



THE TORCH

Monday	1-8	Boosterthon Pep Rally. Girl's lacrosse club from 3:00-4:00. Related Arts Day A
Tuesday	1-9	Bookshelf open until 7:00 pm. News Team from 3:00-3:45. Odyssey Teams 2 & 5 from 3:00-4:00. Web Warriors from 2:50-3:30. Related Arts Day B
Wednesday	1-10	Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 1:50. Related Arts Day C
Thursday	1-11	5 th grade Data and Donuts. Art Leaders from 2:45-3:45. Odyssey Team 3 from 3:00-4:00. SAC meeting from 6:00-7:00. Related Arts Day D
Friday	1-12	Dress like a Firework. 3 rd grade Data and Donuts. Send in your box tops. Related Arts Day E

Hello Wards Creek Family! Hopefully everyone has had a festive and restful holiday season. We are looking forward to hearing the students share their stories from the break.

Next Monday, January 15th, school will not be in session. Instead, we will take the time to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Attached is an essay and poster contest that students may wish to participate in to help celebrate the life and works of this American Hero.

Here's a chance for your child to earn 2 Bonus TORCH points. The St. Johns County annual CHARACTER COUNTS! 6 Pillars 6K/3K Run/Walk will take place on February 3rd at 9:00 at Palencia Elementary. The top three schools with the most participants will receive a monetary donation from the CC! steering committee, so help spread the word! Register for the run at <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/StAugustine/CHARACTERCOUNTSinStJohnsCountySixPillars6K3KRunWalk>

Spotlight on Kindergarten:

Kindergarten has had a busy December! We started the month off by taking a field trip to Sweet Pete's. We learned about density, conducted science experiments and even got to make our very own candy canes! We also had our annual "Holidays Around the World" which is part of our Social Studies standards. Each kindergarten class "traveled" to another country to learn about their holidays/traditions. We made a poinsettia in Mexico, played the dreidel in Israel, compared/contrasted the weather/climate in Australia with the US, made reindeer food in America, ate an edible Christmas tree in Germany and went caroling in honor of Europe!

Congratulations to those being recognized as WCE representatives for the year in the following categories:

Teacher – Kim Hinman

Rookie Teacher – Kaydee Kuhnle

School Related Employee – Timmy Lundquist

Senior Volunteer - Ellie Malloy

Adult Volunteer - Kelly Shor

Youth Volunteer – Amanda Yurkovich