



Wards Creek Elementary 6555 SR 16, St. Augustine, FL 32092 Summer 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

Our school year is coming to a close and it is very bittersweet for me. I have enjoyed another wonderful year with your children, and unexpectedly this will be my last at Wards Creek. I have been asked to serve at another school so I must tuck away all my special memories and take them with me on the next leg of my journey. I want you all to know how special your school really is. I have been in education for 36 years and it is rare to find a school like this. As I think back on my last five years here, I smile at the memory of things like: Students asking me, "How was your day?"; Students holding the door open for me and any other adult or student heading in that direction; Students sharing their pride about sibling accomplishments; Students talking about their dreams and the goals they have in place to make those dreams a reality; Students sharing academic strategies to help a peer grasp a concept; Students working collaboratively to accomplish a task; Students telling me what a great job I did selecting their beloved teacher; Students showing love and empathy for others...the list goes on and on.

I know much credit is due to the principles you have taught at home.

I hope that our efforts to guide your children in the direction of becoming strong leaders of self and others has helped as well. I wish you the very best as you continue your Warrior journey. I will take the lessons learned and the blessings received and cherish them forever.



Enrollment for the 2017 - 2018 school year is currently full. Have a VPK student ready for next year? Click [here](#) to add your child to our waiting list for the 2017 - 2018 school year.

## Greetings from Nurse Boyd!

Summer is upon us and I am looking forward to sharpening the saw with my family.

Please pick up all medications your child has in the clinic by the last day of school May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Next year's medical management plans are available for those who are returning in August. Reminder: this is required every new school year. If you see your doctor over summer break, that is a great time to have your doctor fill these forms out.

Remember to wear sunscreen and drink lots of water, it's HOT out there!

Here is some funny for you to enjoy! It has been a pleasure caring for your children!

-Nurse Boyd



# Summer Reading

This summer, we are encouraging our Warrior families to participate in the St. Johns County Public Library's Summer Reading Program. Students read books, complete a reading log, and bring their log to any library branch and receive prizes. The prizes vary by location. Click on the link below to find out more and to print your reading log.

<http://www.sjcpls.org/summer-reading-program-2017/>

The library offers more than just books. Click on the link below to find out about free events hosted by our public libraries.

<http://www.sjcpls.org/event-directory/kids-events/>



Need a library card? They are free and easy to obtain! Click on the link below for more information.

<http://www.sjcpls.org/about/library-card/>



Report Cards & Test scores are available on HAC until June.

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

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

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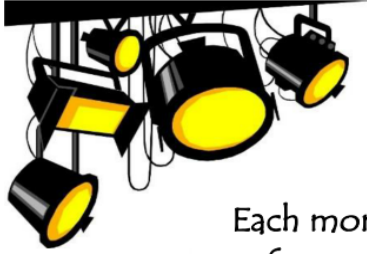
Home Access Center will be online until June. Our system will be turned off so we can start scheduling for the 2017-2018 school year!

Have a wonderful Summer!

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

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





# 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.



Safety Leaders proudly standing from left to right Gabby Paterson, Alivia Maroni, Anastasiya Frey, and Natalie Bastow.

# Wards Creek Safety Leader Team 2017-2018



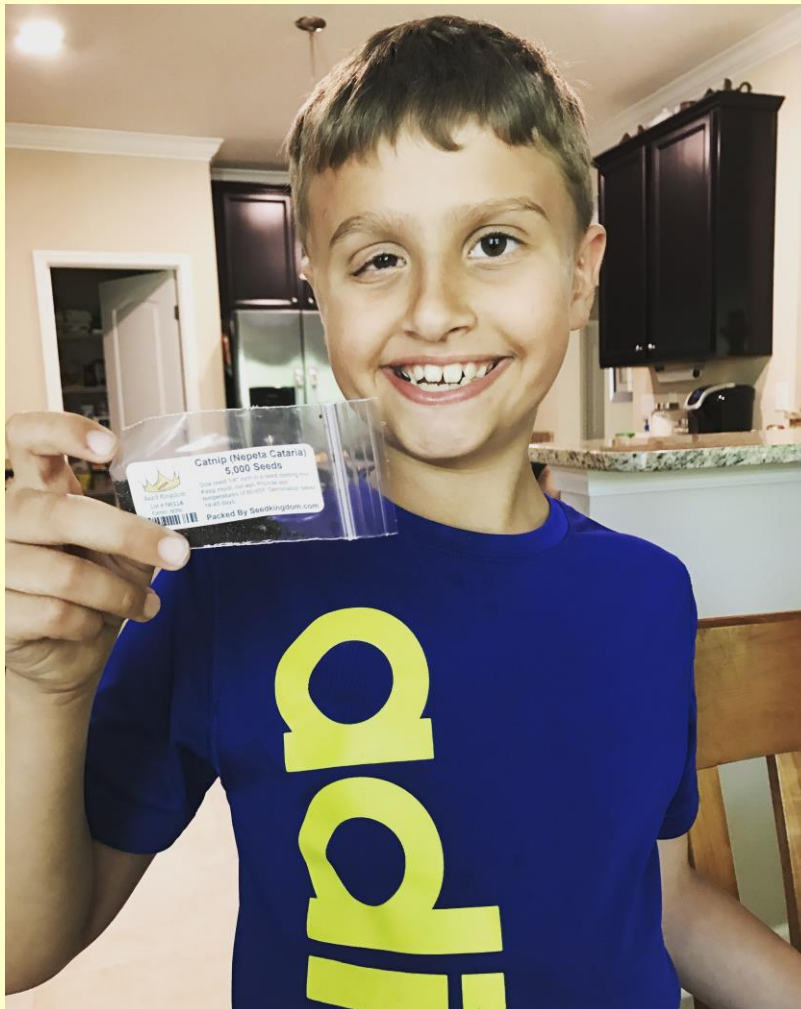
Mrs. King is pleased to welcome our new Safety Leader Team for the 2017-2018 school year.

