



Wards Creek Elementary 6555 SR 16, St. Augustine, FL 32092 March/April 2015

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OUR VISION IS TO: Be a school Where Children Excel by developing strong character and a passion for lifelong learning.

OUR MISSION IS TO: Engage Learners to Excel in Life and Embrace Leadership to Enhance our Local and global society.

OUR CORE VALUES

We believe that:

- The Character Counts Pillars of Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship are essential qualities to model and instill in our students.
- The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People are the foundation for developing leaders.
- All individuals are valuable and can make meaningful contributions.
- A caring and compassionate learning environment will support the needs of the whole child and inspire all to reach their full potential.
- Leaders are life-long learners.

THE SEVEN HABITS OF HAPPY KIDS

1. Be Proactive – I am in charge!
 2. Begin with the end in mind – Have a plan!
 3. Put first things first – Work first, then play!
 4. Think win/win – There's plenty for all!
 5. Seek first to understand, then to be understood – Listen before you speak!
 6. Synergize – Together is better!
 7. Sharpen the saw – Balance feels best!
- BONUS:**
8. Find your voice, and inspire others to find theirs – I'm on a mission!

Jarrell's Journal

Hi Warrior Families!

We are entering the final quarter of the school year and the next few weeks will be jam-packed with many important events and activities. We appreciate your partnership and support as we end the year on a high note.

Our end of year assessments are upon us and we are excited to see the growth in our students. We appreciate our parents for ensuring that your children are present and on time daily. We also need to remind you that we cannot interrupt a testing session to check a student out early. Please check with your teachers for their assessment schedule if you have upcoming appointments.

Some fun stuff is on the calendar too. We have field trips, celebrations, PE field days, and our spring carnival, just to name a few. Be sure to check out the calendar and join us for the memory making moments!

Edie Jarrell, Learning Leader

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

March

- 23-25 - Art Assessment for K-5th grades
- 26-27 - Math FSA for 3rd and 4th grades
- 30 - Art Assessment for K-5th grades
- 31-1 - Reading FSA for 3rd and 4th grades

April

- 2 - Art Assessment for K-5th grades
- 3 - Good Friday - no school
- 6-10 - Music Assessment for K-5th grades
- 13-17 - Math FSA for 5th grades
- 13 - SAC
- 20-24 - Reading FSA for 5th grades
- 29-30 - Science FCAT for 5th grades



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May

- 1-23 - Discovery Ed Reading/Math for K-3rd grades
- 13 - Field Day for 4th & 5th grades
- 18 - Safety Leader Field Trip
- 20 - Field Day for 2nd & 3rd grades
- 26-4 - Science Assessment for K-4th
- 26-4 - Social Studies Assessment for K-5th
- 27 - Field Day for K & 1st
- 27 - 5th grade Graduation

June

- 2 - 5th grade Talent Show
- 3 - 5th grade Celebration
- 3 - 5th grade Clap Out
- 4 - Last day of school



PTO Update

We have had a tremendous year for Box Tops! Thank you all who clipped and saved each and every one. A big thanks to Nicola Parimucha and Karen Towns who take care of everything! You two are wonderful!

We are happy to report that the Daddy Daughter dance was a huge success! We are thinking about a Mother Son dance for next year. If you have any thoughts, please let us know!

On March 26th from 5:30 to 7:30 is Chickfila night for Wards Creek Elementary. The school receives 10% of all monies collected even at the drive thru. And, it's okay to ask for extra pickles!

On April 15th, we are planning another soup and sandwich luncheon for teacher and staff appreciation. We can't thank you enough!

Don't forget The Spring Festival on Friday, May 15. By now all classrooms have chosen the theme for the baskets. Please contact your homeroom parent for details.

Ricke Ricciardelli
President, WCE PTO

Second Grade Community Service Project

Thank you Wards Creek students, families and friends!

We **Began with the End in Mind** and **Synergized** to raise over \$1,100.00 to benefit Relay for Life!

The second grade students and teachers thank you for your generosity and support!



The Student Tutorials system is now available at www.floridastudents.org. There are currently more than 1,900 web-based resources reviewed and prepared for publication covering all grade levels and content areas, including language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. The roll-out of Florida educator-developed student tutorials will be continuous with nearly 500 focused, standards-aligned tutorials to follow the initial publication. We will provide periodic updates as they become available. The Student Tutorials system is a student-centered resource designed to assist a student with specific, standards-aligned content to supplement classwork. The tutorials and resources will be publicly available with no log-in required.

