



THE TORCH

Monday	10-18	Teacher Planning Day – No school for students
Tuesday	10-19	Day D in the Related Arts Schedule
Wednesday	10-20	TORCH Card Recognition Party. Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 1:45. Day D in the Related Arts Schedule
Thursday	10-21	Day D in the Related Arts Schedule
Friday	10-22	Crazy Sock Day – Wear a pair of crazy socks. Day D in the Related Arts Schedule. PTO Fall Festival- 5:00.

Hello Warrior families! The second quarter begins Tuesday. We will continue to strengthen the classroom community with morning meetings focused on Capturing Kids Hearts lessons and discussions. In addition to the strong classroom community, WCE students will continue to focus on growing academically and learning lifelong skills. Students are working diligently to show growth in all academic areas through project-based learning, individualized iReady learning paths, collaboration, and the development of strong study skills.

First quarter reports card will be available in HAC Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

We are excited to announce that Robie Hagen, ILC, is being recognized this year as Wards Creek's Teacher of the Year. Richard Preston, Maintenance Manager, is our School-Related Employee of the Year. Ximena Vergara, Stem teacher, is our Rookie Teacher of the Year. These outstanding individuals will be honored at the district celebrations. We are so grateful to have them represent the greatness at Wards Creek Elementary.

Please refrain from using cell phones in car line. We want to ensure the line moves quickly and efficiently, but more importantly we want to make sure students are safe exiting cars during arrival and entering cars during dismissal.

Spring 2021 FSA score reports are now available in HAC for students who took the assessment in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade (current 4th and 5th graders). A hard copy is available upon request from the school.

RJ Murray Middle School is offering Thanksgiving Dinner to all SJCS student families in need. Families can use the following link to register:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=V9Czsl8P0-S9HK-boRDUazqXprzkkNLtX1pdiu0sPVUODk3VTFMQUg1RUdQSEVaSTIWTIdaTThETS4u>

TORCH Card Recognition Party is Wednesday, October 20. Students meeting the requirements will get to attend the Dance Party.

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Spotlight on 4th Grade: Fourth grade students have had a tremendous first quarter! Students have been focused on their learning, leadership, and character. Reading students are analyzing various forms of literature such as stories, poems, and dramas. In writing, students are moving into informative essays. Math students have been laser focused on long division. In science, our students are learning about changes in matter. After students came up with various ideas, they voted on our community service project which has finally taken off. Our initiative is "Presents for Patients" at Wolfson's Children's Hospital as well as "Homemade Cards for Healthcare Workers". We are excited to make a difference in the community.

Piano Camp!

Ms. Eaton will be teaching group piano lessons after school in the Music room. These group piano lessons are designed for students who have little to no piano experience. Piano Camp will be held every Tuesday for grades 1-2 and Thursday for grades 3-5. There are 25 sessions total for the school year. Total cost is \$125.00. We will focus on piano basics, learning to read notes and finding them on the piano, and other tools essential to playing so they can begin playing piano pieces. We will use Alfred's Basic Piano Library as our curriculum for Piano Camp. These books will need to be purchased before the first class by each student. There is information on which piano books and how to purchase in the sign-up genius. THERE ARE ONLY 10 SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR EACH CAMP! Please use the sign up genius below to claim your spot today! Questions? Email kathryn.eaton@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Tuesday Piano Camp (Grades 1&2) -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AFAD2DA6FBC25-wards>

Thursday Piano Camp (Grades 3-5) -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AFAD2DA6FBC25-wards1>

News From PTO:

Fall Festival: Tickets are available until 10/19 - Flyers were sent home this week. You can either purchase tickets online or send flyer & money back to the school, no later than Tuesday 10/19. *Please note:* ALL Parents and children must purchase a ticket. Children under 3 are free.

Fall Festival Volunteers: We still need a lot of volunteers for our Fall Festival. If you volunteer for one slot (30 minutes) and still plan to attend the Fall Festival, you *will* need to purchase a ticket. If you are volunteering for two or more slots (1 hour or longer) you *will not* need to purchase a ticket. Please click the sign-up genius to volunteer.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4aadaf29a3fb6-wards>

Candy Donations: PTO has a giant monster in the front office looking for individually wrapped candy bags for our Fall Festival. Please drop off these donations no later than 10/20

5th Grade Shirts - The last day to order 5th grade shirts is 10/22. We will not have any extras once the order is closed, so please choose your sizing accordingly. There will be no exchanges.

Take Out Tuesday: October 26th PTO will be having our Spirit Night at Simone's Woodfire from 5pm-9pm - DINE IN ONLY

Fall Spirit wear: Starting next week, we will begin our Fall Spirit wear Preorders. Please like our Facebook page to stay up to date.

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