



THE TORCH

Monday	10-11	Day C in the Related Arts Schedule
Tuesday	10-12	Day C in the Related Arts Schedule
Wednesday	10-13	Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 1:45 Day C in the Related Arts Schedule
Thursday	10-14	Day C in the Related Arts Schedule
Friday	10-15	Wear a Necktie. Day C in the Related Arts Schedule

Hello Warrior families! Happy Fall! Fall weather is here!! We are thankful for this change in the weather, thankful for our amazing students, families, and staff, and thankful for a fabulous start to the school year. The first quarter ends Friday. We are looking forward to the end of a great first quarter and to a wonderful beginning of a new quarter.

Box Tops for Education:

You may continue to send in the paper clippings for this year, but Box Tops are phasing out paper to digital. Check out the Box Tops app to continue supporting WCES!



Volunteer Application:

Everyone over the age of 18 must fill out the **school access form** whether from Florida, another state, or another country.
<https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/index.html?db=stjohns> It usually takes 24-48 hours to get approved so make sure to do it a few days prior to any event. Thank you!

Birthday/Holiday Celebrations:

We are asking for this school year that **NO BIRTHDAY OR HOLIDAY TREATS OF ANY KIND BE BROUGHT TO SHARE WITH CLASSMATES.** Instead, small trinkets or toys can be delivered. Students will be recognized by their teacher for their birthday, but celebrations should be limited to out of school functions for this school year. Thank you for your understanding.

Upcoming Dates:

Leader with Character Assembly: Wed., October 13th

SAC Meeting: Thursday, October 14th

End of the 1st Quarter: Friday, October 15th

Teacher Planning Day: Monday, October 18th

Torch Card Recognition: Wed., October 20th

Fall Festival: Friday, October 22nd

Literacy Parade: Friday, October 29th

Red Ribbon Week: October 25th- 29th

Leader with Character Assembly
Wednesday, October 13th

8:45-9:15 Kindergarten/1st grade

9:25-9:55 4th/5th grade

10:00-10:35 2nd/3rd grade

Electronic Devices:

All smart phones, watches etc. must be turned off and in back packs during the school day. Parents please make sure your child understands the electronic device expectation.

Spotlight on RATS:

Our warrior students have been enjoying their first few months in Related Arts! Students rotate between music, media, S.T.E.M. Lab, P.E. and Art at the end of each week, meaning they enjoy 5 days in a row of each course! This new schedule has many benefits and allows students to dive deeper into their related arts content. Students receive ample opportunities to practice skills and strengthen routines and awarded for their efforts using Class Dojo. Classes receive Dojo points for their adherence to routines and procedures while in related arts classes and the top scoring classes receive a reward at the end of each 6-week rotation. In art, students have already completed their art for our Square 1 keepsake fundraiser and are currently working on Fall clay sculptures. In November, parents can begin ordering items such as mugs, ornaments, beach bags, and necklaces with their child's art on the front. A portion of the proceeds from this fundraiser go towards the purchase of new and exciting art materials for use in the art classroom. If you would like to help our related arts teachers, please see below for items we are currently in need of: Art: old newspapers and rolls of masking tape. Thank you for your support!

Stem:

Students have been busy in the STEM lab during these first nine weeks! We have learned that scientists use scientific practices such as asking questions; planning and carrying out investigations; constructing explanations; and engaging on argument from evidence. We also learned about the engineering and design process; second grade enjoyed working on an engineering building-challenge!

The third week in October has been designated National Digital Citizenship week. We're currently learning about having media balance, staying sage online, and using technology for learning.

Here is a link to parent resources from Common

Sense Media:

<https://www.common sense.org/education/toolkit/family-engagement-resources>

We are always in need of materials for engineering challenges and investigations, please feel free to send any of the following items to Mrs. Vergara throughout the year:

- Popsicle sticks/tongue depressors, toothpicks
- Cardboard tubes, Pringles' cans
- Twine
- Velcro
- Masking, packing, and/or Duct tape
- Straws
- Coffee filters
- Bread ties
- Ziploc bags (all sizes)
- Pom-poms, cotton balls, cotton-swabs
- Pipe cleaners
- Shelf liners
- Sandpaper
- Pool noodles

If your kids have outgrown any **Legos**, playing cards, dominoes, puzzles, dice, or remote-control toys (even broken), please donate them to our STEM lab! Last but not least, here is a link to our WCES STEM lab wish list in Amazon, in case you or someone you know would like to donate really cool manipulatives for our lab (*remember to use <https://smile.amazon.com/> and select Wards Creek Parent Teacher Organization Inc. as your charity to help raise funds for our PTO, it's a win-win!*): https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/65PP8WCE2127?ref=wl_share