

Adventure 13 Log 1

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The Ultimate Guide for Explorers

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

08/31 PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.

09/07 Labor Day—No School

09/10 Curriculum Chats
1st Grade 5:30 p.m.
2nd Grade 6:30 p.m.

09/11 AR Kick-Off

09/15 SAC Meeting 3:30

OASIS NEWS

**Breakfast and Lunch
menus rotate every two
weeks.**

To view menus,
go to
www.stjohns.nutrislice.com

**Variety of healthy snacks
available for purchase each
day!**

**Our Mission:
Making positive
contributions to
society by expanding
minds to explore our
expanding world.**

Ms. McMandon's Message

Welcome to the 2015-2016 School Year!

It is with excitement that I welcome you to the 2015-2016 school year. We have missed all of our Explorers over the summer and greeted their return with joy. A special welcome to our new Durbin Creek families and students! We are thrilled that you are a part of our wonderful school. Our teachers and staff worked tirelessly to be ready and classes started the first day with meaningful instruction. Getting back in the swing of school can be a challenge and we appreciate you making school a priority.

Our goal is to establish a collaborative relationship with all of our parents to ensure a positive experience for our students. Your child's teacher will be contacting you to schedule intake conferences with each parent to start the year off in a successful and positive way. I want to thank you in advance for taking the time to meet with your child's teacher. Please join me in welcoming the newest members of our Durbin Creek staff:

Assistant Principal – Kim Miller
Computer Operator – Sue Gould
ESE Teacher – Misty Parnell
3rd Grade Associate Teacher – Chelsea Ragle
Speech/Language Pathologist – Patty Mansilla

We have had a very smooth opening to the school year. We begin this year with 550 students, including 92 kindergarteners. In addition, we are very excited to announce that Durbin Creek now has a Jr. Explorer PreK class that services students starting at age 3 who have special needs. This class also has VPK students enrolled to make for a well-balanced environment. These Jr. Explorers have done an exceptional job at transitioning to elementary school!

We are looking forward to a great school year with your children! Thank you for being partners in the education of your child!

Dismissal Changes

If your child will be going home from school a different way than usual, please send an email to:

dcesnotifications@stjohns.k12.fl.us
BEFORE 2:15 p.m. (1:15 p.m. on Wednesdays). Please be sure to copy the teacher on your email.

We cannot accept verbal changes from students, nor changes from a parent by phone.



Durbin Creek is a Peanut Aware School

What is Peanut Allergy Aware?

Several of our students have a severe allergy to peanuts/tree nuts. This allergy can be life-threatening and for these students strict avoidance is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction. Accidental contact or ingestion can be fatal.

Are peanut/tree nut products allowed in school?

Yes. However, in order to reduce the risk of exposure for students who possess an allergy to peanut products, these items are not sold in the school lunch program, at extracurricular

Helping Your Child Succeed on Florida Standard Assessments

Plan to attend an informational meeting
for families of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students

Thursday, October 1st, R.B. Hunt Elementary School
Tuesday, October 6th, Valley Ridge Academy
Thursday, October 15th, Osceola Elementary School
Tuesday, October 20th, Ocean Palms Elementary School
Thursday, October 29th, Timberlin Creek Elementary School
6:30 – 8:00 PM



What is FSA?

Did FCAT Go Away?

How can I help my child?

If you've asked any of these questions, please plan on attending an FSA informational presentation. Each evening will begin at 6:30 and conclude by 8:00, and will consist of a writing and ELA session followed by a mathematics portion. Time for questions will be built into the process. For more information call 904-547-7503.

4-H Kick-Off Event

The St. Johns County 4-H Youth Development Program is hosting an enrollment event for youth ages 5-18 (age as of September 1, 2015).

THURSDAY, August 27th 4:30-6:30 p.m.

St. Johns County Extension Office

3125 Agricultural Center Drive

Information will be available for new and returning 4-H members. 4-H is a youth development program, enabling youth to develop life skills, leadership, and citizenship.

Call 90-209-0430 for more information.

Online enrollment: <https://florida.4honline.com>

Medication Policy Reminder



Please DO NOT send in any medications to school with your child. All medications must be brought to clinic by parent and have a Medication Authorization Form signed by parent and MD. If needed, it can be faxed to MD office from school. Thank You!

Lauri Frost, R.N., School Health Nurse