



Wards Creek Elementary 6555 SR 16, St. Augustine, FL 32092 Oct.-Nov. 2014

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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,

As fall breezes begin to pick up, so does the pace of our academic year. I know you are amazed, as am I with the incredible growth you can already see in your children. Each morning we celebrate Warriors who have met learning goals and I am so proud of our students' efforts and perseverance to accomplish feats of greatness every day. Our standards-based curriculum is rigorous and challenging, but with the support of our committed teachers, our students are tackling the challenges and proving that they are capable of meeting these new expectations. The first quarter is coming to an end in a couple of weeks and report cards will be going home. Please be sure to request a conference with the teacher if you have any concerns.

We have some exciting events coming up on the calendar. Thursday, 10/23 is our Spooktacular event. Join us to shop at the Bookfair, meet our local business owners, hear seasonal stories read by our staff members, and have a really great time. On October 29th, we will host our 4th Annual Leadership Day. This is a special day when our students showcase their leadership and share the great things they are learning. This year, we are very excited that Sean Covey will be our special guest. He is the author of *The 7 Habits of Happy Kids*.

On October 31st, we will enjoy our Literacy Parade. Students will select a favorite book and dress as one of the characters. We will parade around the bus loop with our books to celebrate our love for reading!

We are grateful for your ongoing support and partnership!

Edie Jarrell, Learning Leader

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October

- 17 - Dictionary Day - share your favorite word
- 20 - Picture retakes
- 20 - 24 - BookFair
- 23 - Spooktacular
- 24 - Teacher Planning Day
- 29 - Leadership Day
- 31 - Literacy Parade
- 31 - Report Cards

November

- 7 - PTO Board Meeting
- 7 - Wear Fall Colors
- 11 - Veterans Day
- 14 - Native American Day
- 14 - Mother/Son Event
- 20 - Thanksgiving Lunch - K,2nd,4th grade parents invited
- 21 - Pilgrim Day -
- 26 - 28 - Thanksgiving Break

December

- 5 - Disney Day - wear your favorite Disney stuff
- 8 - SAC meeting
- 12 - Zoo Day - wear animal print
- 19 - Holiday Sweater Day
- 21 - Jan 2 - Winter Break (dismissal at 1:50)



News from the Art Room

Looking for some great holiday gift ideas? Look no further! WCES Artists have been working hard to create bright and beautiful art for this year's Square 1 art fundraiser. Look for information about the fundraiser coming home on October 17th! Families have until November 5th to send paper orders with cash or checks in to Ms. Tarmey. Or, order online at www.square1art.com with credit or debit cards. Online orders will be accepted until November 10th. All art products will be shipped by November 21st, right in time for the holidays!

This year, the Square 1 fundraiser will be the ONLY art fundraiser. We will NOT be doing the framed art show at the end of the school year. If you were really looking forward to purchasing your child's framed artwork at the art show in May, there are options available with the Square 1 Art fundraiser to purchase your child's artwork matted, in a frame, or printed on canvas. You can also get your child's artwork printed on a variety of other items- on a phone case, ceramic tile, t-shirt, Christmas ornament, or pillow case, to name a few!

Even though we won't be doing the framed art show in May, we WILL be having a different type of art event in May: an art walk. Every class will have artwork displayed someplace in the school for the night of the spring book fair. Parents and students who come to the book fair that night, will have the opportunity to go on an art walk around the school to see what the WCES artists have been hard at work creating.

Thank you very much for supporting your young artist(s) and the art program at WCES!

Sincerely,
Amy Tarmey
Art Leader

Note from our ILC

Dear Families of Wards Creek Elementary,

Happy Fall! As promised, this year I am continuing to share information about each of the Florida Standards, Anchor Standards for Reading. (Just a reminder: These are the standards that guide Kindergarten through 12th grade students in becoming college and career ready.) Last month I shared Standard Seven. This month we will examine Standard Eight of The Florida Standards for Reading. Anchor Standard Eight reads:

Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, including the validity of the reasoning as well as the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.

This standard only applies to informational/nonfiction text and really has to do with students being smart consumers of information presented in print and digital text. In Kindergarten, students are identifying the reasons an author gives to support points in a text and this standard continues to progress throughout the grades. In third grade students are asked to describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text and then by fifth grade students are asked to explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text, identifying which reasons and evidence support which point(s). This same standard continues to develop in middle and high school.

