



## THE TORCH

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1-11</b>	Day B in the Related Arts Schedule
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1-12</b>	Take Out Tuesday at Willie Jewel's. Day C in the Related Arts Schedule
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1-13</b>	Wear School Spirit Attire. Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 12:55. Day D in the Related Arts Schedule
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1-14</b>	Day E in the Related Arts Schedule
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1-15</b>	Wear Orange/Winnie The Pooh. Day F in the Related Arts Schedule

Hello Warrior families! We are so proud of our Warriors. They came back from the winter break with a continued enthusiasm for learning. They easily transitioned back and completely followed the rituals and routines. Thank you, parents, for continuing to encourage them to follow the safety measures in place.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> I-Ready Diagnostic testing begins this week. Your child's teacher will send you the specific day your child will be assessed in Reading and Mathematics. This will help determine if our students are on track to meet our Wildly Important Goal of having each child make their individual growth goal by the end of the year. Please remind your child to put forth their best effort so we may determine their independent level and then prescribe an individual learning path for them.

### News from the CAFÉ:

Just a reminder ALL students are eligible for FREE breakfast and lunch through the end of the school year. Snacks available for purchase. The Café opens at 8:00 am serving hot and cold breakfast options. For Menu visit:

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

### Spotlight on ESE:

We hope everyone had a happy and safe winter break. We are all so excited to be back at school and to see some new faces returning from Distance Learning. As a whole, Wards Creek is very appreciative of the trust that you have placed in us to keep your children safe while providing quality instruction. We are currently getting our students ready for the second round of iReady testing. We are anxious to see the progress that they have made.

### Read-a-thon Fundraiser:

Each year, our PTO holds one big fundraiser. In years past it was the Booster-thon. For the past couple of years, it has been the Dance-a-thon which was so much fun. Of course, with this year's COVID 19 challenges, we won't be allowed to hold this type of fundraiser. So, this year we will be raising funds through a Read-a-thon. The Read-a-thon will run all month long. More information about the fundraising portion will come soon. In the meantime, please see the attached reading log and start logging your students' minutes of reading each night! There are going to be fun prizes involved that you do not want to miss out on. Be on the lookout for more info soon!

News from PTO:

-January Newsletter – Please see the attached newsletter for the January happenings

-Take Out Tuesday – Willie Jewel’s – Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> is our next Take Out Tuesday fundraiser. It is from 5:30-8:00pm. Please be sure to mention that you are there for Wards Creek’s fundraiser.

-Krispy Kreme Preorder – Pre order is still going on until Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>. Pickup for January’s preorder will be January 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:30 pm in the Parent Pick-up Loop.

-Fall Spirit Wear Orders – Some items that were on backorder before the winter break remain on backorder. We will get them to you as soon as we have them. Thank you for your patience.

Reminder that during the 1st semester we will continue to follow the 12:55 Wednesday early release schedule. On January 27<sup>th</sup>, we will return to the 1:45pm dismissal time on Wednesdays. Thank you for your understanding with this.