



Wards Creek Elementary 6555 SR 16, St. Augustine, FL 32092 April/May 2017

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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

Happy Spring to all our Warrior families. I hope you are enjoying this lovely time of year. We are very busy as we race through the final quarter of the year. It will be summer soon, but we have some great memories to make before then!

Our Spring Festival was a wonderful event and I would like to thank our PTO for all they have done this year for our school and our families. It is great to enjoy community wide events together as a school family. And the funds raised are enhancing our classrooms with more technology for your children! That's a win-win for all! Testing is on the calendar and we are excited about the opportunity our students have to demonstrate their abilities and showcase their growth. We appreciate all the volunteers who have helped with proctoring and ask that if you are able to help in this area, please give our school a call. It is not an exciting job, but it is a necessity and we are very grateful to our proctors!

As we approach the final lap, I just want to thank our parents for your support and partnership. It is such a joy to work with students and families who appreciate the efforts of our teachers. It has been a tremendously rewarding year, watching our students meet their goals and aspire to be the best persons they can become.

Media Center News

In the fall, we will be unveiling our adult library section. If you are a parent of a Wards Creek student, you will have access to this fantastic new resource! This will be created solely through donations. If you have any gently used books appropriate for young adults or older, please feel free to send it to the media center. More information regarding this new addition will be given out in the fall, after we have it all finished. Thank you for your support of this new adventure!

PTO UPDATE

Warriors!

Thank you to all for coming out to our Annual Spring Fling! The PTO could not hold these events without your support! A special thanks to all the classes for the wonderful baskets!

Glow Run was a success! Thanks to all of our runners and sponsors for supporting Mill Creek, Pacetti Bay and Wards Creek.

Coming up:

- Teacher Appreciation Week May 1-5 - Information will be going out to room parents shortly!
- Summertime learning book flyer should be coming home next week.
- We will be selling our School Box Kits again. It will be online orders only, please check your email in the next few weeks for more information
- Fifth grade ceremony is 5/16
- Fifth grade water day and clap out will be held on 5/23

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns at Wardscreekpto@gmail.com

Ann Gillette
President, WCE PTO

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

**[http://www-
wce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/](http://www-wce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/)**



Order your tickets now!

Sales end May 5th



May 11 Or 12, 2017

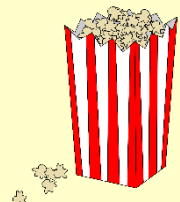
5:30 or 7 pm

Each admission includes a yummy concessions snack pack!

Cost: \$ 5 .00

Exact Cash Only

Pre-Sale only. No ticket sales at door

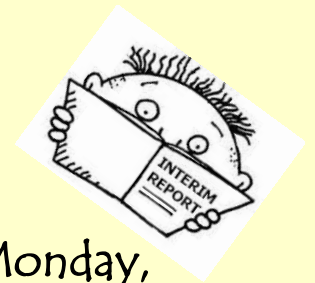


Child's Name: _____

Child's Teacher: _____



<i>Performance Night</i>	<i>Thursday May 11</i>		<i>Friday May 12</i>	
<i>Time (Circle one)</i>	<i>5:30</i>	<i>7:00</i>	<i>5:30</i>	<i>7:00</i>
<i>Teachers</i>	<i>Hagan/Lawless/Wagner/Fanning</i>		<i>Shreves/Buchanan/Romano/Dean</i>	
<i>Number of tickets</i>				



Interims are released online for grades 3-5 on Monday,
April 24th

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/>

Applications for joining Wards Creek Kindness Club can be found online at:
<http://www-wce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/kindkids>
or picked up from Mrs. King, Mrs. Fanning, Mrs. Tatman, or Ms. Kuhnle.



"Wherever there's a human being, there's an
opportunity for kindness."

Calling all warriors for kindness! Wards Creek Elementary wants to spread
kindness in our community, but we need leaders! Who better than you?

Who: K-4th grade students with a love and passion for showing
kindness to others!

When: 2:00-3:00 p.m. every first Wednesday of the month!

Where: Wards Creek Elementary



Wards Creek Kindness Club

Application

Name: _____

Age: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Gender: _____

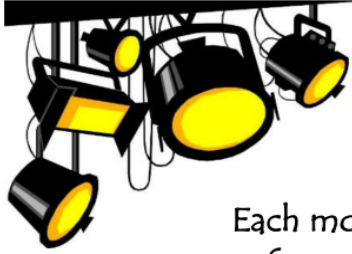
Parent Signature: _____

Choose one of the presentation types below to answer the question. Be creative! All applications are due by April 28th. Please turn in your work to any of the following Ms. Tatman, Ms. King, Ms. Kuhnle, Ms. Fanning.