To support your child in achieving this standard, consider asking your child the following questions about what they are reading:

- How does the author support his/her point?
- Does the author convince you of his/her argument? If so, how? If not, why not?
- What evidence does the author provide to support his/her argument?

Consider encouraging your child to find informational texts on subjects that he or she is interested in. A great way to do this is through text pairing. "Text pairing" can be used when students are reading a piece of literature and they find an informational text that would help them build background knowledge or learn more about a person, place, historical event, or time period to help them understand the literature more deeply.

Happy Reading,

Claire Riddell

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Safety Leader Updates!



Our Safety Leaders are working on many projects around the school this month. They were asked to memorize the Safety Leader Pledge and pass a belt test. Once they completed this task they were awarded a coveted BADGE! Congratulations to those who have completed this task! Some of the first to earn their badges were Tyler Moltisanti, Dawson Therre, Jonathan Karneol, & Kalesha Lovejoy!



Our next meeting/rotation will be on Wednesday, November 5th.

THANK YOU! Girl Scouts 4 Kids (GS4K)



Girl Scout Troop 935 have been providing backpacks of food each week for needy families. This service project is helping them earn their Bronze Award. The troop hopes to extend the program to other schools in the future. Their ultimate goal is to establish a county wide program that all Girl Scouts can run. The program is being called Girl Scouts 4 Kids (GS4K). Thank you Troop 935! You are making a difference!

Mrs. King
Homeless Liaison for Wards Creek

LEADERSHIP DAY

We are so excited to showcase student leadership on Wednesday, October 29th! We hope you can join us!



STUDENT LEADER SPOTLIGHT



October 2014

Wards Creek Elementary Safety Leaders work very hard every day performing leadership duties all over the school. I received this letter from a parent and just had to share. Thank you Lexi for your dedication!

Letter from a parent:

I wanted to let you know what a great job all of the Safety Leaders do. I am always so impressed by them, but I wanted to especially tell you how one of them has made such a big impact on our family. I believe her name is Lexi. She is one of the Pre-K Safety Leaders who walks in my son, Caleb to class every morning. He is very unsure of many new people and I worried so much about how well a 5th grader would be able to handle him.

First off, she is very responsible and takes her job very seriously. She always keeps an eye out for our car and then comes right to the car to get Caleb. She greets him with a big smile and a very enthusiastic "Hi Caleb!" He loves it and loves her. My husband and I are so thankful. She was been a big part of his transition to Pre-K. She is very kind and very helpful.

Thank you,
Erin Loomis (Caleb's Mom)



In November Safety Leaders will host our annual food drive for needy families. Safety Leaders will collect, sort, and make boxes for each family in need. We will collect food at the morning drop off time on November 5th, 6th, and 7th. If your family is in need of assistance or you know of a family that may need assistance please contact Mrs. King @ Christina.King@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Donation Item Ideas:

- Stuffing Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Gravy
- Canned Vegetables or Fruit
- Cake Mix or fixings for a pie
- Apple juice or other juice
- Any other treats your family enjoys!

SPONSOR A BOX!

A sponsor box will help feed a family of four to five for the Holidays. If you are interested in being a sponsor please complete the below sponsor donation form.

Sponsor a Box for a Family in Need!

I would like to partner with the WCE Safety Leaders to help support needy families over the Holidays. Here is my tax-deductible gift.

Please complete this form below and send it to:

Wards Creek Safety Leaders Sponsor A Box!

Attn: Mrs. King

6555 SR 16

Saint Augustine, FL 32092

904-547-8755

My Gift \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

*** Please make checks payable to Wards Creek Elementary ***

PTO Update

Hello Warrior Families!

After proactively cancelling our Light the Torch: Family Fun Festival due to impending bad weather (which never arrived!), we had a great turn out on October 10th for this rescheduled event. We hope all of you had a good time!

Coming on October 23rd is our Spooktacular event, accompanied by the Book Fair night, Business Expo and the First Annual Wards Creek Health Fair. Our very own Nurse Kalem is working extra hard this year to keep us healthy. You will not want to miss out on this fun-filled night!

