labaw's Log

Use the five-finger strategy to get your child talking to you

Are you tired of asking your child questions about school and getting little response? Then try the five-finger strategy with your child.

Instead of asking your child lots of questions when he gets home from school, tell him five things about your day first. For example:

- I've had such a busy day.
- I went to the library this morning to get some books.
- Then I met Grandma for lunch.
- We went to buy Rachel a present.
- It was good to get home.

After you've finished, say "Tell me a little bit about your day." And don't ask questions that can be answered with a simple yes or no. Instead, say things like, "What was the best part of your day?" or "Tell me three things you learned today."

You can also use this five-finger strategy to discuss schoolwork. If your child brings home a picture from school, look at it and make five observations about what you see. Comment on the colors. Say what you like about it. Tell what it reminds you of, etc. Then ask your child, "What does it mean to you?"

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Clinic News

We are in need of clothes! We need boys clothes especially underwear. We also need girls shorts and long pants in sizes 6,7 and 8's. Thank you in

Character Counts! Citizenship

Trace Geyer	Zachary Reynolds	Blake Hodson
Adley Walters	Sean Regan	Cameron Haddock
Gabriella Vides	Madison Ruckh	Nicholas Lentsch
Owen Jordan	Emily Niblock	Katie Moczarski
Aslynn Adkins	Jessie Dodd	Evan Peters
Audrey Gammache	Eason Price	Jacob Goings
Ellie Waag	Rohit Bongu	Charley Farnsworth
Isabella Poulos	Kennedy Cook	Madison Wielosinski
Gabriella Rosario	Skylar Jones	Gavin Flynt
Kate Piekarczyk	Gavin Pierce	Jake Hiett
Skylar Kaplan	Jenni Ryan	Jacob Cunningham
Nathan Stubblefield	Mia Gonzalez	
Niaya Ghandi	Hailey Smallwood	
Caleb Harrah	Denis Travancic	
Ally Birmingham	Hollie Coggins	
Javier Marina	Erica Muschter	
Cristian Denegri	Charlotte Sefcik	
Diya Pyata	Camden Basham	