



THE TORCH

Monday	11-11	No School – Thank Veterans and Active Duty Personnel for their Service
Tuesday	11-12	Picture Retakes. PTO McDonalds Night from 5:00-8:00 pm. Bookshelf Closed. TORCH News from 3:00-3:45. Related Arts Day D
Wednesday	11-13	Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 1:45. Related Arts Day E
Thursday	11-14	Robotics Club from 3:00-3:45. Related Arts Day F
Friday	11-15	Wear your favorite Disney shirt. Related Arts Day A

Hello Warrior families! Thank you to those who attended our first annual Warrior Ball. This was a fun night for a new tradition.

We would like to thank the many Veterans and active duty personnel. In addition to the many family members who have served, or are currently serving our great country, we have three WCE staff members who deserve to be recognized: Rachel Romano, Dana Smith, and Rob Simpson. Thanks again to all!

Your child should have received their Square1 stickers and catalogs this week. Square 1 is a company that specializes in printing your child's art on a variety of merchandise. Every child receives free stickers of their art and a catalog for ordering additional items. You can also order online at www.square1art.com! You will need your child's access code to order so please feel free to email me if you need help in any way: Julie.Stimson@stjohns.k12.fl.us Remember that our art department receives a portion of the profit earned from this fundraiser. This provides an opportunity to purchase new and exciting materials for our students to use in their art class! Thank you for your support!

The STEM lab is in need of recycled newspaper for an upcoming investigation on shelter building. Any donations for the media center can be dropped off in the front office.

Spotlight on Second Grade:

Second graders have been learning several two-digit addition strategies that will help them develop skills they can then transition to mental math. It is important for them to learn different strategies in order for them to know which one works best for different types of problems. First, they practice them with paper and pencil, and eventually they will transition these skills to solving the problems mentally. We know that seeing your children use these strategies seems strange to some parents, we understand – it is not how we learned math. We just learned the algorithms. However, there has been extensive research since we were in school. It was found that children that are taught strategies BEFORE the algorithms have a much deeper understanding of number sense. Next, they will be learning several strategies for solving two-digit subtraction problems. The second grade teachers appreciate your support in helping your child practice the strategies as they learned in class.