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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 26 WOW Kg
- Feb 28 Dental Health Presentation
- Mar 2 PTO Family Day 1:00pm-5:00pm
- Mar 3 Character Counts! 9:15am
- Mar 5 WOW 4th grade
- Mar 10 Field Day 9:45am 3-5th grades
- Mar 11 Field trip 5th grade IMAX 9:30am
Field Day 12:30
KG-2nd grades
- Mar 12 Tropicana Speech 9:20am
KG registration 1:00pm
PTO Meeting 9:30am

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



Dear DCES Family,

Today, Durbin Creek's 4th grade students participated in the statewide writing assessment, FCAT Writes. Our 4th grade teachers and students have been busy preparing all year for this assessment. I'm sure they performed well!! In addition, all other students participated in a school-wide writing prompt while our 4th graders were being assessed to ensure an optimum testing environment. Thank you to all of the parents for supporting and helping to prepare your child!

A big thank you to the Rotary Club of St. Augustine for their recent donation of personal dictionaries to each Durbin Creek 3rd grade student. We appreciate their generosity and continued support!

Please join us for our Seussical Carnival on Sunday, March 2nd from 12pm-4pm. The Wacky World of Durbinville will offer entertainment, crafts, storytelling, ferris wheel, train rides, and so much more! As part of this event, our school participated in a change drive to benefit Dreams Come True. To date, Durbin Creek students have raised \$1888.40! Our students and families are awesome! We hope to see all of our Durbin families on Sunday to support this wonderful family event!

Mark your calendars for the following events:

- March 10th Field Day Grades 3-5
- March 11th Field Day Grade K-2
- March 12th Kindergarten New Student Registration 1pm-5pm
- March 13th Class Group Photos
- March 25th Gifted Parent Advisory Meeting (Ocean Palms Elementary)

Have a great week!

Sandra McMandon

Resource Record



Thank you for the warm welcome to Durbin Creek! It has been such a pleasure getting to know the students. Many of the items that we have started to work on will be reinforced throughout the year. We have introduced the concept of being a Digital Citizen in a technological world and a graphics arts program called Tux Paint to your students. Some of our upcoming lessons in the near future will deal with keyboarding and internet safety. I have updated the class website to provide a variety of information about our computer education class, as well as useful links for your students to use both at home and school. We hope you will visit our site and we look forward to a great rest of the year in Technology!

Our website: <http://teachers.stjohns.k12.fl.us/drinkuth-j/>

Field Days are coming soon!

Monday, March 10th 9:45-11:30 am Grades 3-5
Tuesday, March 11th 12:30-2:15 pm Grades K-2

We need your help managing the many grade level activity stations. If you can volunteer, please contact Ashley Schaefer at sissy06@comcast.net to commit.

*Sign in at the front desk and meet The Resource Team on the field 30 minutes prior to event start.

Thank you!

All Jump Rope for Heart donation envelopes are due Friday, February 28th. Thank you for your support of the American Heart Association. (If you can do a heart border around this, that would be awesome!)

Labaw's Log

February is a great month for learning!

February includes the birthdays of many famous people. Plan some fun activities to help your child learn about these heroes, writers, inventors, scientists and artists:

- February 4--Rosa Parks. Learn more about this heroine of America's civil rights movement.
- February 8--Jules Verne. Read one of his science fiction stories with your child.
- February 11--Thomas Edison. Ask your child to create a new invention.
- February 12--Abraham Lincoln. Challenge your child to memorize the Gettysburg Address.
- February 19--Nicolaus Copernicus. Take a walk together and look at the stars.
- February 22--George Washington. In his honor, bake a cherry pie together.
- February 25--Pierre-Auguste Renoir. Check out a library book with reproductions of his paintings. Ask your child to paint one of his own.

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St. Johns County Fire Rescue

Now offering Free Smoke Alarms!

- Free to St Johns County homeowners and renters, No income requirements, Ends April 15, 2014

If interested please call to schedule an appointment (904)209-0340

Exceptional Student Education Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Parents, teachers and staff are invited to attend

Date: Feb 27 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location: St Johns District Office 40 Orange Street
3rd floor-- Auditorium

Would you be interested in becoming a surrogate parent for an ESE student?

A surrogate parent is a person who acts in the interests of an exceptional student in the ESE process. You do not have to be an expert to be a great surrogate parent. The role of the surrogate is to participate in the ESE process, help make decisions, make sure the student's educational needs are met and to make sure the student's rights are protected. A surrogate parent is appointed for a student if the child's parent is unknown or cannot be located or if the child is a ward of the state. Please consider being a surrogate parent. The training will be Feb. 27, 2014, at 9:00 A.M. at the school board office at 40 Orange Street. Please contact Sarah Coffin at 547-7712 if you are interested in attending.

Summer Marine Science Program

Applications were passed out during the week of Feb 17th. They are due back to homeroom teachers by Feb. 28th. Applications can still be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 15th at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> and click on Marine Science link.

The program is available to grades 5-7. There are 3 eight day sessions which are held at Menendez HS with bus transportation provided. The dates are: June 9th-June 19th, June 23rd-July 3rd and July 7th-July 24th. (The school district closes the week of July 14th-18th).

CAA Track and Field

As we previously communicated, CAA is proud to be adding Track and Field as the 14th sport to our program. We have a few dedicated volunteers willing to get this club up and running.

There is a need and a demand in our area for this fast growing sport. We hope that not only will your children participate, but that you will help volunteer as well.

We will have two in person registrations:

SUNDAY MARCH 2 AND SUNDAY MARCH 9 4p-6p at Plantation Park Field House Racetrack Road, (behind Fruit Cove Middle School.)

Please come out to one of these registrations to register and to have any of your questions answered. The club will be open to youth ages 6-14 and the season will start April 1.

Marty Mceachean will be leading this club. Coach Marty has a wealth of experience both coaching and participating in Track and Field at the collegiate level. You can contact Marty at martymceachean@yahoo.com