



THE TORCH

Monday	3-11	Related Arts Day A
Tuesday	3-12	Bookshelf open until 6:00 pm. Character Cup practice from 3:00-4:00. Related Arts Day B
Wednesday	3-13	Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 1:50. Related Arts Day C
Thursday	3-14	Art Leaders from 2:45-4:00. Related Arts Day D
Friday	3-15	No School for Students – Teacher Planning Day

Hello Wards Creek Family! Our Odyssey of the Mind teams had a successful regional tournament last weekend at Gamble Rogers Middle School. Both teams performed well and represented WCES with pride. One of our teams will be advancing to the state tournament on April 6th! THANK YOU to our volunteers who make this opportunity possible for our students.

Instead of having a single spirit night for Papa Murphy's we are trying a new online sales promotion. This promotion will raise money for our school through the whole month of March! All orders will need to be placed online using the code "SUPPORT". This code can be used by friends and family as well, so please share! When you use the code, 20% of all proceeds from March, will come right back to our school.

It's time for yearbook sales to start. We are accepting orders ONLINE ONLY for the 2018-19 yearbook. Please see the attached flyer for more information on how to order. The ONLINE ordering system will be available through MAY 15th. After that time yearbooks will not be available. Yearbooks will be delivered to your child the last week of school.

2019-2020 Registration Information:
Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is now open. SJCS D has developed a new online application. Therefore, all new registrations will be done via the online form. If you have a student that is entering Kindergarten or NEW to Wards Creek, please complete the online registration form on the [WCES Registration Page](#). **Please note that students currently enrolled at Wards Creek Elementary School do not need to register for the 2019-2020 school year.** These students are already a part of the Wards Creek Family, therefore they will automatically roll over to their next year grade. In July, returning Warriors will complete the Returning Student Verification Form in order to confirm their 2019-2020 enrollment. Please email [Tammy Stewart](#) if you have any additional registration questions.

On Saturday many of our students participated in the Junior River Run. Congratulations to them for being part of the fun event. The Glow Run is Friday, April 5th. The flyer is attached. We hope to see many Warriors run there too.

More TORCH News on the next page.

The food service district office has made some changes to the monthly lunch menu. To view the Wards Creek Café breakfast and lunch options, please visit:

<https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/WardsCreekElementary>

Applications for the summer Marine Science Program can still be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 15th at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/marinescience/> The link also will have a complete day by day curriculum for each grade level, parent information, and a video from last year's program. Please return the application to your child's science teacher to be forwarded to our program. This summer program is available to all students currently in grades five through seven and has been sponsored by the school district since 1982. Three eight day sessions are held at Gamble Rogers Middle School with bus transportation provided. The dates for the three sessions this summer will be May 29th through June 7th, June 10th through June 20th, and June 24th through July 3rd . Small classes of 13-15 students are separated by grade level. All instructors in the program are St. Johns County School District teachers. The Marine Science Program is a carefully designed experience for responsible students who are interested in learning about our local marine environments. Learning is "hands on" in the field with students kayaking, canoeing, boating, hiking, snorkeling, sailing, windsurfing, surfing, SUP, (stand up paddleboarding), etc. Specific grade level activities and curriculum are attached to the applications and are also available from the website. More information about the program can be had by emailing marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

The Bookshelf activities for Tuesday, March 12th, will be about astronomy and demonstrating how to use telescopes.

Our third quarter TORCH card celebration will take place this week. The reward for students having the required points on their card will be a visit to the park during the school day. Please check your child's card to see if they have earned this event

At the beginning of the year we provided a Positive Behavior Support handbook. School-wide Positive Behavior Support (PBS) is a collaborative, assessment-based approach to developing effective school-wide behavioral expectations. The emphasis is on the use of proactive, educative, and reinforcement-based strategies to achieve meaningful and durable behavior and lifestyle outcomes. Your child is expected to share their TORCH card with you each night.

Spotlight on 1st Grade:

First grade has been working hard since winter break. We just completed our president project, for which each student chose a president to research. We learned about using multiple sources for research, and how to take notes. Our students then wrote a report about their president, including important information and fun facts they learned. We presented our reports during our "living museum", where visitors were able to see our projects displayed and learn something new. The students did a fantastic job with this project, and had fun during our living museum. This project prepares us for our upcoming animal project which we will complete in the spring.