



## THE TORCH

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1-18</b>	No School – National Holiday for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1-19</b>	Day A in the Related Arts Schedule
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1-20</b>	Wear School Spirit Attire. Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 12:55. Day B in the Related Arts Schedule
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1-21</b>	Day C in the Related Arts Schedule
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1-22</b>	Wear Crazy Socks. Day D in the Related Arts Schedule

Hello Warrior families! Residents living west of WCES have filed complaints with the SJSO and county about parent traffic stacking up in the ROW west of the turn lane into the parent loop of the school impeding safe access and egress to their residences. FDOT inquired as to whether the school district would consider expanding the stacking area for parent traffic at the school. We have tried to look at what additional measures. However, you have probably noticed there is not much more that can be done. We will encourage parents to move closer to one another in the line. And, we will also detail to parents that almost all of our buses arrive at 8:00 and leave 5 minutes after dismissal begins.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> I-Ready Diagnostic testing continues 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.

On Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, school will not be in session. Instead, we will take the time to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Attached is an essay and poster contest that students may wish to participate in to help celebrate the life and works of this American Hero.

### 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 Menus visit: <https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/WardsCreekElementary>

As indicated on page 14 of our COVID-19 Return to School Plan, we are asking for this school year that **NO TREATS OR TRINKETS OF ANY KIND BE BROUGHT TO SHARE WITH CLASSMATES.** PTO will be selling Valentine Grams for those still wanting to give items to their friends (see attached) There are a few different options...you choose. Please submit your order no later than Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> and they will be delivered on Friday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. Please purchase them at [www.wardscreekpto.com](http://www.wardscreekpto.com) or CASH. Thank you for your understanding.

News about Read-a-thon:

It's been a great start to our annual fundraiser, the Read-a-thon, this year! We hope that you have been logging your minutes read since coming back to school. Our pledge page is now live. This is where you create your child's pledge page, share it with all of your friends and family, and start earning money for our school. Please click this link to create your child's pledge page.

<https://app.99pledges.com/fund/warriorsread2021>

Please see the documents attached to learn all about the details of our first ever Read-a-thon. The Flyer lists everything you need to know, including all the awesome prizes your students can earn and the FAQ document answers almost any question you may have. Although these documents outline all the specifics, here's a jumpstart:

- Each child who creates a pledge page will receive a bookmark & Tropical Smoothie coupon for a \$.99 smoothie
- For every \$25 pledged your child will receive a raffle ticket (please see attached flyer for prizes)
- The top 2 students with the most minutes read will receive an Amazon Fire 7
- The top 2 students with the most pledges will receive an Amazon Fire 7
- The top class with the most minutes read will receive a pajama day
- The top class with the most pledges will receive a pizza party
- All minute logs need to be turned into teachers on Wednesday 1/27/21
- Pledges deadline is Thursday 1/28/21

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. Our teachers appreciated the extra time for planning.

PTO Slating Committee - PTO is looking for a slating committee for next year's PTO board. We are looking for parents, teachers and staff to help choose our 2021-2022 Executive PTO Board - deadline for applications is January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeScFtA-sIVoy6PthozzaqQEHPG2Pz8K6X90iJAwb4641yuA/viewform>

PTO Executive Board Applications – Attached is a google doc form. Or, if you would like to complete the physical form, just print the attached and send it up to the front office with your child so it can be placed into PTO mailbox.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5UTILH3ca1s-gU5nwJAYDC3e5ciffgGi\\_il2odap7HTav-Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5UTILH3ca1s-gU5nwJAYDC3e5ciffgGi_il2odap7HTav-Q/viewform)

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.