# The School District of Osceola County, Florida

##### Mill Creek Elementary School


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Greetings Gator Family,

It is time for us to start preparing for the 2023 – 2024 school year. This year, our school theme is ***“Get in the Game”***. We will use this theme to energize parents, teachers, community members and most importantly scholars as we work together towards success. This theme was selected to foster the team spirit that athletes embody with their teammates, coaches, and spectators. This year, we will work together as a community to ensure our gators success.

As we start our 2023 - 2024 journey, we are excited about continuing our clubs and field trip experiences for our scholars. Our first family engagement event will be our **Open House** which will be held on **August 9, 2023 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.** During this time, you will get to meet the teachers, administration, and support staff. The **first day of school for scholars is** **August 10, 2023**. **Classroom instruction** **begins at 8:20 daily**. **On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday** **school ends at 3:15**. **On Wednesday, school ends at 2:15.** Scholars may arrive on campus starting at 7:50 a.m. for breakfast daily.

We will continue to enhance our focus on our Environmental Management and Energy programming. This focus will allow us to bring eco-friendly learning opportunities focused in understanding the structure and the functioning of the environment, the Earth, and how humans fit in. This will promote outdoor learning experiences and improve our campus environment.

As you prepare for the upcoming school year, remember that we are a uniform school district.

* Shirts shall consist of a long or short-sleeved navy blue, hunter green or white collared shirt, such as a polo, oxford, or dress shirt.
* Bottoms shall consist of navy blue, black, or khaki (tan) pair of long pants, skirts, walking shorts, slacks, skorts, jumper, or similar clothing and must be denim, corduroy, or twill fabric.
* When outer garments with a hood are worn, the hoods must be removed from the head, while on school property or school sponsored event. No outer garments without zippers or buttons may be worn on school property unless the outer garment is a school sponsored item. **Hoodies/sweatshirts must have a zipper.**
* Reference the student code of conduct for additional dress code expectations.

The first week of school can be very busy for us all. I am asking in advance for your patience and understanding as we work together to welcome our scholars. Parents will not be allowed to walk scholars to class on the first day. We do encourage parents to sign-up as a volunteer for our school at https://www.osceolaschools.net/oasis. We will have multiple opportunities for you to volunteer and collaborate with us on campus. We look forward to your continued support and partnership as we ***“Get in the Game”*** this school year.

Thank you,

Latricia Pinder

Principal

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Catherine Hiltunen

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**Mission Statement**

*Working as a team, the parents, community, and staff will challenge our students to become healthy, responsible, self-motivated individuals who are lifelong learners in a diverse society.*

