

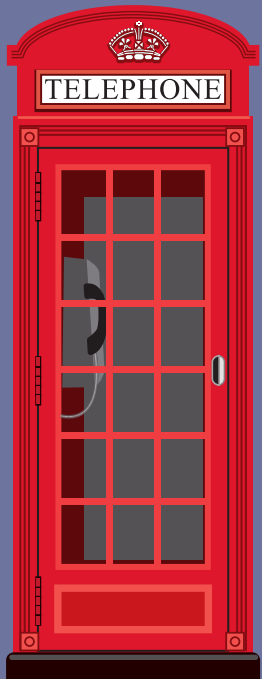
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The Mustang Messenger



LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER YEAR OF EXCELLENCE



SNOW:

SUBMITTED BY ALYSSA JONES

SECOND GRADE

ARE YOU READY TO LEARN HOW SNOW FORMS? SNOW GOES ALONG WITH THE WATER CYCLE. IT STARTS WITH A BODY OF WATER UP NORTH WHERE IT SNOWS. THE SUN WARMS THE BODY OF WATER. THEN WATER STARTS TO RISE INTO THE AIR. THIS IS CALLED EVAPORATION. WHEN IT IS IN THE AIR IT BECOMES WATER PARTICLES AND THEY COME TOGETHER TO FORM A CLOUD. THIS IS CALLED CONDENSING. WHEN IT IS READY TO SNOW OR RAIN, IT FREEZES. THEN IT STARTS TO COME DOWN. UP NORTH, IT MAY BEGIN TO SNOW! WHILE DOWN SOUTH, IT MAY SLEET, HAIL, OR RAIN. SOME PLACES THAT EXPERIENCE SNOW ARE ALASKA, MONTANA, COLORADO, AND NEW YORK. NOW YOU KNOW HOW SNOW FORMS!

Letter from the Editor

By: Talia Jansen

Time! What do we know about time? It doesn't seem to have a normal pace, does it? We need more time. We need less time. We need time that is managed more effectively. That's what's really important, right? New Year's Resolutions are an important tool when it comes to making positive changes! These are resolutions that are meant to challenge you and help better yourself! What areas of your life could most improve with a New Year's Resolution? Our reporters took these questions to our school community and they had incredible and thought provoking answers! New Year's is a time of reflection and new beginnings. With that being said, we are so excited to bring you the first issue of 2022. We hope you have an amazing New Year.



CHEYENNE DEMPSEY (8TH) AND FRANKIE HAMMOND (K)
ON THE LAST DAY OF PEER COUNSELING!

Character Undercover Submitted by: Tiffany Hines in the New Year!

Our faculty and staff are watching!
These are students who were
representing our character traits at
Academy at the Farm!



Matthew Thompson (4th)
was caught doing good by
Mrs. Cantwell. He was extra
focused in class and showed
responsibility! Way to go
Matthew!



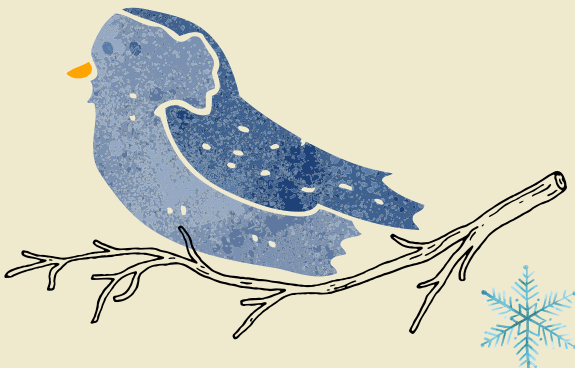
Jordan Chang (4th) was caught
focusing hard in class! He
showed responsibility and we
are so proud of him!



Dawson Orr (2nd) was
caught following directions
and helped teacher in class.



Maximus Lyon (3rd) showed the
character trait of caring! He
helped a student with a binder
explosion!



Character Undercover

Submitted by: Tiffany Hines

Jeremiah Donahue (2nd) was caught being responsible when he was working extra hard! Jeremiah was recognized for going above and beyond in math! Way to go!



James Harm (1st) was being a responsible citizen by cleaning up outside! Thank you James, for helping keep our school clean! What a hero!

Adalynn Hoyle (2nd) was caught being responsible and caring! She cleaned up her classroom for her teacher! What a remarkable kid!



PreSchool Resolutions



PARKER GRIFFIN - PRESCHOOL - "I'M GOING TO EAT MORE FRENCH FRIES AND HAPPY MEALS."



JULES ORR - PRESCHOOL - "I'M GOING TO EAT MORE BROCCOLI."

