



THE TORCH

Monday	3-25	Related Arts Day E
Tuesday	3-26	Character Cup practice from 3:00-4:00. Bookshelf open until 6:00 pm. Related Arts Day F
Wednesday	3-27	Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 1:50. Leaders with Character Celebration. Related Arts Day A
Thursday	3-28	Art Leaders from 2:45-4:00. SAC Meeting at 6:00 pm. Related Arts Day B
Friday	3-29	Medal of Honor Day – Wear Character Counts Colors. Related Arts Day C

Hello Wards Creek Family! We hope you had an enjoyable Spring Break. We look forward to hearing the stories from the students about their exciting adventures.

Before the break our students had a great time at Treaty Park. Congratulations to those students who earned the necessary TORCH points to receive this reward. We look forward to more students earning the 4th quarter reward. Please check your child's TORCH card and encourage them to meet the expectations.

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.

Glow Run will be held on Friday, April 5th, at 8:00 pm. We hope to see many Warriors in this event.

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>

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.

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.

More TORCH news on the next page.

The Governor has issued a proclamation calling upon public officials, schools, private organizations and all residents of the state to commemorate Medal of Honor Day and honor recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor who distinguished themselves through their conspicuous bravery and gallantry during wartime and at considerable risk to their own lives, while serving as members of the United States Armed Forces. Monday, March 25th is Florida's observance of Medal of Honor Day 2019. Section 683.147, Florida Statute 1003.42. WCE recognizes that those who serve our great nation embody all Character Counts Pillars. **To honor these brave individuals we are encouraging our students to wear the color that symbolizes the Character Trait on Spirit Wear Friday, March 29th:**

Fairness – Orange – Pre-k and Kindergarten
Respect – Yellow – 1st Grade
Citizenship – Purple – 2nd Grade
Trustworthiness – Blue – 3rd Grade
Caring – Red – 4th Grade
Responsibility – Green – 5th Grade

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.

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.

Attached is a letter from Mrs. Mitidieri regarding a school-wide community service project. Crayola and schools across North America are banding together to help kids understand the importance of their role in protecting the environment. ***The Crayola ColorCycle initiative encourages students to collect and repurpose used Crayola markers. Highlighters and dry erase markers can also be included.*** The ColorCycle program has repurposed more than 70 tons of expended markers in the United States and Canada since 2013, and uses the most advanced plastic conversion technologies available today to make wax compounds for asphalt and roofing shingles as well as to generate electricity that can be used to heat homes, cook food, and power vehicles. Drop-off boxes will be located inside the yellow house.

Spotlight on 2nd Grade:
2nd grade recently visited GTM where the students had a chance to learn about all the plants and animals that live in an estuary. They were very excited to use binoculars and find an eagle's nest. The children continue to write letters to veterans as our community service project. As the 4th quarter approaches, the students are working very hard to reach one year's growth on i-Ready for reading and math.