



THE TORCH

Monday	9-24	Last day for Book Fair. Girl's lacrosse club from 3:00-3:30. Related Arts Day A
Tuesday	9-25	Bookshelf open until 6:00 pm. Related Arts Day B
Wednesday	9-26	Dad's Take Your Child to School Day. Dismissal starts at 1:50. Related Arts Day C
Thursday	9-27	Girls on the Run from 3:00-4:15. SAC meeting at 6:00 pm. Related Arts Day D
Friday	9-28	Wear Red for Johnny Appleseed's Birthday. Girls on the Run from 3:00-4:15. Related Arts Day E

Hello Warrior families! What a turnout for Leadership Night. We had over 400 students complete their passport and turn them in at the end for a special prize. Thanks again for being so proactive in your child's education and letting them display their leadership. We have had great feedback and appreciate any suggestions of how to make this event even greater.

We are excited to announce that Lisa Brennan, 5th grade teacher, is being recognized this year as Ward's Creek Teacher of the Year. In addition, Penny Angelus, Confidential Secretary, is our School-Related Employee of the Year. These two outstanding individuals will be honored at the district celebrations. We are so grateful to have both of them inspire all of us at WCE.

We know your children are extremely appreciative when family members have lunch with them. Although we know this is a special time for you and your child, we ask that you limit this time to just the cafeteria. As your child's class leaves for recess, please allow them go on their own. Thanks for understanding.

The Safety Leaders will be holding an apple muffin sale on September 25th, 26th and 27th. Students will be able to purchase an apple note & an apple muffin (edible) to send to their classmates or Wards Creek Employees. The apple muffins will be delivered to classrooms/employees on September 28th by Safety leaders. The cost is \$1.00 for each apple muffin and they will be sold at both the bus loop and parent pick up/drop off areas in the mornings.

Calling All Dads: Dads Take Your Child to School Day will be observed in Florida on Wednesday, September 26, 2018. We would like to invite our dads to bring their children to school this Wednesday and walk them to class. Please make sure you have completed the school access form in order to come on campus. We are looking forward to seeing our dads for a second year to honor this day.

Please provide the media center feedback in taking part in a short survey about the Bookshelf: <https://www-wce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/bookshelf/>

See next page for additional news

Math Warriors! It was wonderful to see so many people out for Noodle and Numbers to engage in Math activities! We hope you enjoyed all the fun with your families and picked up a few good ideas about math. We here at WCES hope to enrich the lives of our students through the Math Practices in our daily lessons. We'd like to create opportunities for all Warriors to be successful in math and to find a love for Math. Attached are the 8 Math Practices for you to review and think about as you work through homework, daily activities, and life lessons. If anyone finds new ways to use these at home please send your feedback to heather.shreves@stjohns.k12.fl.us. She would love to hear how our Warriors are utilizing these tools outside of the classroom! Thank you again for an amazing event and night of community. See you all soon.

Wildly Important Goals:

Wards Creek Elementary believes that community service is a vital part of its role in shaping tomorrow's leaders and seeks to find ways to instill this belief in students. The goal of service projects is to develop purposeful and contributing citizens who are aware of their responsibilities – to themselves, their school, and society. Learning how to care lies at the heart of our leaders and the value of responsible citizenship, caring for a cause beyond oneself. Our goal is that 100% of our students participate in at least one community service project by the end of the school year. Please see the attached document regarding our 3rd grade community service project. If your child brings one of the following to contribute to our project by the end of September, they will receive 1 bonus point on their Torch card: Hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, paper towels.

The clinic is need of donations for peanut free snacks and small Ziploc bags.

The September School Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting is at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 27th, in the Media Center. SAC is a diverse group of stakeholders of a school, established through Florida law, with the shared goal of increasing student achievement in a safe learning environment. SAC consists of the principal and an appropriately balanced number of teachers, staff, parents, and community members. If you are interested, please come to a meeting and learn more about how you can be involved with this integral team.

Spotlight on Fifth Grade:

Over the past couple of weeks, fifth grade students at Wards Creek have begun two intervention/enrichment blocks in the morning to assist students in reading and math instruction. These instructional groupings are designed to give students specialized instruction in the aforementioned content areas. The math sessions include math multiplication games like "Blockout" and multiplication bingo, multiplying 3 digit by 3 digit numbers using the multiplication algorithm, and advanced math projects based on multiplication and division. Students in the reading sessions are working on various skills. Some are learning how to be active readers while using reading strategies effectively by identifying key ideas and details. Other students are meeting in daily "Literature Circles" where they read novels and collaborate with each other during discussion times while another group may spend more time focusing on vocabulary and multiple meaning words. Be sure to ask your fifth grader what he/she is learning during their reading and math intervention blocks!