

Wards Creek Elementary 6555 SR 16, St. Augustine, FL 32092 Feb/March 2016

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OUR VISION IS TO: Be a school Where Children Excel by developing leaders with 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!

The weeks between Winter and Spring Breaks are a powerful learning time for our students. Activities and lessons are geared toward deepening knowledge and building on the foundational skills that have been acquired throughout the year. Your children are remarkable learners and their capacity for creative thinking and skill development make teaching so rewarding. As we continue to head toward the culmination of another year, we appreciate you keeping your child's education a priority. Thank you for making the investment of getting your kids to school daily and supporting their learning through practice at home.

Mr. Klein and I are making our rounds for classroom observations and it has been so wonderful to see your students engaged in dynamic lessons. I love hearing them share their thinking and working with their peers to generate new ways of processing material. Our teachers use a workshop model which allows for a lot of student action, working independently and in small groups. As teachers confer with their students, we see their strengths and their growth areas. I enjoy hearing them share their strategies for success and their goals for each area of content. Education has changed so much over the years and it is remarkable to see how far our kids can go, given the opportunity to pursue their interests and stretch beyond our expectations!

As we look ahead, we will begin our state testing soon. We will be sending out a proctor sign-up and if you are able to commit to a small block of time to help us with proctoring, we would be most grateful. We view these assessments as an opportunity for students to show what they know and in order to do their best, we need to create an optimal testing environment. Proctors do that for us. Thank you for helping us, if your schedule permits.

Grateful to serve,

Edie Jarrell, Principal

#### **PTO Update**

Candyland is the theme of this year's Daddy Daughter dance on 2/19. It will be a magical night for the girls and a proud night for the dads. I want to thank Amy Lasswell, chairman, and her committee Nicola, Beth, Christine and Emily for all their hard work.

Coming up is our first 5k event on April 1st. Ready, Set, Glow will be an evening run. Stacy Smith (Girls on the Run) is offering a free training program.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the WCE PTO Executive Board, please contact any board member for an interest survey and position description. PTO is a rewarding experience and is open to anyone wanting to encourage and enhance the education of all students at WCE, while strengthening and developing the relationship between the parents, school, and community.

Ricke Ricciardelli President, WCE PTO





Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year is currently full.

Please visit <u>ecs4kids.org</u> to find other providers in our area.



Early KG registration is HERE!
Click the link below to schedule an appointment.

http://www-

wce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/

#### Skills Your Child Should Know Before Coming To Kindergarten

Children don't need to be able to read by the time they enter kindergarten, instead students should be ready to be taught how to read.

Parents should read, sing, and talk with their child daily to prepare them.

Here are some examples of what children should be able to do:

\*Recognize alphabet letters. This means recognizing isolated letters, not just memorizing them in sequence.

\*Know their first and last name. Be able to recognize name in print.

\*Count, typically students should be able to reach at least 20, and they need to understand the concept that each number corresponds to a quantity.

\*Recognize numbers and patterns. This includes being able to distinguish between letters and numbers.

\*Identify shapes and colors. Can sort and classify by shape, size, and color.

\*Share, wait their turn, and communicate with words, not actions when they are upset.

\*Pay attention: students should be able to sit long enough to hear a story and be able to understand and follow two-step and three-step directions.

\*Zip, snap, tie, button, and fasten Velcro. They should be able to tie their own shoes and take care of their bathroom needs independently. \*Cut and glue independently.

\*They should be practicing their phone number and address.

\*Please see the additional handout with SOME of the high frequency words your child will learn in kindergarten.



Below is a sample of **some** high frequency and decodable words your child will be expected to know in Kindergarten. Be proactive! Print these words to practice with your child over the summer. Happy reading! ©

I	see	my	like	to	a
an	the	can	go	am	is
for	had	what	you	It	will
me	in	that	be	up	play



Interims are available online for grades 3–5.

To view your child's progress you will need to access Home Access Center (HAC).

Click the link below to create an account or sign in.

If you need assistance please email

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

http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/



#### ATTENTION RISING 5TH GRADERS!

Safety Leader Applications for 2016-2017 are available!