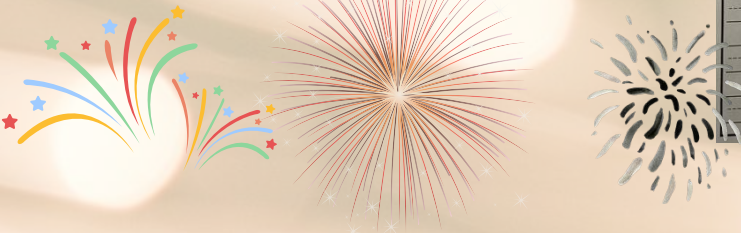


NATALIE KIPPING - PRESCHOOL - "I AM GONNA GO DOWN THAT SLIDE SO MANY TIMES!!"

what a year it will be!

Primary is Prepared

FOR AN AMAZING NEW YEAR



My Plan Name: Presley 4

What is the best thing to do at recess?

Choose an opinion starter: I think... The best thing... I prefer...

Now! My Option: Play on the slide

Reason: it goes fast

Reason: it is fun

Choose a closing sentence stem: I strongly believe... As you can see... (Now you know)

My Writing: Write your opinion, reasons for it, and a closing sentence.

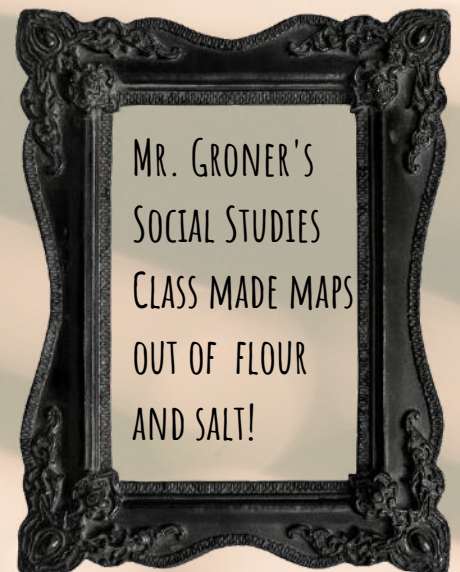
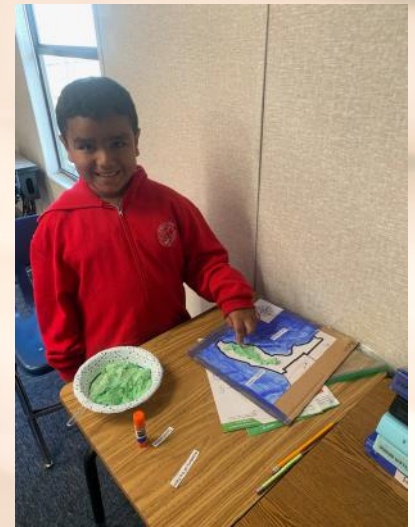
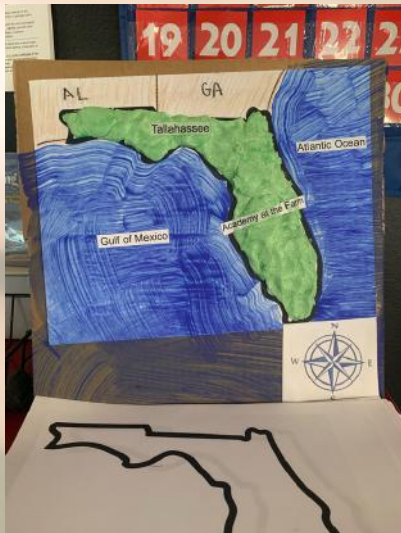
I prefer playing on the slide because it is fast.

I like playing on the slide.

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PRESLEY BARR LIKES TO GO DOWN THE SLIDE!



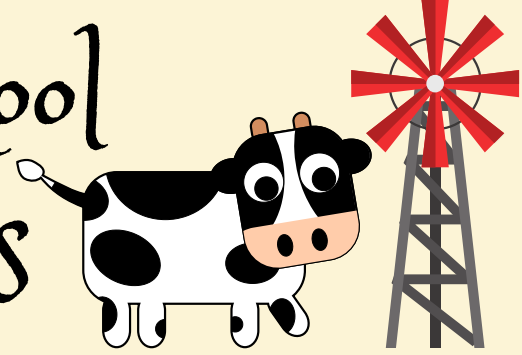
INTERMEDIATE

CANDID MOMENTS





Middle School Adventures



WHAT'S NEW WITH OUR SPECTACULAR STUDENTS?