**** What does kindness mean to you? ****

Essay	Collage / Poster	Video / Song	Painting
Diorama	3- D Display	Book	PowerPoint or Prezi





Safety Leader Spotlight

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 5th grade students.



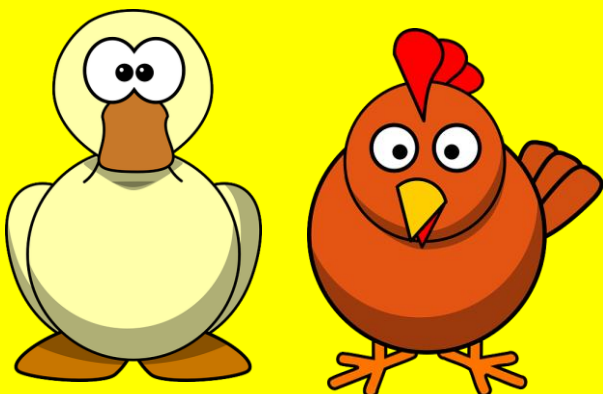
Safety Leaders proudly standing from left to right Gabby Paterson, Abby Hagan, Olivia Hill, Bella Gosse, Abby Maddern, Hannah DeVelder, Syd Brockway, Taryn Ray, Ansley Fisher, and Grace Kennedy! ☺

Warrior Highlights!

Cool Kindergarten

Congratulations to our March Character Counts Trustworthiness recipients: Leah Pauly, Carson Lancaster, Danielle Priester, Maria De La Rosa Islas, Rylee Reagor and Belia Farrell!

Our butterflies emerged from their chrysalis and we released them in our Kindergarten! Our seeds are continuing to grow! This month, we are learning about farms, farm life and the life cycle of chicks. We are getting ready to visit the Rype and Readi Farm. We are also anxiously awaiting the arrival of our chick and duck eggs to hatch!



Excellent ESE

Speech Practice at Home

Does your child receive speech services? One of the most important things they can do to increase their accuracy is to practice their target sounds at home. Here are some suggestions to help motivate your child to practice:

- Play a game-any game! Get out a board game and have your child say his/her words 5 times each time it is his/her turn.
- Blow bubbles. Each time your child says 10 words, they get to blow (or pop) some bubbles.
- Roll the dice. Have your child roll 1 die. Whatever number is rolled is the number of times your child says the word.
- Play hopscotch. Your child can say a word each time he or she jumps.
- LEGOs!! Give your child 1 Lego for each word that is produced. Then they can create anything they choose.
- Get out the basketball. Each time your child makes (or misses – your choice) a basket, he/she needs to produce a word 3-5 times.
- Read, read, read. Have your child read ANYTHING out loud. Maybe they would like to read you a page of their favorite book, descriptions of meals at a restaurant, or Sunday comics. Remind them to take their time and read slowly.

These are just a few suggestions that you can use to work with your child at home. There are tons of other activities; be creative and HAVE FUN!

Congratulations to Wards Creek 5th Grade Character Cup participants!

Abbigael Maddern
Nathan Adolf
Allison McKay

Mia Ligon
Madison Stevens
Micah Ragin

Blake Beiriger Cailyn Wright
Talen Tucker
Cohen Newsholme



Mia Ligon placed 3rd in Long Jump.
Cailyn Wright and Talen Tucker placed 3rd in Ski Team Race.
The team placed 4th in Tug of War.



Terrific Third Grade

Third Grade had an exciting time enjoying their end of the year field trip to Sweet Pete's! When the students arrived they were greeted by their own candy factory guides and taken to the 3rd floor where they participated in a candy making experience. The candy maker explained the process, discussed ingredients, temperature, and tools. The students gained an understanding of the importance of temperature in candy making, making observations about various types of candies, and all the ingredients used to create milk/white chocolate. The instructors asked the children questions, demonstrated, and allowed them to take part in the candy making and designing/creating of their own labels. The students were excited to leave this part of the field trip with their own chocolate bars! Students then made their way into another room where additional instructors lead them in candy experiments. Afterwards, they had the pleasure of viewing the candy making process "in action" from a private balcony overlooking the kitchen where they learned more interesting facts about chocolate. The students learned the history of chocolate, incorporated our science standards, and most importantly had fun while learning!



