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Monday	3-8	Day C in the Related Arts Schedule
Tuesday	3-9	Takeout Tuesday at McDonalds. Day D in the Related Arts Schedule
Wednesday	3-10	Wear School Spirit Attire. Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 1:45. Day E in the Related Arts Schedule
Thursday	3-11	Day F in the Related Arts Schedule
Friday	3-12	Dress in Spring Colors for Plan a Flower Day. Day A in the Related Arts Schedule
Monday	3-15	Day B in the Related Arts Schedule
Tuesday	3-16	Day C in the Related Arts Schedule

Hello Wards Creek Family! IT's that time of year again. We would love your feedback. Please take a few minutes to answer a few questions about Wards Creek. Our SAC uses this information to help guide and assist in the school improvement plan. Thank you so much for your help! The link is provided below.

<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=wces2021>

The St. Johns County School District (SJCS D) will begin early registration for the 2021-22 school year March 1. This registration is only for children new to the school district, including those entering kindergarten. Early registration can be completed online at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/> or by visiting the student's assigned school website. To find the assigned school, enter your street address on the Attendance Zone Locator at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/zoning/. To be eligible for public kindergarten in the SJCS D, children must be 5 years old on or before September 1 and must reside in St. Johns County.

Other requirements for registration:

- Birth certificate/Guardianship Documents
 - Documentation of a health examination performed within one year of enrollment
 - Proof of completed required immunizations on Form DH680
 - Proof of residence per the Residency and Guardianship Policy located at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/residency/
- For additional information on registration, contact the Student Services Department at 547-7598 or the assigned school.

Wards Creek VPK for the 2021-2022 School year is filling up fast. We currently have only **five** spots still available. Please visit the WCES VPK webpage at <https://www-wce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/vpk/> to sign up on our waitlist and pay the required \$95 registration fee.

Spring Break begins on Wednesday, March 17th. We will dismiss on Tuesday at the normal dismissal time.

Free Breakfast and Lunch thru the end of the school year. New Menus for March, you can view them at:

<https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/WardsCreekElementary>. Snacks are available for purchase.

PTO Info:

-March Newsletter- Please see the attached newsletter for upcoming events!

-Take-Out Tuesday- March 9th is take-out Tuesday at McDonald's at Mura Bella from 5:00-8:00pm. Just like last time, please take the attached flyer with you for our class to receive credit...the class with the most participants will win free happy meal vouchers.

-Legacy Bricks- Are you looking for a way to preserve your student's presence at Wards Creek Elementary School? We have the way....Legacy Bricks! You now have the opportunity to purchase a Legacy Brick with a message that you customize to leave a lasting legacy for your student at our school. These bricks will be ordered in bulk at the end of May and will be set along our front sidewalk sometime during the summer. Don't miss your chance...please see the attached flyer and order form or go to the PTO website posted below <http://www.wardscreekpto.com/store.html#!/Activities-&Special-Occasions/c/31464180> to secure yours now! The deadline to submit your order is May 26th.

Safety on the Road. Although, with good intent, many families are trying to get off the busy State Road 16. However, the vehicles are now entering the neighbor's yard during arrival and dismissal. We are being asked to pass along that Florida Statute details that vehicles must remain on a paved road or asphalt at all times. This could result in a moving violation of three points and \$166 fine. We still encourage families to take advantage of their children riding the bus. All buses arrive by 8:15 and most leave by 2:55.

Spotlight on Exceptional Student Education:

All across grade levels, we have been working to increase our academic skills including working on social skills. We have recently completed the second round of iReady assessments and are getting ready for the Florida State Assessment (FSA) and the Florida State Alternative Assessment (FSAA). This is a fabulous way for your students to show what they know and how they have grown over the course of this year. It is very important that they come to school rested and having had a good breakfast the day of testing. This is an exciting time of year and we truly appreciate your support! The entire ESE team wishes all of you a happy and restful Spring Break.