On December 18th, the Middle School street hockey team won the championship in the Winter Fest Lightning Street Hockey Tournament. The team went undefeated for the day! In January, Mrs. Picone's Reading students are starting a Realistic Fiction unit and learning about why reading fiction is important to our brains and social and emotional development. Several of our AATF students will be attending the NSR Winter Type Conference in Perry, GA this month for a hog show. Nature Club will be starting up again on Wednesday afternoons beginning on January 12th. Mrs. Minsberg will also be starting her Science study groups each morning in her classroom at 7:30 beginning on January 10th. This is open to all 7th and 8th grade students who want extra practice with Science concepts.

Several of our FFA members attended an FFA Leadership Conference in December. Emeley Poblick, President of our FFA Chapter, reports the following information from this event:

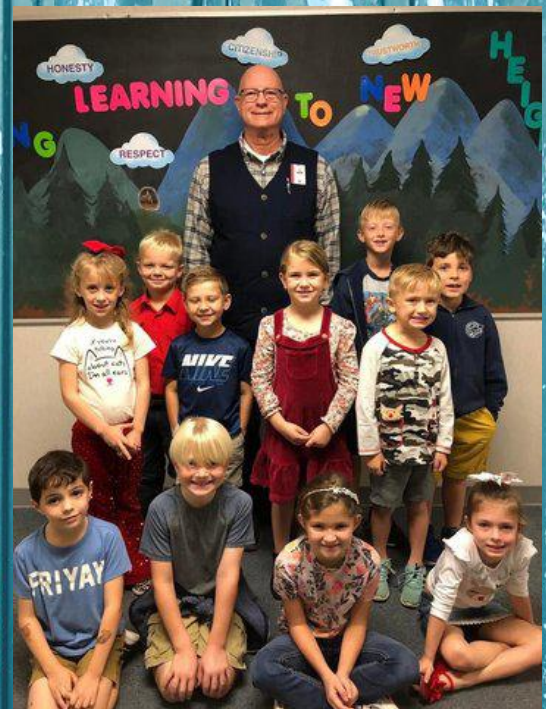
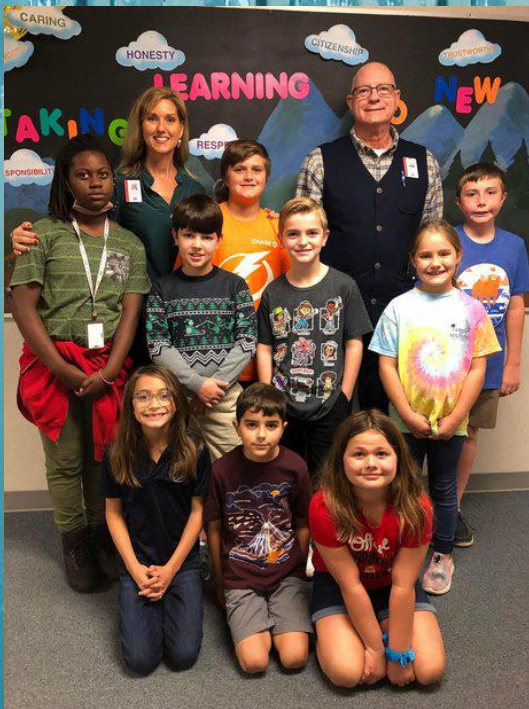
The Middle School Conference our group attended was a great experience for myself and some of my fellow FFA members. We got to go and stay at the Leadership Training Center for the weekend. When we arrived we got to explore the area, went to the introduction and met the Florida FFA Officers. They were all very upbeat and fun to be around. After this we got to enjoy dinner together. After dinner, we attended our first session. The theme of this conference was "Kung Fu Panda". The topic we were discussing in this session was communication and leadership. We got to do an activity where you and a teammate recreate different scenarios and see how other people recreate them. Afterwards we had time to reflect on what we learned about communication and how to properly communicate. Then we had an ice cream social. This was especially fun for me and Elizabeth because we love to dance and they had many songs playing that we could dance to. Once the social was over we went into Reflections. This is a time where you are in a calm and forced mindset. We talked about the session we just had, reflected on it and talked about the important part that we should take away from it. We got to go back to our cabin and have some free time with our friends. Me, Elizabeth, Mischa, Sydney, and Anna just chilled and talked for the rest of the night till lights out.

During our first session on the second day, we talked more about communication, but in a different aspect. One activity we did was an obstacle course that involved some things from the movie Kung Fu Panda. In the second session we did a get to know each other activity, but it also had things to do with memory. You shared some details about yourself and handed someone else a ball of yarn until everyone shared and you were in a big mess and had to find a way out of a yarn web. I had so much fun at this conference and would definitely recommend it to other people to go and see what it's all about. This was a conference where I learned a lot about being a good leader, being a good member in my community, and communicating with others.