Visit our webpage for an application and more info. If you have questions please see Mrs. King. ◎ <a href="http://www-wce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/patrols">http://www-wce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/patrols</a>

#### Applicant Timeline

- 1. April 1st: Applications Due to Mrs. King \*Late applications WILL NOT be accepted.
- 2. May 2<sup>nd</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>: Selections Finalized
- 3. May 9th New Safety Leaders Announced ©
- 4. May 9th 13th: New Safety Leader Training
- 5. May 16th 27th: Fulltime Safety Leader!



Each month we feature students who are nominated for outstanding performance. These students arrive to school early, leave late, and have additional jobs around school during the day in addition to their regular duties as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.



Caden W. and Christopher S. were nominated by Mrs. Oswalt. She appreciated how accommodating and patient they are. They also exude professionalism when completing their daily jobs. Thanks guys for being so amazing!

Alahna W. was nominate by Ms. Boardway. Alahna is always courteous and considerate when she collects folders in the morning. She is prompt and always makes an effort to go the extra mile to help me stay organized! YOU ROCK ALAHNA!





Brianna W. & Jenna L. were nominated by Ms. Fisher and Mrs. Lusk. Brianna is amazing with the Kindergarten students. She always shows up on time and is helpful with extra jobs in the classroom. Jenna saw that Mrs. Lusk was in need of help at dismissal and jumped in to save the day! Thank you girls for doing such a great job!

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#### Extended Day 2015/16:

Registration for Extended Day 2015/16 school year began on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can come by the school from 8:00-4:00 and register your child. The registration fee is \$75.00 per child. The first month's payment will be due at time of registration. See the below schedule of fees for the due date and dates that the payment covers.

Payment	Due	Payment covers care through-	
#			
1	Aug 1st	Aug. 10th - Sept. 2nd	
2	Aug. 15th	Sept. 3rd - Sept. 29th	
3	Sept. 15th	Sept. 30th - October 26th	
4	Oct. 15th	Oct. 27th - Nov. 20th	
5	Nov.15th	Nov. 23rd - Dec. 18th	
6	Dec. 15th	Jan. 6th - Feb. 1st	
7	Jan. 15th	Feb. 2nd - March 1st	
8	Feb. 15th	March 2nd - April 5th	
9	March 15th	April 6th - May 2nd	
10	April 15th	May 3rd - May 26th	

If you have any questions, please contact Casie Messenger at (904)547-8730 or <a href="mailto:casie.messenger@stjohns.k12.fl.us">casie.messenger@stjohns.k12.fl.us</a>

## Wards Creek Elementary Home Access Center (HAC) Account Registration Instructions



Accessing Home Access Center (HAC) for the first time (applies to new users and existing Parent Assistant (PA) users):

- If you have a current PA account, you can use the same Username and Password to login to HAC. Enter your Username and Password at the new HAC website: <a href="http://parents.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac">http://parents.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac</a>
- How to get a Home Access Center account (for new users who do not have a Parent Assistant (PA) account):
  - a. Parents/Guardians can then register online:
    - i. http://parents.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac
    - ii. At the Home Access Center Login screen, click "here" below the statement, "If you do not have a username and password...."
    - iii. At the Home Access Center User Registration:
      - Enter your First name, Last name, City and Zip Code as it appears in eSchoolPlus
        - a. Standard City spellings include: Saint Augustine, East Palatka, Ponte Vedra, Ponte Vedra Beach, Elkton, Jacksonville, Saint Johns, Hastings and Fruit Cove
      - 2. Then click the Register button
      - 3. (next screen) Then create your Username (using your email address)
      - Then create two challenge questions (something detailed only you would know) (Example: What was your first car?)
      - 5. Review and accept the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy
      - 6. Click the Finish button
    - iv. Click the link in your HAC email to create your HAC password
    - A webpage will load with your challenge questions. After you answer your challenge questions, you will then be able to create your password, (please use at least eight characters including a number or special character)
    - vi. You can now login to HAC using your new Username and Password
- 3. If you have forgotten your Password:
  - On the login screen, click the "forgot my username or password" link
  - b. At the Forgotten Username or Password screen, enter your email address on file
  - c. Then click the "submit" button
  - d. An email will be sent to you with a web link to a HAC challenge question
  - After you answer the challenge questions correctly, you will be able to view your Username or reset your password. (You cannot change your Username once set)

If you have trouble creating a HAC user account, please contact Mrs. King at Christina.King@stjohns.k12.fl.us

### "There's an App for That!" By Mrs. Battaglino and Ms. D. Smith

In previous articles we've presented ways to limit and monitor your child's use of technology. We've offered some advice and guidelines to help you to find the safest way to allow your family access to the digital world.

