



## THE TORCH

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1-20</b>	No School in Session – Take time to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1-21</b>	TORCH News from 3:00-3:45. Bookshelf open until from 4:00-6:00 pm. Related Arts Day D
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1-22</b>	Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 1:45. Jr. River Run practice from 2:00-2:20. Related Arts Day E
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1-23</b>	Battle of the Books practice from 2:45-3:30. Robotics Club from 3:00-3:45. Related Arts Day F
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1-24</b>	Wear Red for Chinese New Year. Art Leaders from 2:45-4:00. Related Arts Day A

News from PTO: It's time for our 2nd annual Move and Groove-a-thon fundraiser. This year our goal is to raise funds to complete the technology enhancements we began last year as well as create an outdoor learning space for our students. The dance-a-thon will take place Thursday, January 30th, during school hours. Start today by making your donation page

[www.99pledges.com/fund/moveandgroove2020/addme](http://www.99pledges.com/fund/moveandgroove2020/addme). Enter student's name, parent's email, and choose teacher from drop down box. This will create a unique page for your student that you can share with friends and family. But don't stop there--show us your creative side. Make videos, posters, or create your own dance routine. We're excited to get moving and grooving again!

Do you know that you can set up "Low Balance" reminder emails and "Automatic Payments" for your students lunch accounts thru SchoolPay. <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/schoolpay/>  
To watch a how to video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJ-7dP9rZLs>.

Winter spirit wear is back up for grabs. If you're interested in getting a WCES hoodie or long sleeve shirt, act fast...the store for spirit wear will be closing on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. Here's the link: [https://shop.crowleyprinting.com/Wards-Creek-Elementary\\_c113.htm](https://shop.crowleyprinting.com/Wards-Creek-Elementary_c113.htm). Please make sure to review the sizing information because all sales are final and we are unable to swap for a different size. This order will be delivered around the first week of February.

January 25<sup>th</sup> is the Old City Pirate Fest organized by the St. Augustine Swashbucklers. The event will run from 9:00am – 5:30pm and will involve games, exhibits, pirate history, music, magic, dancers, and jugglers. Students should wear a Wards Creek shirt to the event. The gate keepers will keep track of how many students are showing school spirit. The three schools with the most participation (and school spirit) will win \$100 in new books for the library. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$2 for kids. The event will take place at the Historical Colonial Quarter on St. George Street. Proceeds from the event will benefit Ink! and SAYS.

The St. Johns County School District (SJCS), RSVP of St. Johns County and other local mentor groups will be hosting a mentor fair on Wed., Feb. 5 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., at the Fullerwood Center Auditorium, 10 Hildreth Drive in St. Augustine. Representatives will be on hand to provide information about mentoring students in the SJCS. Mentor training will also be provided to interested individuals and a continental breakfast will be available. Mentors give approximately 45 minutes per week to meet with a student and support him/her in academic pursuits, and other goals. No prior experience is required and background screening and training are provided at no cost. Contact RSVP/Volunteer Services at 904-547-3945, or [Cheryl.Freeman@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Cheryl.Freeman@stjohns.k12.fl.us) for more details.

Spotlight on 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:  
Welcome back from 4<sup>th</sup> grade! We have been busy. Our field trip to Kennedy Space Center was a blast and connected with our social studies and science curriculum. We have been writing diligently on our opinion and informational essays in class. In math we have been mastering our multiplication facts and learning all about fractions and measurement. We are moving forward and looking at angles and geometry. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade play has just been announced! Drum roll please..... This year we will be traveling to the jungle in the classic story The Jungle Book. So, save the date, because our performance will be on May, 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, our community service project has been slowly getting started. We are always looking for more pictures of those 4<sup>th</sup> graders cleaning up our beaches!

## 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