



THE TORCH

Monday	6-7	Day B in the Related Arts Schedule
Tuesday	6-8	Day C in the Related Arts Schedule
Wednesday	6-9	Wear school spirit attire. Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 1:45. Day D in the Related Arts Schedule
Thursday	6-10	Last Day for Students. Early Release Day. Day E in the Related Arts Schedule

Hello Wards Creek Family! What a year to remember. Despite all the challenges, we show our true Warrior spirit and overcame them together as a community. Thanks parents, for supporting the many new procedures that came with these obstacles that we faced.

Reminder that the last day of school is an early release day. Dismissal starts at 1:45 Thursday.

Our creative PTO team has found some great activities for us to enjoy during our last week. Monday - PAJAMA DAY and Take your shoes off in class

Tuesday- Cartoons in the Café

Wednesday- Bubbles & Music at Recess

Thursday- Popsicles on the Playground

If you are wanting to get a head start on shopping for the 21-22 school year, attached is the list of supplies that can be ordered through our PTO. This will save you from having to find all the items on the grade level list individually.

Any medications that are kept at school will need to be picked up by the last day of school. Medications cannot be stored in the clinic over the summer. Please contact Nurse Michelle Lee if you have any questions.

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Your child should have come home with a "book bucket challenge" bookmark tied to a bucket with directions. This is Wards Creek's summer reading challenge.

1. Read books this summer that fit the descriptions on the bookmark
2. Track the list of titles that you read on the back of the bookmark
3. Every time you finish a book place an item/token into a bucket that reminds you of something in the book. These can be creative ideas and do not have to cost anything! For example: a brochure of Harry Potter World reminds you of The Chambers of Secrets, or a dog treat to remind you about Roy Digs Dirt. It could even be a seashell you found that reminds you about the book you read about oceans.
4. Bring your bucket and bookmark back to school during the first week next school year.
5. All buckets will be displayed in the media center and will be featured on our news show.
6. Students who complete the challenge will earn a yummy picnic lunch with Mrs. Mitidieri. Thank you all so much for the support and to keeping our kiddos reading all summer long!

The 21-22 School Year will begin on Monday, August 16th. Be safe and see you next year.

It is the time of year to begin discussion about placement for the 2021-2022 school year. While we do not accept parent requests for any grade level, we value your input about your child. Please click on the link below and complete the Parent Input for Placement Survey. The survey will be live until June 10, 2021.

<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=p2L0lpl1>

Free breakfast and lunch will continue to run thru the end of the school year. The last day of school we will be offering Hot Turkey and Cheddar Cheese pocket sandwiches with an assortment of fresh fruit and vegetables. Any outstanding balances, not paid, at the end of the school year will carry over to next year.

Spotlight on 3rd Grade:
What a truly incredible year. We can honestly say that all of our students are "Warriors!" As this year wraps up, we have been reflecting on all of the great things we have done. As the year began we had to get used to all of the new normal in the building such as having separate assigned playgrounds, staying in our cohorts, not sharing items, no water fountains, no field trips, PPE and desk shields. We adjusted quick and got right to work. Third grade worked on several projects including disguising a turkey, designing a city skyline with arrays, writing our names in block letters and finding the perimeter and area, and a constellation project. We also wrote biographies and animal reports along with several other writing assignments. We prepared for our end of year diagnostic in i-Ready, where we showed a great deal of growth and prepared to take our first FSA. We know we did well and cannot wait to see our results! We are looking forward to a nice relaxing summer with family and friends and cannot wait to see everyone in the fall! Do not forget to keep reading and practicing those math facts this summer. Love, the 3rd grade teachers!

Spotlight on 5th Grade:
The fifth grade team is looking forward to celebrating our Warriors next week! This past Friday, we had our promotional ceremony for students and recorded it to share virtually with families. The final week of school will be full of fun activities for us to celebrate our fifth graders' last week of elementary school. We wanted to give a shout out to our awesome PTO for helping supplement the cost of the upcoming celebration, administration/staff for help with the promotional ceremony certificates, and Mrs. Neel for coordinating our vendors for the 5th grade celebration. It really does take a village and we have a great one at Wards Creek. To our fifth grade leaders, this year began in a very different way than school years typically do. While we may have faced numerous challenges and restrictions, you all rose to the occasion and showed us that we can still have a great year despite the circumstances. We want you to know that we are so proud of you and the hard work you put forth over the course of the year. You have shown true grit, resiliency, and dedication to your learning. All of those traits will serve you well in middle school and beyond. Each of you are leaders, moving on to the next phase of life that awaits you. The halls of Wards Creek will not be the same without you, but we know you will continue to shine in middle school! We are so thankful for the time we had with you at Wards and we wish you the very best. Have a fantastic summer and shine on!

 **Return of Student Loaned Devices** 

Please inform your students with District Devices:

Students/Parents should return all Laptops and Hotspots NLT 10 June 2021

- Even if students have transferred to another school
- Schools to coordinate for devices distributed from another school
- Regardless of summer school enrollment
- Please inform parents they will receive an invoice for devices not returned by 24 June 2021
- School Front office staff please complete the "Device Return Form"