This month let's take a look at some of the benefits the digital world has to offer! Listed below are some great apps that you may find useful for you and your family.

Common Sense Media's App Essentials
<a href="https://www.commonsensemedia.org/guide/best-first-kids-apps">https://www.commonsensemedia.org/guide/best-first-kids-apps</a>

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Common Sense Media's Search Apps
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<a href="mailto:search/best%20kids%20">search%20app</a>

Common Sense Media's You Tube Channel Rating <a href="https://www.commonsensemedia.org/search/best%20kids%20">https://www.commonsensemedia.org/search/best%20kids%20</a> <a href="mailto:search%20app">search%20app</a>

## Warrior Highlights!

#### **Cool Kindergarten**

Kindergarten enjoyed a fabulous field trip to Sweet Pete's Candy Factory in February. This was the first time we had a field trip here and we were so excited to tour the factory and learn all about how different candies are made. We also had the chance to watch how lollipops are made from beginning to end and then we were able to make our own!! This was the perfect field trip because we have been learning all about Matter and how solids, liquids, and gasses can change. We got to see this first hand when the liquid candy turned into a solid as we formed our lollipops. It was an exciting day for Kindergarten!!

#### **Fabulous First Grade!**

Kids Caring About Kids

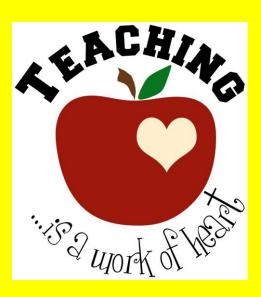


See pages 18-20 for more information!

#### **Excellent ESE!**

#### Meet one of our teachers!

My name is Megan Hydeman and I am new to the ESE team at Wards Creek. I graduated from Florida State University and this is my 4th year teaching ESE. I also have previous experience as a behavior therapist for children with special needs. Currently I teach a varying exceptionalities classroom with 12 students ranging from Kindergarten to 5th grade. I also have two boys of my own, one in kindergarten and one in first grade, who attend Wards Creek. I really enjoy my job and I am excited to be a part of the Wards Creek team!



#### **Super Second Grade**

Third quarter interims have been sent home which means there's only about 63 days left of your child's second grade experience. We've taken some time out for fun with the "Fun Run" which due to the weather turned out to be more of a Dance Party! The kids had fun doing intervals of 30 seconds of exercise/dance and then a brief break. It was unfortunate that the weather didn't cooperate for us, but we made the best of it and the kids had a great time.

We also took time for the kids to share Valentines. It's always fun for them to share Valentines and then to read the ones they received!

Some classes have already gone on a field trip to the Sally Corporation. They enjoyed it and got to see some great things! But we don't want to give anything away for the kids who haven't been yet.

#### Warrior Highlights!

## THIRD GRADE LEADERS WITH CHARACTER

We are very proud of our Third Grade Warriors who were elected by their peers for exhibiting good character.

These are the students for the January: Respect ~

From Mrs. Lawless' Class- Kaitlyn Montgomery

From Mrs. Oswalt's Class-Lola Gendreau

From Mrs. Allen & Ms. Jacobs' Class-Morgan Caruth

From Mrs. Jarriel's Class-Kayla Redlinski

From Mrs. Lareau's Class- Erin Conway

From Mrs. Klein's Class - Olivia Jackson

From Mrs. Truelove's Class- CJ Davis

From Mrs. Blaylock's Class-Hunter Smith

From Mr. Milite's Class-Caleb Judkins & Prudence Kostic

#### Warrior Highlights!



#### News from the P.E. Hut

Junior River Run training kicked off in January and we are working hard to be ready for the Junior River Run on March 12<sup>th</sup>! Also, check out below for exciting news about the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Character Olympics!



#### **Fantastic Fourth Grade!**

The fourth grade students are busily preparing for the FSA Writing Assessment that will take place in less than seven weeks. Here are five things parents should know about the FSA Writing Assessment:

- 1. Students will be asked to read 2-3 articles up to 1300 words. They will use information from the articles to form the basis for their writing.
- 2. Students will be given an Opinion or Informational Prompt to write to.
- 3. Students will then plan their writing for a five paragraph essay.
- 4. Students will have 90 minutes for Reading, Planning, and Writing (write and edit). Students will have an option to use an additional 30 minutes.
- 5. Students will write this essay in one setting with FSA specific paper.