Annual St. Johns County Easter Egg Hunts and Easter Bunny Visits

The St. Johns County Recreation and Parks Department is hosting Easter Egg Hunts and Easter Bunny visits for residents with children ages 8 and younger at locations throughout the community in April. The first events are scheduled for 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 2 at Veterans Park, 1332 Veterans Parkway, and at Palencia Park, 405 Palencia Village Dr. The Easter Bunny will make a special appearance at 10:30 a.m. and the hunts will begin promptly at 11 a.m. Two additional Easter Egg Hunts are scheduled for 11 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, April 4 at Treaty Park, 1595 Wildwood Drive, and Al Wilkie Park, 6140 Main St. The Easter Bunny will make a special appearance at 11 a.m. and the hunts will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. All Easter Egg hunts are for children ages 8 and younger. Participants are encouraged to bring Easter baskets to hold all of the candy filled eggs, and parents are reminded to not forget their cameras. For additional information, please call 904.209.0377.

April 2 Easter Egg Hunts

10:30 a.m. - Palencia Park, 405 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine

10:30 a.m. - Veterans Park, 1332 Veterans Parkway, St. Johns

April 4 Easter Egg Hunts

11 a.m. - Al Wilkie Park, 6140 Main Street, Hastings

11 a.m. - Treaty Park, 1595 Wildwood Drive, St. Augustine

Extended Day Early Registration is right around the corner!

Pre-Registration fees for the Extended Day Enrichment program for needed care will be \$50.00 per child

beginning May 1st through June 1st.

The payment is due by June 1st in order to retain the \$25.00 savings for registration. Our care fees **this year did not increase!** Pick up a brochure/registration form with all our info in the school's front office or online.

If you have any questions please contact Cassie Messenger at casie.messenger@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Parent Survey

The Florida Department of Education is working with school districts to gather information on how well parents think their child's school is partnering with parents of students with disabilities, and would like to include your input. Your responses will help guide efforts to improve services and results for children and families. All parents of children with disabilities and a current IEP (PK to 12th grade) are invited to participate in this survey. The survey is opened from February 1, 2015 to May 31, 2015. **Please visit www.ESESurvey.com to complete the survey.**

We are excited to welcome all rising 6th grade families to our Pacetti Bay 5th grade Open House Thursday, May 28th.

5:30 – 6:00 meet and greet with our 6th grade teachers. At 6:15 p.m. parents are welcomed to attend our informational orientation that will be held in the auditorium.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

Go Wildcats!

Middle School Orientation
For 5th Graders
Pacetti Bay Middle School

Wednesday, May 27 Mill Creek Elem. (9:30 – 11:30 Bus Pick-Up and Return)
5th Grade Student Daytime Orientation/Tour

Thursday, May 28 Wards Creek & Palencia Elem. (9:30 – 11:30 Bus Pick-Up and Return)
5th Grade Student Daytime Orientation/Tour

Thursday, May 28 **Parent Orientation Night** (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
All parents of 5th Grade students are invited

Wards Creek Elementary



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Kevin Klein, Assistant Principal

Calling all Ward's Creek Parents, Grandparents, and Community Members:

We need your help! Testing is right around the corner for KG to 5th Graders and Wards Creek Elementary is in need of Proctors. Proctors are "another set of eyes" during each testing session, making sure that students are in the right place and following the teacher's directions. They will not be administering the test.

Testing will take place March 5 – May 21. District policy states that we have a proctor in each testing room. Proctors for testing can be anyone who is willing to volunteer, and who has been approved through the district to volunteer at Wards Creek Elementary. To sign up to volunteer at Wards Creek Elementary School, you may visit the school's homepage and under "Quick Links" click on "School Access Form." The volunteer application is easy to fill out and is usually approved within two weeks of submission.

If you are interested in proctoring, please sign-up using the following link or return the form below to WCES:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945ABAC2AA13-testing>

Please plan on arriving at Wards Creek Elementary no later than 8:15 on the date(s) that you signed up to volunteer and sign in at the front desk. You will then report directly to the Classroom you will be proctoring in. Please note that you will be assigned to proctor in a Classroom that does not have any "relatives" per the following Testing guideline:

Test administrators must NOT administer the assessment(s) to their family members. In addition, under no circumstances may a student's parent/guardian be present in a student's testing room.

