



THE TORCH

Friday	9-6	Related Arts Day A
Monday	9-9	Related Arts Day B
Tuesday	9-10	Related Arts Day C
Wednesday	9-11	Related Arts Day D
Thursday	9-12	Related Arts Day E
Friday	9-13	Dress Like a Superhero. Book Fair Begins. Related Arts Day F

Hello Warrior families! We hope that you and your family were not affected by the hurricane. It will be great to get back to the normalcy of a set schedule. We are excited to have the students return and to continue the great start we have had to the school year. Thank you for helping us with the rituals and routines during the first weeks of school. We appreciate your patience as we continue to make adjustments in the best interest of safety. During morning drop-off, it has been noticed that several students are exiting their cars from the left side. We ask that students exit the car on the right side, where the Safety Leaders can assist. Please continue to practice with your child the ability to unbuckle themselves and have everything prepared upon your car stopping. In regards to afternoon dismissal, as mentioned in the past newsletters, the buses are extremely consistent this year. At 2:50 on Thursday, August 29th, we had 259 students leaving the school on 9 buses. However, only 11 cars were able to be loaded and on the way home. From 2:50-3:07 we had 84 cars go through parent pickup. More eligible students riding the bus would significantly decrease this time and eliminate more cars on a busy State Road 16.

News from PTO: Our first family event is quickly approaching...Noodles & Numbers. This is a really fun night of food and math games. We will also have our first PTO General Meeting. BONUS: Bring your wallet for an opportunity to win the drawing of 4 Disney tickets. If you joined our PTO at the beginning of this year, please plan on attending and have your voice heard. Attached is the flyer for this event. <http://www.wardscreekpto.com/>

Our school nurse is looking for a few volunteers for the upcoming health screenings.
 Kindergarten – Tuesday, September 17th
 1st Grade – Wednesday, September 18th
 3rd Grade – Thursday, September 19th
 She would like to have about 4 volunteers help with this each day. If interested, please email michelle.lee@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

We appreciate those who have honored the instructional time and have had their child to school on time. Being here the entire day ensures that students don't miss out on critical learning moments. Reminder, that if you need to check your child early, please do so by 2:00 pm (1:00 on Wednesdays).

A special thank you to the Wards Creek family: Thank you for helping Wards Creek Elementary attain the 5 Star School Award and Golden School status for the 2018-2019 school year! We have shown that we worked together to provide optimal student service through community/business partnerships, family involvement, volunteers, student community service, and school advisory councils. This award takes much effort, and we have successfully been able to showcase our many accomplishments to receive this recognition at the upcoming school board meeting. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the WCE students.

News from the Media Center:

It is the most exciting time of the year. No, not hurricane season...BOOK FAIR! Our annual Book Fair will kick off on Friday, September 13th. Book Fair flyers will come home in the Tuesday folders. Students will visit the Book Fair during their Media and STEM Lab times. We could use some extra help to manage this event. All volunteers will receive a 20% discount to purchase items at the Book Fair.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044daca72ca57-wces3>

Spotlight on Kindergarten:

Kindergarten is off to a great start! We enjoyed our staggered start days and getting to know about your child. We were on a search to find Pete the Cat who was loose in our school. We have been learning our classroom rules, routines and expectations. We enjoyed seeing Nemo, Marlin and Dory at our Leadership Launch to hear all about Growth Mindset. We never stop trying, even if something is hard. We just keep swimming!

• The 8 Habits of Happy Kids

- Habit 1 – Be Proactive
- Habit 2 – Begin with the End in Mind
- Habit 3 – Put First Things First
- Habit 4 – Think Win-Win
- Habit 5 – Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
- Habit 6 – Synergize
- Habit 7 – Sharpen the Saw
- Habit 8 – Find Your Voice and Inspire Others to Find Theirs