How can you help your child with writing?

- 1. Write.
- 2. Write thank you notes, letters, shopping lists, poems, or captions to family photos.
- 3. Use other content sources (science, math, social studies text) as writing resources. For example, during math homework have your child write one sentence explaining what he or she is solving. They can also write to explain how they solved the problem.
- 4. Summarization is one of the most difficult tasks; provide relevant practice.
- 5. Write.

#### **Phenomenal Fifth Grade!**

Fifth graders from St. Johns county will be competing on April 13th in the Character Counts Olympics. We are pleased to have the students below

represent Wards Creek in this event. These students were chosen by their fifth grade peers. They will be competing in a 100 meter dash, Frisbee throw, long jump, tennis ball throw, sack race and relay, and then finish with a tug of war. Congrats Fifth Graders! Ready, set, go!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

Lucy Noble Kailey Papas Julia Rich
Ella Johnson Brianna Winsett Noah Lawless
Bryant Weber Jackson Edmons Kainoa Fuata
Matthew Koziol Alternates: Emma Reed and Sergio Reyes



## Kindergarten Team and 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 kingsized 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!

## Third Grade Service Project \*\*Clinic Supplies\*\* Help the Clinic keep Warriors healthy and happy!

You may send in donated items with your child, or drop them off at the clinic. Please mention our 3rd grade service project. Our student leaders will use graphs to keep track of items donated, in order to adjust the supply list as needed. Thank you for supporting our WCE clinic and the 3rd grade service project!

#### Clinic Needs:

<u>Food Stuff</u> (These items are listed in the priority/quantity of need. The top three items need replenishing regularly.)

- Small water bottles (only mini water bottles, please)
- Goldfish
- Animal crackers
- Children's protein bars (suggestion: K bars made by Clif Bars)
- Gluten free children's bars (Kind bars, Lara and Luna bars have some gluten free)
- Small (4 oz.) apple juice boxes
- Small (4 oz.) variety juice boxes
- Nut free cookies (shelf stable only suggestion: *Duo Cookies* that are individually packaged nut free cookies)
- Squeeze apple sauce
- Go Picnic brand gluten free shelf stable snack/lunch packs
- Gluten free beef and turkey jerky (must not need to be refrigerated)
- Snack pack pudding (not refrigerated)

#### Clinic Needs: Additional needs

- Clorox wipes
- GOOD sandwich size Ziploc bags. I cannot use dollar store bags, they leak.
- Alcohol prep pads
- Ace bandages
- Any EUC arm slings that people might have that they are no longer using

## 1st Grade Community Service Project:

#### **Kids Caring About Kids**



**What:** Donations accepted here at school to be delivered to Wolfson Children's Hospital in an effort to make the children receiving treatment feel better.

Who: All students at WCES

When: All donations due February 29, 2016 Where: Send donations in to your child's

classroom teacher

What To Bring: Wolfson has provided us with a list of acceptable items to be donated attached.



Thank you so much for your interest in helping patients and families at Wolfson Children's Hospital. Toys and games are used in the playrooms to comfort and entertain children during their hospital stay. Stuffed animals and blankets are given to children to take home. Patients and families are very appreciative of all donations and are touched by your generosity to help make the hospital stay more comfortable.

Provided is a list of items that are most useful to patients. Grade levels are assigned to each group so as not to overwhelm you when choosing what to donate. These are just suggestions! You may choose to donate anything from the list below. :D

When selecting items for donations, please keep in mind:

- Toys must be brand new and not gift wrapped.
- Toys representing violent themes cannot be accepted.
- Donations may not be religious in nature or content.
- > Latex balloons are not allowed.
- Stickers are not acceptable.
- Greeting cards and holiday cards are not accepted.
- > Toys are needed year-round for children from newborn to 21 years old!

