



Wards Creek Elementary 6555 SR 16, St. Augustine, FL 32092 Feb/March 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 officially in testing season. Our assessment calendar is full of sessions to test every content area on every grade level. Some tests are paper and pencil, while others take place on the computer. We try to minimize the stress associated with testing, but it does impact our schedules and procedures. Most of these are required by the state and even though we don't believe in over-testing, we are required to administer these and value the data that we will obtain. Many of these tests require proctors and we would really appreciate everyone volunteering for at least one session. A proctor is just an extra set of eyes in the testing environment. Please go to the link below to sign up to proctor and thank you so much for your partnership and support.

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

Eddie Jarrell, Learning Leader

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### February

- 19 - FSA Parent Night at Valley Ridge Academy
- 19 - Cub Scout Banquet
- 20 - Daddy/Daughter Dance
- 21 - Odyssey Training for Judges/Coaches

#### March

- 5 - FSA Writing Test for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- 6-13 - PE Assessment for K-5<sup>th</sup> grades
- 7 - Odyssey Regional Tournament
- 7 - Davidson Cares 5K
- 9 - SAC
- 12 - Kindergarten Registration
- 13 - Planning Day
- 16-20 - Spring Break
- 23-25 - Art Assessment for K-5<sup>th</sup> grades
- 26-27 - Math FSA for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades
- 30 - Art Assessment for K-5<sup>th</sup> grades
- 31-1 - Reading FSA for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### April

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

#### May

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

#### June

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



## PTO Update

Boosterthon is winding down! So far we have collected 92% of the pledges. We have one more count on Wednesday, 2/18. We're hoping to hit 100%.

WCE students received pledges from 41 states, 13 countries, 64% of the students received pledges and 100% got to run in the fun run for our school. WOW!

That's a great job guys! Thanks for all your hard work. And, teachers thank you for all your help and participation.

If you want to see some handsome dads and beautiful daughters, Friday, February 20 @ 6:30 is our annual Daddy/Daughter dance. This is a great night for everyone and lots of fun. There have been some beautiful baskets donated, so make sure dad brings his wallet.

Ricke Ricciardelli  
President, WCE PTO

### News from the PE Hut

The Junior River Run practice started on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and the race will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Some other upcoming races include:

- Character Counts 3K and 6K on February 7<sup>th</sup> at Palencia
- Davidson Reality 5K and kids Fun Run on March 7<sup>th</sup>

**If your student is in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> and knows how to swim, can ride a bike, likes to run and would like to be challenged the Kid triathlon team sign-ups have started! Send your student to me for an entry form. It is due back March 10<sup>th</sup>. Practice starts March 24<sup>th</sup>.**

Let's make 2015 an active year at WCES!  
So Get Moving!  
Coach Henson

## School Advisory Council

We are in the midst of conducting our annual Needs Assessment Survey for Wards Creek. Our school's School Advisory Council (SAC) will use your input as a guide to address the needs of our school in the 2014-2015 School Improvement Plan. Please copy and paste this link into your browser:

<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=14KM3o53>

It should take you to the survey. A link to the survey can also be found on our school's website. Please take a moment to give us your feedback and comments. We appreciate your support!

SAC meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the Media Center. The meeting agenda is posted on our school's website the week prior to the meeting. All meetings are open to the public. Please feel free to join us!



### SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM

Parents,

Applications for the summer Marine Science Program were passed out at all schools during the week of February 16<sup>th</sup>. Applications were due back to science teachers by February 27<sup>th</sup>. Applications can still be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 15 at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> and click on the Marine Science link. The link also will have a complete day by day curriculum for each grade level, parent information, and a video from last year's program.

This summer program is available to all students currently in grades five through seven and has been sponsored by the school district since 1982. Three eight day sessions are held at Gamble Rogers Middle School with bus transportation provided. The dates for the three sessions this summer will be June 8<sup>th</sup> through June 18<sup>th</sup>, June 22<sup>nd</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and July 6<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup>. Small classes of 12-14 students are separated by grade level. All instructors in the program are St. Johns County School District teachers.

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 with students kayaking, canoeing, boating, hiking, snorkeling, sailing, windsurfing, surfing, SUP, (stand up paddleboarding), etc. Specific grade level activities and curriculum are attached to the applications and are also available from the website.

More information about the program can be had by emailing John Gordon at [john.gordon@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:john.gordon@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Johns County School District has been working since November 2014, to identify and hire a diesel mechanic for Transportation Department. However, we have not met with success. We believe this is an excellent opportunity to begin a career in an outstanding school district. This is a 12 month position affording the opportunity to take part in the District's benefits as well as in the Transportation Department's annual maintenance training which includes training sponsored by school bus manufacturers.