These students completed a lengthy application process and chosen to lead by our staff members and students.

Congratulations!

## Children's Business Fair Participant

One of our very own, Anthony Santoro excitedly participated in a children's business fair back in April. After several attempts at an ideal product, Anthony decided to combine his love of cats, gardening, and Pokémon to sell small pots of catnip plant with a Pokémon plant stake in each one. He was also excited to donate a portion of his profits to his school garden!



For more information about the Children's Business Fair, please check out the following link:

<https://www.childrensbusinessfair.org/>



## The Kindness Club



We had our first Kindness Club meeting this month. We introduced ourselves and started on our first project for #kindnesswarriors. We painted rocks with inspirational sayings and pictures. We hid the rocks all over school. The idea is that others will find the rocks and smile. If you find a rock, you can either hide it in another spot at our school or take it to another place in the community to spread happiness.



# Warrior Highlights!

## Cool Kindergarten

Kindergarten has had an exciting month! We completed our farm life unit. The duck and chick eggs hatched! We took a field trip to the Rype and Read Farm. We learned about hydroponics, fed farm animals and taste tested some local produce.

We are "traveling" to Australia during our last month of school. We will learn about their customs, animals and the Great Barrier Reef. We will end our year with our Aussie Performance and Cookout!

It has been a great year in Kindergarten! Have a wonderful summer and keep reading!



Comparing a chicken egg with a goose egg!



Chickens!

## Excellent ESE



## The Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Is she the speech therapist? Is she the sign language interpreter? Who is the lady that carries around hearing aid batteries? She is the Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH). Itinerant basically means "travelling". In other words, I am a traveling teacher; traveling to different schools serving various deaf and hard of hearing students in St. Johns County in grades Pre-K through high school. I provide instruction and consultative services to deaf and hard of hearing students that are in public school, as well as provide training to general education teachers and staff working with these students. Some of my other duties including checking and maintaining personal and school amplification equipment, auditory and speech reading training, language, communication and sign language instruction, and self-advocacy skills. So if you see me rushing down the hall, pulling my red cart, you'll know it's me, the D/HH teacher! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me:

[Carol.Carberry@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Carol.Carberry@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

**Fifth graders, the year's not over yet and  
there is lots of fun ahead.**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> Talent Show 8:45 AM**

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9:00 AM - Water Day,**

**Chick Fil A Lunch, Clap Out @ 2:15**

**Congratulations! Have a great  
summer!**



### **That's a Wrap Second Grade!**

We are wrapping up the end of our school year with hands on learning and super fun surprises for our soon to be 3rd graders. Many classes are practicing and performing reader's theaters for other classes around the school. There have also been a lot of STEM activities going because we are all learning about forces and motion. We even took a grade level trip to the bowling alley to experience forces and motion. Today, the 2nd grade teachers surprised all of the students with a magic show from Papa Ty the Magic Guy! We hope that everyone has a fantastic summer. Don't forget to practice math facts and read, read, READ!!!!



## Terrific Third Grade!

The third grade team wishes their students and families a safe and wonderful summer vacation!



### **Warrior Highlights!**

#### FANTASTIC FIRST GRADE

Our fantastic first graders finished the year off strong when they presented their “living zoo” in May. Each student chose an animal that they wanted to learn more about, researched that animal using multiple sources, and wrote a report about that animal. They presented these reports to their classmates to showcase their knowledge of their animal. Part of their research project also included a visual aid about their chosen animal, which were then presented in a zoo format for our parents. We had many visitors to our living zoo, and the students were very creative with their visual aids – we had a hawk complete with tail feathers, a deer with a painted face and antlers, and many dioramas depicting animal habitats. As we wrap up our year, we have one final STEM activity planned. We will also work on a first grade memory book so we don’t forget all the friends we made this year, as well as remembering our friends moving on to the new school next year.