There will be a brief training upon your arrival at Wards Creek on the date(s) you will be proctoring. We look forward to a successful testing season.

Thanks,

Leanne Adolf
(904) 547-8743

Yes! I have been approved as a volunteer at Ward's Creek Elementary, and I would be willing to volunteer as a testing proctor:

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ **e-mail:** _____

Child's name and teacher (if applicable): _____

Date(s) available to Proctor: _____

Note from our ILC

Hi Warrior Families,

We have spent the last ten newsletters exploring the ten anchor standards in reading! These guiding standards will be important to keep in mind as students progress through their K-12 educational careers. So after a large focus on reading...let's do some math! While each grade level has a specific set of content standards (these standards can be found at <http://flstandards.org/>), there are also an additional eight standards that also span K-12 education. These standards are known as the *Standards for Mathematical Practice* and are what I like to refer to as "habits of good mathematicians." I will take the next eight newsletters to explore each of these eight standards and give you some suggestions how to encourage your child in mathematics.

Standards for Mathematical Practice' Standard 1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

This standard has two parts. First, students learn to "making sense of problems." When we think about mathematically proficient students, they are able to explain the meaning of a problem and look for entry points to its solution. Students should independently check their answers using different methods, and continually ask themselves, "Does this make sense?"

The second part of this standard encourages students to "persevere in solving problems." To achieve this students need opportunities to engage in productive struggle through problems and not give up! We look for students who monitor and evaluate their progress throughout the problem solving process and change their strategy if necessary. Students who persevere believe in themselves and keep trying beyond their first attempt.

So what can you do? Here are a few suggestions to help your child makes sense of problems and preservers in solving them:

- **Ask questions, don't give answers:** We can often times think we are helping our child when we jump in with an answer, quicker method, or different way. Resist the urge to jump in and rescue your child. Instead ask questions such as: *What do you understand about this problem? What are you still wondering? Does that make sense? Is there another way you could solve this? How can you use what you already know to solve what you don't know?*
- **Praise your child's effort, not correctness:** In the book Mindset: The New Psychology of Success, author Carol Dweck explains that we should praise children for qualities they can control, like effort. Children praised for their "intelligence" or "innate brainpower" can develop the sense that hard work isn't necessary.
- **Model preserving and taking risks:** Consider expressing your excitement when a problem is challenging. Challenging problems are an opportunity to grow!
- **Stay calm, and contact the teacher:** Instead of throwing your hands up at the "new math" and telling your child to just do it the way you did, take a deep breath and contact your child's teacher. They are your best resource!

Above all, resist the urge to tell your child "I was never good at math!" Unfortunately this phrase has become acceptable in our society (yet we would scoff at someone who said "I'm not good at reading"). Keeping a positive attitude about math will help your child tremendously!

As always please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns!

Claire Riddell

Instructional Coach

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“Comfort for Canines”



This year our Kindergarten classes at Wards Creek have begun a community service project to help our local animal shelters and we need your help!

How you can help:

Clean out your closet and throw in the towel! The shelters are in need of these items: *Blankets, towels, fleece throws, pet beds, and baby blankets.*

Think soft, absorbent, and not too bulky... things you'd wash at home. Items that can cushion the bottoms of crates and kennels, and keep dogs' noses, paws and ears dry.

Items that are not so good to donate:

- *For the most part, shelters do not want bed sheets – they are not absorbent enough and do not stand up to repeated laundering. Anything too bulky is difficult for the shelter staffs to manage; this precludes comforters, bedspreads, heavy area rugs, queen or king-sized quilts and mattress covers.*
- *No pillows at all.*
- *No electric blankets, please, unless the cords are removed.*
- *No clothes, please!*

Feel free to start sending in these items now. You can either send it in with your child, leave it at the front desk, or walk it in to your child's classroom. Thank you so much for your help and support. Look for an update soon after our first drop off to the shelters!



The Kindergarten Team

News from the Art Room:

Art walk coming up in May! This year, instead of the framed art show, warrior artwork will be on display for an art walk. The art walk will take place on the same night as the book fair, Thursday, May 7th. Be sure to mark your calendar and come check out the amazing artwork our warriors have produced. The theme of the art walk is "under the sea." Each student will have a work of art displayed. There will be nothing to purchase, just artwork to enjoy! Hope to see you then!