The contact person is Alex Vasquev-338 2077.

## 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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Pacetti Bay Middle School

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

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

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

# Wards Creek Elementary



## Lighting the Way to Leadership

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St. Augustine, FL 32092  
(904) 547-8730

Edie Jarrell, Principal  
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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

Dear Families of Wards Creek Elementary,

Many times parents ask what they can do at home with their child, and the resounding answer is “read with your child.” So what does that mean, and how can you make that time meaningful?

In her book *Reading in the Wild*, author Donalyn Miller writes about how to instill lifelong reading behaviors in children. She says, “Children who love reading and see themselves as readers are the most successful in school and have the greatest opportunities in life” (p. xix). To create children who love reading, Donalyn outlines five important reading behaviors.

- Readers dedicate time to read.  
*Does your child willingly spend time reading daily? Consider reading in front of your child to model good reading behaviors.*
- Readers self-select reading materials.  
*Can your child select books that meet their interests, needs, and reading abilities? Consider asking your child questions about how he or she selects books to read?*
- Readers share books and reading with other readers.  
*Does your child tell you about books they are reading? Consider asking your child about the books they're reading.*
- Readers have reading plans.  
*Does your child have the next book they want to read already chosen? Consider helping your child use the site [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com) or [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) to assist your child in finding other books by favorite authors, or books similar to their preferred genres or topics.*
- Readers show preferences for genres, authors, and topics.  
*Can your child articulate reading preferences? Consider challenging your student to expand their reading by connecting their current interests with similar genres, authors, or topics.*

Building a strong and happy reading life is one that takes time and effort, but will pay off greatly for students. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions!

Happy Reading,

Claire Riddell

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(904) 547-8747

# “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



# 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](mailto:Christina.King@stjohns.k12.fl.us).



I wanted to take a moment to send a HUGE THANK YOU for the OVERWHELMING support for sending in food donations for our families in need. They were over the moon with gratitude. Another SHOUT OUT to Mr. Kleiber for adding my email to the local neighborhood Facebook page. With that small act of kindness he spread the word to hundreds of people. Watching all the donations come in was so heartwarming. We will 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



## INFLUENZA VIRUS

is DESTROYED by  
**HEAT**  
167-212°F (75-100°C)

CareHorsel  
**Partners**  
in the HAVENSON Program

## WHAT KILLS THE

# FLU?



## WHAT *is* THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A **DISINFECTANT** AN ANTIMICROBIAL & a sanitizing **PRODUCT?**

Disinfectants & antimicrobials  
**DESTROY** pathogenic  
microorganisms. These two  
terms are used interchangeably

Sanitizers **REDUCE** the number  
of microorganisms to a safe level  
by killing them. Sanitizers  
**KILL 99.9** percent of germs

## SEVERAL CHEMICAL **GERMICIDES**

including

**CHLORINE**  
**HYDROGEN**  
**PEROXIDE**

DETERGENTS



**IODOPHORS**  
(IODINE-BASED ANTISEPTICS)

& **ALCOHOLS**

ARE EFFECTIVE AGAINST THE  
FLU AND OTHER INFLUENZA  
VIRUSES **IF USED IN PROPER**  
CONCENTRATION FOR A  
SUFFICIENT LENGTH OF TIME

When 

DISINFECTING  
SURFACES, IT IS **IMPORTANT TO:**

**FOLLOW**  
*chemical* **LABEL**  
**DIRECTIONS**  
& **READ SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

**Clean**

SURFACES **WITH SOAP & WATER**  
OR ANOTHER TYPE OF CLEANER  
TO REMOVE DIRT AND DEBRIS  
PRIOR TO DISINFECTING

**APPLY**

DISINFECTANT TO THE SURFACE AND LET  
STAND FOR AT LEAST A FEW MINUTES  
(FOLLOW THE LABEL) TO ALLOW IT TO WORK

**USE** DISINFECTING WIPES OR  
SPECIALLY DESIGNED  
PRODUCTS ON ELECTRONICS.

**CHECK** *the*  
**EXPIRATION DATE**

**WIPES** *or*  
**GELS** 

**CONTAINING ALCOHOL**

**CAN BE  
USED TO**

*clean*  
**HANDS**

THE GELS SHOULD BE  
RUBBED INTO  
HANDS FOR ABOUT  
**20 SECONDS** OR  
UNTIL YOUR HANDS  
FEEL DRY, WHICHEVER  
IS LONGEST


## ALWAYS **REMEMBER** WHEN CLEANING

START WITH A **CLEAN** CLOTH OR WIPE.

**FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURER'S LABEL INSTRUCTIONS**  
CAREFULLY WHEN USING PURCHASED CLEANERS.  
**DO NOT** MIX ANY CLEANERS UNLESS LABELS  
CLEARLY INDICATE THAT IT IS SAFE TO DO SO


**PAY ATTENTION TO ANY HAZARD WARNINGS**  
FOR USING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE ITEMS  
(SUCH AS GLOVES OR MASKS)

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Friday, March 6th — 3:00 to 9:00  
 Saturday, March 7th — 10:00 to 9:00  
 Sunday, March 8th — 11:00 to 5:00

Arts and Crafts Village closes at Sundown.  
 Sorry, no pets or coolers on the field.

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February 6, 2015

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope that this letter finds you and your child(ren) enjoying a successful school year. The purpose of this letter is to provide updated and new information regarding the Hardship Out of Zone Waiver process. If you already have at least one child on an approved 2014-15 Out of Zone Hardship Transfer waiver, or, if you feel you have a hardship that would prevent your child from achieving success at their zoned school, the following process applies.

If you have a child on an approved 2014-15 Out of Zone Hardship, this waiver will expire at the end of this school year. At that time, your child will be reassigned to your zoned school for the 2015-16 school year. If you would like your child to remain at the out of zone school he/she is currently attending, you **must apply for an Out of Zone Hardship waiver again**. The request may only be approved if your reason meets the criteria for a hardship. Rising eleventh and twelfth grade students in Aberdeen who are already enrolled at Creekside High, may again remain, if they submit an Out of Zone Hardship Transfer Application.

A student may be granted an Out of Zone Hardship transfer when a condition or situation exists that implies an adverse or compelling circumstance, or a state of misfortune unique to that student's life or a family's life situation. In this case, you must complete a Hardship Out of Zone Application, and submit it for approval to the Office for School Services.

The transfer request process will begin on **February 13, 2015**. You will have until **April 30, 2015** to submit your request. The sooner your application is received, the sooner your child's class schedule for next school year may be completed. If applicable to your reason for request, please be sure to mention that you are applying for the "grandfathered" condition for your fifth, eighth, or twelfth grade child when completing the Out of Zone Application. Your prompt attention to submitting an application will assist your school in preparing to meet requirements for state and federal funding, class size compliance, and other governmental and administrative applications. The application is available in both an electronic version (available February 13th on our website) and a paper version. Both applications and the directions for the process can be found on our district website at: <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/depts/os/schoolserv/transfers>. **Additionally, please note that transportation will not be provided to students who receive an approved out of zone waiver.**

A paper version can be sent home with your child if requested. Please request this form from your current school office. Should you decide to apply for a Hardship Out of Zone waiver, you will receive an electronic reply sent to the email address you provide on the application, within approximately three weeks from the date we receive your request. If an email address is not available, we will mail you a copy of the decision.

We look forward to working with you to address your needs. If you have any questions regarding the out of zone hardship transfer process, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 904.547.7583.

Sincerely,

Paul Abbatozzi  
Director, Department for School Services

/rb

*The St. Johns County School District will inspire good character and a passion for lifelong learning in all students, creating educated and caring contributors to the world.*



## 2015 SUPER SUMMER SPECTACULAR

### DRAWING REGISTRATION DATES

Begins March 2 at 8 a.m.  
Closes March 13 at 5 p.m.

### REGISTRATION LOCATIONS

Online at [www.sjcfl.us/youth](http://www.sjcfl.us/youth)

.....  
Solomon Calhoun Center  
904-209-0395

.....  
Ketterlinus Gym  
904-209-0377

.....  
Recreation Parks Main Office  
904-209-0333 Or (904) 209-0377

### We Want to Find Some Very Special Children!

Do you have any concerns about your child's:

- Speaking
- Understanding
- Moving or Playing
- Seeing or Hearing
- Getting Along with Other Children
- Learning and Paying Attention
- Self-help Skills including:  
Feeding, Dressing or Toileting

### FDLRS/NEFEC CHILD FIND PROVIDES:

- Information about community programs for children with special needs
- Professional consultation for parents
- Screening in the areas of communication, motor development, vision, hearing, and preschool readiness skills
- Assistance in connecting children with special or unique needs to appropriate early intervention or exceptional student education services

If you have questions or concerns about a child  
birth - 5 years of age, contact:

**FDLRS/NEFEC CHILD FIND**  
(386) 329-3811 or Toll Free 1-800-227-6036  
Email: [ChildFind@nefec.org](mailto:ChildFind@nefec.org)  
Website: [www.nefec.org/fdlrs](http://www.nefec.org/fdlrs)



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