



## THE TORCH

<b>Monday</b>	<b>5-3</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade FSA Reading. Day B in the Related Arts Schedule
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5-4</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade FSA Reading. Day C in the Related Arts Schedule.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5-5</b>	Wear school spirit attire. Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 1:45. Day D in the Related Arts Schedule
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5-6</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade FSA Math. Day E in the Related Arts Schedule
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5-7</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade FSA Math. Space Day - Wear something out of this world. Day F in the Related Arts Schedule.

Hello Wards Creek Family! The Outstanding School Volunteer and School Related Employee of the Year Reception was held last week. We are so thankful for the following wonderful individuals for giving up their time to support our students:

School Youth Volunteer - Nyah Farrell  
 Adult Volunteer - Erin Miller  
 Senior Volunteer – Gail Rudolph  
 School Related Employee – Lena Jackson

Breakfast and lunch will be FREE for all students thru the end of this school year. No forms needed. Snacks are available for purchase. To view the FREE menus please visit:  
<https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/WardsCreekElementary>

Reminder that that the tardy bell rings at 8:25. This week 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will have four days of testing. There were several tardies when they took the FSA Writes, which delayed the reading of the directions and the other various activities that need to be accomplished for the assessment to begin. Students may still go to breakfast but need to be in class by 8:30.

### PTO Info:

-5th Grade Yard Card Signs-PTO is also offering personalized Yard Card Signs for our 5th grade students. Each yard sign is \$20 and will have your students name on it. The yard signs will be displayed at Wards Creeks and will be available to take home on June 9th after the Honk Out. Orders are due no later than May 7th. We will not be accepting any late orders. Order your yard card here:

<http://www.wardscreekpto.com/store.html#!/Future-Middle-Schooler-Sign/p/342660213/category=31464180>

-Staff Appreciation Week - Each day the week of May 2nd-7th, you will be able to show the staff at Wards Creek how much you appreciate them! Please see the attached flyer.

-Ceiling Tile Fundraiser-Your child has the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy here at WCES! Your student may submit a design that they would like to paint onto a ceiling tile. Once your child's design is approved, you may go online to the PTO website to purchase your ceiling tile. Then, have your child paint the tile and return it. The tiles will be installed in our school during the summer. Please see the attached flyer for all the info.

### Spotlight on 5th Grade:

Our fifth grade leaders recently took the FSA Writing Assessment and worked SOOOO hard to do their best, applying the writing skills and process we have been working on all year! They were such great troopers facing the unknown. Students have been working hard the past few weeks during our FSA FACEOFF battles within cohort classrooms! They have been working in small groups in both reading and math to practice the skills and strategies we have learned throughout the course of the year. Our fifth graders have been in fierce competition with one another as they earn points for each round of the faceoff. Points are earned for their completion and accuracy of the practice passages and/or mathematical problems. Our fifth graders are having excellent discussions about what answers they chose when they worked independently, then proving/supporting their answers with evidence from the text or with their work when they converse. After collaborating and comparing their thoughts and evidence, groups have to come to a consensus for their scorecards. Not only are we applying our reading/math skills, but we are also working on social skills and teamwork! We hope our students go into the next few weeks of testing feeling confident, at ease, and proud of all the challenges they have overcome this school year! This upcoming week, our rock star readers will begin with the FSA Reading Assessment on Monday and Tuesday. Our master mathematicians will then move onto the FSA Math Assessment on Thursday and Friday. The following week, our stellar scientists will be taking the FSA Science Assessment and then FSA testing will be complete! If you have a fifth grader in your family or know a neighbor/friend in fifth grade, be sure to wish them good luck in the weeks ahead and encourage them to think positively! We know our WCES Warriors will put forth their best effort in the weeks ahead! You got this, leaders!

The last School Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting is at 3:30 pm on Thursday, May 6th, via Zoom conferencing. The meeting ID is: Meeting ID: 917 9118 4601 and the Passcode is: Dp65qE. SAC is a diverse group of stakeholders of a school, established through Florida law, with the shared goal of increasing student achievement in a safe learning environment. SAC consists of the principal and an appropriately balanced number of teachers, staff, parents, and community members. If you are interested, please join a meeting and learn more about how you can be involved with this integral team. <https://www-wce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/sac/>. Thank you to all those members who have served this school year.

We would also like to extend thanks to all those business partners:

<http://www.wardscreekpto.com/business-partners.html>

**Chalk their Flight Path!**

**Make way for our WCES Jedi Masters to fly in this week! Draw pictures or inspirational messages for our staff to start off Staff Appreciation Week!**

**Sunday May 2nd**  
**5PM-6PM**