Our Mother and Son Event is November 14th. This year will have a camping theme. We will have archery, rock climbing, and so much more.

Your PTO is always planning
And we welcome your input.

Thank you,
Ricke Ricciardelli

Lost and Found

Has your child misplaced a jacket, lunchbox, or other favorite item? Please encourage your child to check the school lost and found for any missing items. We would also like to request that all jackets and lunchboxes be labeled with student names as this will prevent our lost and found from overflowing and will enable your child's lost items to be returned all the more quickly. Thank you!

EXTENDED DAY!

We now offer Online Payments!

We are pleased to offer parents *SchoolPay*, through *My Payment Network*, a convenient option for making electronic payments for your Extended Day fees! **SchoolPay** will help you to eliminate last minute check writing hassles and eliminates lost cash.

You are always in full control of your account and can make a payment at any time that is convenient for you.

No payments will be allowed without your knowledge and authorization through this secure payment system.

Each payment is followed by an email notification informing you of the student's name, purpose of the payment, and the amount of the item each time that a payment is to be processed.

Attention First Time Users:

[Create an Account Now](#)

Steps for Creating your Parent Account are:

1. Enter your child's school name (not the district)
2. Enter your child's student ID#
(This can be provided at request)
3. Enter your child's name

For payment related questions, please contact My Payment Network Customer Support Monday -Friday 8 am - 6 pm Eastern Time at 888.88.MYPAY (69729) or email customersupport@mypaynet.com

[LOG INTO](#) your Parent Account

Thanks!

Cassie Messenger

Extended Day Coordinator

Counselor's Corner

The last two weeks of Guidance have been fun-filled and enjoyed by many students, with the implementation of a six week Yoga class. Anjelica O'Shea from Yoga 4 Change has been instrumental in working with our Warriors. We are amazed with the students' enthusiasm and level of participation. We are hoping the students are sharing Yoga techniques at home!



Please feel free to contact the Guidance Department with any questions at 547-8743, leanne.adolf@St.johns.k12.fl.us , or Kimberly.peterson@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Sincerely,
Leanne Adolf
Guidance Counselor

News from the Nurse!

As you are likely aware, the United States has been experiencing a nationwide outbreak of enterovirus D68 (EV-D68) associated with severe respiratory illness that has been especially harmful to children. At the same time, you and your communities may also have questions about the Ebola virus. To address both public health concerns, the U.S. Department of Education and our federal health partners have a number of informational resources to share with you.

Almost all of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-confirmed cases this year of EV-D68 infection have been among children. Many of the children had asthma or a history of wheezing. Many parents continue to be worried about the outbreak and want information about what they can do to prevent illness and protect themselves and their families. The CDC has developed information and resources for parents about EV-D68. Please help us to address parents' questions and concerns and make them aware that these resources are available.

Below are CDC resources about EV-D68 developed for parents:

- [Web Feature](#), "What Parents Need to Know About Enterovirus D68"
- [Drop-in newsletter article \(matte article\)](#), "Parents: Learn the Facts about Enterovirus D68"
- [Fact sheet for parents](#), "What Parents Need to Know about Enterovirus D68"
- [General questions and answers for the public](#)
- [Infographic: Keep Your Child from Getting and Spreading Enterovirus D68](#)

Yesterday, the CDC issued a [press release](#) sharing news about a new lab test developed by CDC for EV-D68 which will allow more rapid testing of specimens. Because of this new test, confirmed cases of EV-D68 will appear to rise rapidly over the next 7-10 days as specimen testing accelerates. However, changes in case counts won't represent a real-time influx of new cases.

Remember too, as enterovirus season is expected to taper off, flu activity usually begins to increase in October. While there is not a vaccine to prevent illness from enterovirus, the single best way to protect against the flu is to get vaccinated each year. Many resources for parents and others can be found on the [CDC flu web site](#). CDC recommends that **ALL** children 6 months old or older get a flu vaccine.

In addition, we have all seen on the news that Ebola has been diagnosed in three patients in the United States. Here's a brief overview of what you should know about the virus:

How is Ebola transmitted?

The Ebola virus is transmitted by direct, unprotected contact with secretions or bodily fluids of an infected person, not by respiratory transmission.

What are the symptoms of the Ebola virus?