Academy at the Farm Where Character Grows



HERE'S A LOOK AT
OUR STUDENTS OF THE
MONTH!



MR. POLK'S KIDS



Spotlight on Staff

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH ACADEMY AT THE FARM'S FRESH NEW FACES!

I teach seventh grade Language Arts and Creative Writing. I was born and raised right here in East Pasco. I am a third generation graduate of Zephyrhills High School. I graduated from Saint Leo University with a degree in middle grades education with an English specification. I am an avid reader and a proud nerd! I enjoy reading realistic fiction or fantasy. My favorite book is A Wrinkle in Time. When I'm not reading, you can find me playing video games, kayaking, playing board games, cross-stitching, or doing pretty much anything that gets me out of the house. I am so happy to call Academy At The Farm her new home.



My name is Lauren Garren, otherwise known as Ms. Garren. I currently teach 8th grade English Language Arts and Creative Writing. I may be a familiar face to some as I used to be the IA for Mrs. Beatty's Intermediate writing class. I'm a recent graduate from the University of South Florida, where I got both my Bachelor's Degree in English and my Master's degree in Teaching English Language Arts. This is my first year teaching, and I'm so excited that it's here at Academy at the Farm!

I grew up in the area. I am a mother to a four year old son who also attends AATF. I have a passion for serving and using my experiences to help others, which is why I love being here! I always take on challenges that could better serve me and find try to find positivity in the ones that don't. My hobbies are everything outdoors -I love being in nature! Nothing is a coincidence! Timing is impeccable; we're all made with a purpose.





My name is Suzy DeAugustino and I am an Interventionist here. I really enjoy being able to help kids find strategies that work for them to be successful. I am married with three adult children, one grandchild, and I enjoy reading as a pastime and spending time in my pool. Being able to teach at Academy at the Farm has been a true blessing. This school is truly a family and the respect and caring that is shown to all students and faculty makes it an enjoyable place to work.

Years ago, this New York City girl, Millie Esoff, came to work at a small school called Academy at the Farm. Coming from the city I must admit it was a bit of a culture shock. There was only one classroom per grade. We had a pig we called Miss Piggy, who would escape and roam on my P.E. field. Our faculty and staff meetings were held in Mrs. Dwyer's room, which is now Mrs. Mckendree's room. We all sat around those tiny tables and managed to fit on those tiny chairs. The decision to work at the Academy would change my life forever. The Academy would become my second family; not just faculty and staff, but the students and their families. I have shared many of my life events, some good and some bad, with my second family. When my husband died of cancer fourteen years ago, I received the love and support you typically only get from family. I received it then and continue to receive it today. Our former Director, Dr. Rom, helped me see that life would be ok. He was right. I'm more than ok. I'm great. Today I continue to be blessed with our Director Mr. Polk. Before the Pandemic on Mondays, Mr Polk would invite me to be a part of his family for Monday night dinners. He made me feel like family. So much so that I opened the door to their home and would say "mom and dad I'm home!" Thank you Mr and Mrs Polk for your hospitality. No matter what team I belong to at school, middle school then and now intermediate, they have always embraced me with love. They accept me for who I am and everyone knows I can be crazy in a fun way. Thank you for helping me with advice, It wasn't easy becoming a single parent to three teenage boys at the time. They are now men and made me a grandmother of three. Thank you for your love and compassion! Thank you for being you and letting me be me. I have always looked forward to getting up every morning and coming to work. The students embrace me with hugs, high fives, and smiles! I love my job and love the place I call my second family...Academy at the Farm.

More about Millie

WE ASKED LONG-TIME ATHLETIC COACH, MILLIE ESOFF, ABOUT HER FIRST EXPERIENCES HERE AT THE FARM. ...THIS IS WHAT SHE HAD TO SAY!



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No school on
Monday, January 17th

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- March 11th
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- May 20th






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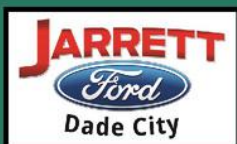
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8th Annual**

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Friday, January 21, 2022

7:45-8:45am Registration
9:00am Shotgun Start
1:00pm Lunch

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The Extended Day Assistants work with grades KG - 8th. This position is part-time Monday-Friday from 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm, not to exceed 29 hours per week.

Maintenance:

The candidate will perform general maintenance for the school campus including some electrical, plumbing and repair work inside buildings. This position is full time with benefits.

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