Pre-K, Kindergo	arten, and ESE Toddler
Crib Mobiles/soothers	Lego Duplo blocks
Crib mirrors	Musical toys
Play mats	Light-up toys
Musical toys	See-N-Say
Light-up toys	Pop-up toys
Rattles	Wooden knob puzzles
Teethers	

# 1st Grade School-Age Coloring books Lego sets Lego Friends Art kits Fuzzy posters Hot wheels Playing cards Puzzles (50-100 piece)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Teens

Individual arts and craft kits

Fuzzy posters

Picture frames

Lego Bionicle kits

Word search books

Playing cards, UNO, Phase 10

Magazines

Books

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Gift Cards

Target/Wal-Mart

iTunes

GameStop

Toy R Us

Michael's

PlayStation Network

#### 4th Grade

#### **Distraction Items**

Bubbles

1 Spy books

Sound books

Light-up spin toys

Glitter wands

iPad

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Admin

**Electronics** 

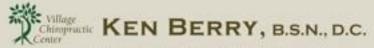
DVDs rated G, PG or PG-13 Games for

Game Cube

- Carrie Cobe
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- PSP
- Xbox 360
- Xbox Kinect
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- Nintendo 3DS and DSI

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It is important that your child arrive at school between 8:00 am and 8:25 am. Please make sure your child arrives at school by 8:25 am so that they can be in their classroom ready to learn by 8:30 am. If you child is absent please send a note or email within 48 hours of returning to school. \*Research shows that attendance is an important factor in student achievement.







#### Need Information on Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis?

Join us on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am-Noon at Wadsworth Elementary/Buddy Taylor Middle School Cafeteria at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Flagship Showcase. UF Jacksonville, Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) has partnered with the Exceptional Student Education Department of Flagler County Schools to present two workshops for our parents:

Workshop #1: CARD 101 presented by Carrie Fagen, Clinician, MED. This workshop is an overview of services offered through the UF-Jacksonville Center for Autism and Related Disabilities. Carrie will review the criteria for enrolling in CARD and the types of services offered to families, schools and communities. She will also discuss the consultative appointments, trainings and events offered through CARD. This workshop will be housed in Room 9-121 from 10am-11am.

Workshop #2: AUTISM AND BEHAVIOR presented by Katrina Ressa, Clinician, BCABA. This training will review the basic components of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). Katrina will discuss how ABA techniques can be used to address some of the common behaviors associated with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Parents will learn about the basic functions of behavior, reinforcement and visual supports. This workshop will be housed in Room 9-121 from 11:00am-Noon.

Registration Information: Contact Sue McVeigh, ESE Parent Specialist of Flagler County Schools; 386-586-2395, Ext. 2105; mcveighs@flaglerschools.com.



#### Field of Dreams Baseball

Aberdeen Park 1401 Shetland Drive St Johns, FL 32259 www.FODBaseball.com

Field of Dreams is a specially designed turf baseball field that will allow children with mentally or physically disabilities living in or near St. Johns County, Florida the opportunity to play baseball, to wear a uniform and play as a member of a team. Field of Dreams is a place where all our area's exceptional kids can meet on the field and play ball. What child does not want to hear the cheer of the crowd? What child does not want to receive a trophy? And what child does not want the opportunity to play America's favorite sport? At the Field of Dreams they will and can!

#### Who Can Play?

Any child with special needs from ages 5 to 18 or up to age 21 if still in high school.

#### Registration is Now Open!!!

Registration is FREE and will include a full uniform courtesy our sponsors. Registration is currently open and will remain open the entire season. Please visit the Field of Dreams Website at <u>fodbaseball.com</u> to register. Field of Dreams <u>2016 Opening Day will be Saturday</u>, <u>February 6th</u>. Games will be held each Saturday until April 21<sup>st</sup> (except March 19 and 26 for Spring Break). To have a uniform for Opening Day, you must register by January 8<sup>th</sup>. We accept new registrations through-out the season, up to the last game.

#### Volunteer Opportunities

Field of Dreams is always thankful to our volunteers and is in need of additional support to run the league this season and next. Please contact us via our website if you have the desire and ability to help us provide a quality program.

#### Donations & Sponsors

Although other enhancements are in progress, we would like to start phase II construction in which a turf outfield replaces the natural grass. This enhancement will allow for additional special needs sports to be played at the Field of Dreams. We are actively seeking corporate and individual sponsors to help us complete the field to help more kids & families.



#### SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM

Parents,

Applications for the summer Marine Science Program will be passed out by science teachers at all schools during the week of February 16th. Applications will be due back to science teachers by March 4th. Applications can also be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 15 at <a href="http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/">http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/</a> 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 May 31st through June 9th, June 13th through June 23rd, and June 27th through July 8th. 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.