In other art news, the art leaders have been hard at work on a very special community art project. We were invited to participate in the 450th *Compassion through the Eyes of a Child* obelisk art project. Each elementary school in St. Johns County has received a 4' wooden model of the obelisk that stands on the Plaza de la Constitution in St. Augustine, commemorating the Spanish Constitution of 1812. The four tenets of the Constitution were Compassion, Human Rights, Freedom, and Democracy. These tenets align nicely with St. Johns County school district's pillars of Character Counts. The obelisks will be designed and painted by students and displayed around St. John's County throughout the summer. In the fall they will join larger 8ft obelisks, painted by professional artists, for a major art exhibit. The obelisks will finally be returned to each school to be kept as part of the school's permanent collection and as a reminder of the commitment made by our students to the four tenets of Compassionate St. Augustine. Be sure to look for the obelisk painted by Wards Creek's art leader while you are out and about this summer!

Kindergarten

Registration

Information



Early registration for the 2015-2016 school year has kicked off! Please visit our site at

<http://www-wce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/>

to sign up for an appointment. Please be sure to bring your child with you at the time of your appointment. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. King @

Christina.King@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

PE Hut Update!

- Andrew Johnson finished 1st in the Junior Gate River Run! Congrats Andrew!
- Creek Side High School Elementary Track Meet is April 1st Sign up now!
- The First Coast Kids Triathlon is May 2nd and 3rd It's not too late to register for the race!
<http://www.kidstriathloninc.org/jacksonville-kids-triathlon.html>
- 2015 7 Habits Field Day is around the corner. I need volunteers to make field day a big success! Come on out and enjoy some fun in the sun!
 - 4th - 5th Grade is May 13, 9:0 - 11:30
 - 2nd - 3rd Grade May 20, 9:00 - 11:30
 - K - 1st Grade May 27, 9:00 - 11:30

Clinic Needs!

Our Clinic is in need of the following donations!

- Animal crackers
- Saltine crackers
- Goldfish and
- Bathroom size water cups

Thank you!



We continue to accept donations as our local Girl Scout Troop is currently feeding 3 families each week by sending home a backpack of food. It truly does take a village. THANK YOU! Mrs. King



Wards Creek Showing Spirit in Orlando

In March four of the newest members of Zone Cheer represented our school! Their team, Shimmer placed 4th in the All Star Challenge National Championships!

Way to go girls! We are so proud of you!



Pictured from left to right: Olivia Hill, Ava Berry, Ella Hill, & Chloe King.



Are you using our parent portal Home Access Center (HAC)? This is a wonderful tool for parents and students to stay in the know of attendance, grades, assessments, change personal information, and much more! Previously, this was only offered to grades 3rd and higher but now you can see all students no matter what the grade level! We will host our re-registration process on this system later in the year so it's a great idea to get on and familiarize yourself with the system. If you are unsure what your username and password is please submit a request from your email on file to Christina.King@stjohns.k12.fl.us

<https://parents.stjohns.k12.fl.us/HomeAccess/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2fhomeaccess>



Hello, All!

Another successful regional Tournament for Odyssey of the Mind is in the books, and we have so much to celebrate!! Forty-Nine teams from all over northeast and north central Florida from kindergarten through high school competed at Pacetti on Saturday. Two of our teams earned top honors and are headed to STATE at UCF on April 11th. We are also excited that two teams from Pacetti which include many of our former Odyssey Warriors will be joining us!

Please help me in congratulating these students, parents, and teachers!

Odyssey Warriors Division I:

<p>SILVER MEDAL!!</p> <p>Problem #1: Runaway Train Coached by Mrs. Drost & Mrs. Noble Lindsey Mize Lucy Noble Tiffany Rodriguez Emma Reed Darcy Kavanaugh Jonathan Karneol</p>	<p>6TH PLACE!</p> <p>Problem #3: Pandora's Box Coached by Sandy Carns Sydney Carns Astrid Hjort Carson Reynolds Megha Kalappa Ocean Johnson Panagiotis Vasileiadis Peter Lemos</p>
<p>GOLD MEDAL! GOING TO STATE TOURNAMENT!</p> <p>Problem #2: Technical Difficulties Coached by Ms. Boardway & Mrs. Lasswell CaitlinLasswell Ryan Hanuk Christy Shao Bella Shields Grace Smith Hannah Darnell Dawson Therre</p>	<p>5TH PLACE!</p> <p>Problem #5: Silent Movie Coached by Mrs. Gilliam Riley Smith Kaleigh Downs George Pappas Larissa Glynn Pryanna Pradhan Grace Kennedy Amelia Gilliam</p>
<p>GOING TO STATE TOURNAMENT!</p> <p>Primary: Wacky Weather Warning Coached by Elizabeth Glynn Ally Vickery Alathea Glynn Issabelle Lewis Aiden O'Dell</p>	

ODYSSEY THANK YOUS!