News from the PE Hut!

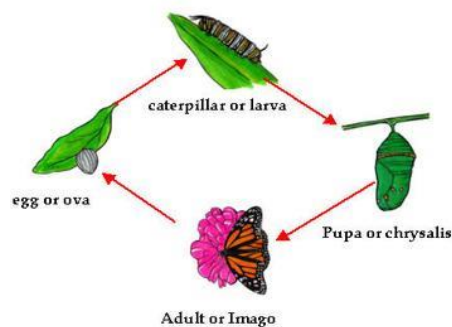
It is time to join Wards Creeks Kids Triathlon Team. Last year we had the 5th largest team at the race. Signups are going on now. If your student is interested send them to the PE hut for a form. Our first practice will be after school on Tuesday, April 25th until 3:30. Our next practice will be on Tuesday, May 2nd until 3:30 and Saturday, May 13 from 8:00 - 10:30.



Warrior Highlights!

2nd Grade-Habitats and Life Cycles

Spring has sprung and 2nd grade is geared up for our exciting and interactive science units on habitats and lifecycles. We are gathering Milkweed to plant in our grade-level garden in hopes of attracting Monarch butterflies. The students will be able to observe the complete life cycle of a Monarch in its natural setting. Some classrooms will have Painted Lady Caterpillars, Praying Mantis Eggs, and Mealworm larvae for our students to observe as well. Many of the classes have set out on school nature walks and enjoyed science lessons in our backyard habitats. Second grade thinks that science in the spring sure is splendid!



Warrior Highlights!

Fabulous Fourth Grade



(pictured: Amanda Michlitsch, Aubrie Dean, Marian Dean, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Shreves, Mikaela Shreves, and Mrs. Greaves)

Fourth grade's Mrs. Greaves, Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Shreves participated in the second Annual 5k Glow Run! Fourth grade students Emily McGlasson and Kaitlyn Manucy also ran the 5k. Alex Proper, Maurade Miller, Bailey Smith, and Riley Celzo ran the 1 mile fun run. In addition to the fourth grade teachers and students, Mrs. Shreves daughter Mikaela and Mrs. Dean's daughters Marina and Aubrie also ran. While supporting education in our community Mrs. Greaves took home 1st place in age group. Aubrie took home 3rd overall female and Marina 1st overall female. We'd like to thank everyone for their support with this wonderful community event.

Way to go ladies!

Leadership Roles at Home

Each new school year brings opportunities for academic growth and growth in all areas of development. Although children must be knowledgeable when they graduate, they must also be healthy, engaged, responsible, and caring people.

One of the best ways to help your child realize his or her worth and leadership potential is to provide an opportunity to lead. Most Leader in Me Schools offer student leadership roles as a way to teach: Responsibility. Leadership. Contribution.

Leadership roles can also be used at home. To begin:

1. Talk with your child about the leadership role he or she might be interested in at home.
2. Discuss why he or she is interested in the role. Ask what leadership qualities your child has that will help. Ask how he or she will handle homework or other commitments with this new-role responsibility.
3. Together, discuss, write, and sign the paper detailing the leadership behavior and expectations of the role.
4. Give your child a week or so to adjust and then discuss how it's going. This may open a conversation on how to handle things that are too easy or too difficult.
5. Express appreciation and celebrate success!

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Two missed days a month adds up to being a half a year behind by the time your child reaches 4th grade.

And once a child falls behind, they rarely catch up.

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.*



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

For more on school readiness, visit attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org

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WE ARE RECYCLING BIG
TO EARN BIG!

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Camp Highlights

- Free Throw Contest
- Hot Shot Contest
- Knock-out Contest
- A fun and educational experience
- Air-conditioned gym
- Competitive games played daily

RAIDERS

Switzerland Point Middle School
Summer Basketball Camp



June 5– 9, 2017

June 12 – 16, 2017

June 26 - June 30, 2017

777 Greenbriar Road

Saint Johns, FL 32259

Telephone Number

(904) 547-8650

Or

Fax Number

(904) 547-8645

Coach Terrance Singleton's

Resume

*Has over 24 years experience coaching basketball

*Coach at Switzerland Point Middle School since 1993

*Coached at St. Augustine High School

*Have many years working at basketball camps

*Currently, the head coach of the boy's middle school basketball team at Switzerland Point.

*Graduate of Bethune Cookman University (formerly Bethune Cookman College)

Coach Singleton is very excited to host this summer basketball camp this year. Coach Singleton is expecting three exciting weeks for basketball campers who want to improve their skills and have some fun at the same time.