## Warrior Highlights!

### Fabulous 4<sup>th</sup> Grade



#### Summer Tips:

1. Practice math facts (Multiplication & Division)
2. Read, Read, Read!
3. Write your heart out!



Fourth grade would like to send a HUGE thank you to everyone that came to watch our production of "The Wizard of Oz". The students were grateful for all of you being there.

Thank you to the staff for allowing your classes to enjoy as well!

thank you!

We hope that everyone has a wonderful summer!



## Continue the Conversation



Computer Class Happenings With Mrs. Battaglini  
May 2017

We continue to learn and grow in the computer classroom. This was a busy year in our **Kindergarten** computer class. We mastered the computer mouse and learned to type using the computer keyboard. We wrote and illustrated our first digital story. We have also begun our lifelong journey as good digital citizens being careful and responsible with technology and the internet. We discovered many fun ways to learn by playing computer based games with [www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com) and [www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org) , [www.mathseeds.com](http://www.mathseeds.com) (accounts will remain open until the end of May) and [www.teachyourmonstertoread.com](http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com) (accounts will be waiting for you out on the internet to read all summer long!) Continue to practice typing at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr> (a free and fun typing website).

**The 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade Warriors** were busy becoming responsible digital citizens. We learned that technology never forgets what we do online and how we create our digital footprint. We learned how all of our devices are connected. We practiced finding safe websites, conducted internet research, and created several types of digital documents; Word and PowerPoint for example. We learned a lot about computer code; created binary bracelets, and coded online in [www.code.org](http://www.code.org) and <http://www.abcya.com/lightbot.htm> using blockly code and viewing java script code.

We talked about being responsible digital friends and the important topic of cyberbullying. We used <https://digitalpassport.org/educator-registration> to explore many digital citizenship topics. This is a great website to share with your child. It will create an opportunity to have important dialogue with your child about their online social choices and help them remember these important values during the warm and relaxed summer months.

You also might want to check out the Common Sense Media website where they have listed an interesting option to traditional summer camp. [https://www.common Sense Media.org/blog/11-online-summer-camps-to-keep-kids-busy-and-learning-while-schools-out?j=4703275&l=512\\_HTML&u=70816664&mid=7000332&jb=377&utm\\_source=050517+DEFAULT&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=weekly](https://www.common Sense Media.org/blog/11-online-summer-camps-to-keep-kids-busy-and-learning-while-schools-out?j=4703275&l=512_HTML&u=70816664&mid=7000332&jb=377&utm_source=050517+DEFAULT&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly)

Thank you for your support at home. Have a wonderful summer and enjoy *continuing the conversation!*

# Platinum Business Partners




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- PAIN RELIEF IS OUR GOAL

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[WWW.THEVILLAGECHIROPRACTOR.COM](http://WWW.THEVILLAGECHIROPRACTOR.COM)

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 your 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](http://attendanceworks.org) and [reachoutandread.org](http://reachoutandread.org)

This Year We

**GO  
BIG**

WE ARE RECYCLING BIG  
TO EARN BIG!

DONATE LASER PRINTER CARTRIDGES  
TO HELP US EARN TOWARDS OUR GOAL!



FOR MORE DATA VISIT [FUNDINGFACTORY.COM](http://FUNDINGFACTORY.COM)



# 2017 SJCSD SUMMER VPK PROGRAM

## 1. Complete the VPK Application Online

Visit <https://familyservices.floridaeearlylearning.com>

And complete the online application. For information or questions regarding the online application please call Early Childhood Services Department at 904- 547-8965.

## 2. Submit Supporting Documents

You will be asked to upload the following documents during the registration process:

- Proof of Florida residency
- Birth certificate/Proof of the child's age

*Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2017. Once your application has been processed you will receive an email alerting you that your child's Certificate of Eligibility (voucher) is ready to print.*

## 3. Enroll for Summer VPK

To enroll, bring your Certificate of Eligibility (voucher) and the following documents to Early Childhood Services Department

- Florida Certificate of Immunization (DH Form 680)
- Physical examination certificate signed by a licensed examiner

## 4. Location

SJCSD SUMMER VPK program will be held at

Osceola Elementary School  
Durbin Creek Elementary School

- TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED



St. Johns County School District  
Early Childhood Services Department  
102 Martin Luther King Ave.  
St. Augustine, Florida 32084  
904- 547- 8965

May 30<sup>th</sup> - July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
Five days a week, 7:30a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- ❖ Certified Teachers
- ❖ Low ratios
- ❖ Engaging Curriculum
- ❖ Kindergarten Readiness Activities
- ❖ Arts and Crafts
- ❖ Water Days
- ❖ Summer Fun
- ❖ Breakfast & Lunch is provided

Apply Now!



Space is limited.





**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



## GO FALCONS

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> graders)

Session 1: 9:00 – 2:00

**JUNE 12 – JUNE 16** (rising 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_