Thank you to the following parents and staff members for making Tournament Day so successful.

- **Coaches:** Emmaleigh Boardway, Amy Lasswell, Elizabeth Glynn, Yvonne Drost, Maegen Noble, Sandy Carns, and Gretchin Gilliam
- **Volunteer Judges:** Lisa Brennan, Heather Clubb, Becky Capezzer, DJ Prater, Prescott Glynn
- **Tournament Day Volunteers:** Anu Shinkre, Emmaleigh Boardway, Emily Lemos, Jan Hanak, Kelly Vickery, Tara Kennedy, Yvonne Pradhan
- **And thank you to the following staff members for their support of the program:** Mrs. Jarrell, Mrs. Wells, Miss Lena, Mr. Lundquist, Mrs. Klein, and Mrs. Stone!
- And last, but not least... Thank you to all the **PARENTS** who got their students to all of our practices, took them to Home Depot to buy supplies, helped them run lines, and so much more to get us ready for the tournament. You all are amazing!

SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM

Parents,

Pre-applications for the summer Marine Science Program were sent to all elementary and middle schools in the district to be passed out during the week of February 23rd. However, if your child did not receive a pre-application, they may still apply. You can download a pre-application, get all parent information, and view a video of the program by going to the Gamble Rogers Middle School website and clicking on the Marine Science link. Any questions can be answered by emailing John Gordon at john.gordon@stjohns.k12.fl.us.


This summer program is available to all students currently in grades five through eight and has been sponsored by the school district since 1982. All instructors in the program are St. Johns County School District teachers.

Three 8 day sessions are held at Gamble Rogers Middle School School with bus transportation provided. The three sessions are June 8th to June 18th, June 22nd to July 2nd, and July 6th to July 16th. Small classes of 12 – 14 students are separated by grade level.

The Marine Science Program is a carefully designed experience for responsible students who are interested in learning about our local marine environments. Learning is “hands on” in the field. Students access various marine environments while kayaking, canoeing, boating, hiking, biking, snorkeling, surfing, windsurfing, sailing, and SUP’s (stand up paddleboards).


If your child is selected for the program, a final application form will be mailed out from the district office in April.

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Press Release

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St. Augustine Youth Services to Observe April National Child Abuse Prevention Month**Pinwheel 2nd Annual Parade” March against Child Abuse – April 11th**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and since 1989, people nationwide wear the blue ribbon and carry blue pinwheels in April to create awareness of the need to keep kids safe and families strong.

The “**2nd Annual Parade” Pinwheel March against Child Abuse** will be on April 11th at the SAYS Hutson Family Campus from 10:00-11:30am. There will be a ceremonial “parade” around the campus, free children’s activities, parenting information and people on hand to answer questions about resources available in St. Johns County.

The St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office will land their helicopter (pending weather conditions), Sheriff Explorers will be providing information about the program and passing out fingerprint kits to parents, and two deputies from the Crisis Negotiation Team will be here with their command center.

Also Luli’s Cupcakes will bring their mobile cupcake house with cake pops for sale. Beverages and snacks will be provided by SAYS.

“April is a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children,” says Schuyler Siekfer, SAYS Executive Director. “Everyone’s participation is critical. Focusing on ways to build and promote the protective factors, in every interaction with children and families, is the best thing our community can do to prevent child maltreatment and promote optimal child development.”

School and community groups are welcome to participate. For more information, contact Robin Burchfield at robinb@sayskids.org or 904-829-1770.

Community Garden Day – April 11th

Calling all gardeners! Please come to SAYS, immediately following the Pinwheel Parade Against Child Abuse, from 11:30am – 1:30pm to help us with our Butterfly Garden and Sauls Family Vegetable Garden.

No experience is necessary. This is a great way to earn community service hours and have fun at the same time.