For additional information call or contact Coach Singleton (Terrance.singleton@stjohns.k12.fl.us) at 547-8650

Switzerland Point Middle School Summer Basketball Camp

Ages: Boys and Girls, ages 6 – 14

Dates and Times:

June 5– 9, 2017 Week One
Session 1A – 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Session 1B – 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
June 12–16, 2017 Week Two
Session 2A – 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Session 2B – 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

****June 26– June 30, 2017****

Team Camp

**(25 BOY'S ONLY) Grades 6th-8th
Session 3A – 8:30am to 11:30am.**

**Session 3B – 12:30pm to 3:30pm
(25 GIRL'S ONLY) Grades 5th-8th
"NEWLY FORMED" 1st TIME!**

Cost :

\$75.00 per camper for one session
\$140.00 per camper for two sessions
\$200.00 per camper for three sessions
\$255.00 per camper for four sessions
\$300.00 per camper for five sessions

How to Pre-Register:

Send a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit or full payment to:
Switzerland Point Middle School
777 Greenbriar Road
Saint Johns, FL 32259
Attn: Coach Singleton
Pre-register today as space is limited to 60

Name: _____

Age: _____ (As of camp start date for your child)

Circle T-shirt size : YM YL AS M L XL*

Please check sizes carefully!!

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Number: _____

Work or Cell Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I hereby authorize the staff of the Switzerland Point Basketball Camp to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention. I hereby waive and release Switzerland Point Middle School and the Switzerland Point Basketball Camp staff from any and all liability for any injuries or illness occurred while at the camp. I have no knowledge of any physical impairment that would be affected by the above campers participation in the camp.

Please check which session(s) the camper will attend:

Session 1A ___ Session 1B ___

Session 2A ___ Session 2B ___

Session 3A ___ 3B ___

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

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
 Website: www.nefec.org/fdlrs



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Menendez Basketball Camp:

Head Coach Adam Holmes runs Pedro Menendez basketball camp. Joining Coach Holmes is his coaching staff and varsity basketball players. Campers will work with all of the coaches and players to get an interactive and exciting week of basketball. Campers of all experience levels are welcome. Campers will be grouped by age and ability level to ensure the development of all campers. An emphasis on developing the fundamentals of the game in a fun and exciting manner is done every day. All Campers get a t-shirt for attending camp.

ACTIVITIES IN CAMP:

- 🍌 Fundamental stations
- 🍌 3 on 3
- 🍌 5 on 5
- 🍌 Shooting contests
- 🍌 Camp Contests
- 🍌 All-Star game
- 🍌 Award ceremony



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Fundamentals covered:

- 🍌 Ball Handling
- 🍌 Passing
- 🍌 Shooting
- 🍌 Rebounding
- 🍌 Footwork
- 🍌 Screening
- 🍌 How to get open
- 🍌 Spacing
- 🍌 Blocking out
- 🍌 Defensive Positioning
- 🍌 Transition game



CAMP DATES & TIMES

JUNE 5 – JUNE 9 (rising 3rd – 9th graders)

Session 1: 9:00 – 2:00

JUNE 12 – JUNE 16 (rising 3rd – 9th graders)

Session 2: 9:00 – 2:00

****There will be a 30-minute lunch each day. Pizza and Gatorade will be sold between sessions for lunch****

PRICES:

1 Session – \$85

2 Sessions - \$150

****T-shirt included ****

Contact Info:

Contact Coach Holmes with any questions by email at

Adam.Holmes@stjohns.k12.fl.us

****To attend this years Menendez Basketball Camp submit a \$25 non-refundable payment or full payment with the completed registration form****

**PEDRO
MENENDEZ
BASKETBALL
CAMP**



@ PEDRO MENENDEZ

Camp Dates:

June 5 – 9

Session 1: 9:00 – 2:00

June 12 – 16

Session 2: 9:00 – 2:00

REGISTRATION FORM

Make checks payable to Pedro Menendez Basketball. Mail registration and check to:

Adam Holmes, Pedro Menendez High
600 SR 206 West

St. Augustine, FL, 32086

Camper: _____

Parents : _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

School: _____

Grade in fall of 2016: _____

Age: _____

Email: _____

Insurance _____

Company: _____

Policy _____

Number: _____

SELECT A T-SHIRT SIZE:

Youth M: _____ Youth L: _____

S: _____ M: _____ L: _____

Sessions Attending (check all that apply):

1 _____ 2 _____