



THE TORCH

Monday	11-12	No School – Thank Veterans and Active Duty Personnel for their Service
Tuesday	11-13	Bookshelf open until 6:00 pm. WCES Running club from 3:00-4:00. Related Arts Day E
Wednesday	11-14	Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 1:50. Related Arts Day F
Thursday	11-15	Related Arts Day A
Friday	11-16	Dress Like a Turkey. Interims issued. Related Arts Day B

Hello Warrior families! Thank you to those who participated in Tropical Smoothie Night. Our PTO will be putting those proceeds toward ways to support our school. This week is National Hunger and Homeless Week. Tropical Smoothie is again partnering with our district by providing proceeds to support the A.S.S.I.S.T program. For more information about other ways to support our youth in need please visit <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/homeless/>. The Tropical Smoothie event is this Thursday.

With the holiday season approaching, we ask that parents be conscious that there may be students in your child's classroom with food allergies and/or limitations. The nurse needs to check the content of Treats brought in for classroom celebrations. In order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all of our students and to assist the nurse in calculating, we would prefer if you brought in store-bought items or nonfood treats such as pencils, erasers and small toys.

The due date for orders for the Square1 Art fundraiser is November 19th. Please see the attached for how to order. A portion of the proceeds helps us purchase new and inspiring art supplies for the kids.

Our next PTO event will be Winter Wonderland the evening of December 7th. PTO is in need of an abundance of gallon sized milk jugs: clean and with their caps.

PTO is selling Wards Creek socks! Celebrate your school spirit with socks! The socks will be available in Black with Gold font and Gold with Black font. See attached flyer for more details.

Spotlight on Third Grade:
3rd Graders are experiencing Reading across the curriculum this year. Reading is important because it develops the mind and helps it grow. Reading helps develop and improve vocabulary, thinking skills, stress reduction, memory, writing and concentration. It can also help develop empathy, social perception and emotional intelligence. The bottom line is, reading helps develop the whole child. In addition to our classroom academics, our 3rd Graders enjoyed their first field study. We visited UNF for a Eco Adventure Hike to enhance, strengthen and reinforce our science standards. Over the course of the mile hike, students visited various habitats, saw many kinds of animals and discovered how certain species of plants and animals meet their basic needs.