For those patients with a history of travel to the impacted regions of Africa in the prior weeks, symptoms could include a fever of greater than 38.6 degrees Celsius or 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit and additional symptoms such as severe headache, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, or unexplained hemorrhage. The incubation period for Ebola can range from 2 -21 days following exposure.

Who is most at risk of contracting the virus?

- People who have unprotected contact with blood or other body fluids of a patient known to have or suspected to have the Ebola virus
- People who live in or who have traveled to an area where the virus is active (currently the West African nations of Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone)
- People who have handled bats or non-human primates from areas where the virus is active

For more information on the Ebola virus, please visit the [Centers for Disease Control](#) (CDC).

Resources to help parents discuss Ebola with their children are available from KidsHealth: [information for parents](#), [information for kids](#), [information for teens](#)

Congratulations New Odyssey Warriors!

We are pleased to announce our Odyssey Warrior Teams for the 2014-2015 Tournament Season!!!

Problem 1:

Runaway Train!

Coached by
Mrs. Drost & Mrs. Noble

Lindsey Mize
Lauren Martell
Lucy Noble
Tiffany Rodriguez
Emma Reed
Darcy Kavanaugh
Jonathan Karneol

Problem 2:

Technical Difficulties

Coached by
Miss Boardway & Mrs. Lasswell

Caitlin Lasswell
Ryan Hanuk
Christy Shao
Bella Shields
Grace Smith
Hannah Darnell
Dawson Therre

Problem 3:

Pandora's Box

Coached by
Mrs. Carns

Sydney Carns
Astrid Hjort
Carson Reynolds
Ocean Johnson
Panagiotis Vasileiadis
Peter Lemos

Problem 5:

Silent Movie

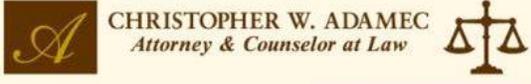
Coached by
Mrs. Gilliam

Riley Smith
Kaleigh Downs
George Pappas
Larissa Glynn
Pryanna Pradhan
Grace Kennedy
Larissa Glynn

What we've Been Up to: Teams have been hard at work analyzing their problems and are in the beginning stages of planning their performances. We will be representing Wards Creek at the first Team Skill Shop at Limelight Theater this weekend!

Creatively Yours,
Mrs. Amanda Zikos

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a unique fundraiser ☆
that celebrates your child's creativity!

SQUARE 1 ART

Coming home soon
is a Custom Catalog
that displays your
child's artwork!

preview
your child's artwork
on useful and quality
keepsakes

shop online or return the
paper order form to the school

Dear Family,

Coming home to you soon is a school sponsored fundraiser called Square 1 Art.

This fundraiser takes your child's artwork and makes it into great products for you to purchase. These products are wonderful keepsakes and gifts for family and friends. Your child has been busy making beautiful artwork that can be made into many fun products such as magnets, t-shirts, mouse pads, ornaments and much more!

The money raised from this fundraiser will enable the school to continue its efforts in supporting our students. Your help is needed for us to continue offering these opportunities to our school.

Make your child proud by purchasing their artwork on quality keepsakes and gifts!

Two Easy Ways to Order

1. Paper order form located on the back of the catalog coming home to you soon. Your child's very own artwork and name will be printed on the front!
2. Online at www.square1art.com/shop Create an online art gallery using the access code located on your catalog. Shop useful custom products that display your child's artwork!

Your Order Counts

Make a difference by helping us reach our fundraising goal. Square 1 Art is a wonderful fundraiser that celebrates your child's artwork along with helping our school.

Thank You

A huge thank you to all of the teachers, faculty, and volunteers for their help in creating this artwork with their students.



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**6th Annual
Event!**

Trick-or-Treat Trolley Old Jail Museum

Get out the costumes and enjoy the ghostly family fun! This is a great time to give your child practice for trick-or-treating before Halloween. Volunteers will be on hand throughout the grounds of the Old Jail, allowing children to have several opportunities to fill their goody bags, get used to those costumes, and have a fun time! There will be tours of the Old Jail as well as trolley rides through downtown St. Augustine.



Saturday, October 25th
10:00 am – Noon
Old Jail Museum
167 San Marco Ave
St. Augustine, FL 32084

RSVP by email: Awareness@ProjectAutismSJ.org
 Or by phone: 904-716-6657

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