



THE TORCH

Monday	10-25	Wear Something Red for Red Ribbon Week. Day E in the Related Arts Schedule
Tuesday	10-26	Wear Your Favorite Sports Team. Day E in the Related Arts Schedule
Wednesday	10-27	Wear School Spirit Attire. Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 1:45. Day E in the Related Arts Schedule
Thursday	10-28	Wear a Hat. Day E in the Related Arts Schedule
Friday	10-29	Dress as Your Favorite Literacy Character. Day E in the Related Arts Schedule

Hello Warrior families! Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States. This week is Red Ribbon & Bullying Awareness Week. Several activities will take place this week (see attached). Each day, every class is invited to participate in a daily contest promoting drug and bullying awareness. Prizes will be given to the class from each grade level, with the highest percentage of student participation. There will be a daily video and classroom discussion questions that relate to the day's theme, along with a Bullying Awareness Challenge. Please join Wards Creek in our MISSION to help kids lead a drug and bully free life.

The Fall Festival was a huge success. Thank you to all the families who came out to enjoy a wonderful night of food, games, music, and fun! It was a great event.

In honor of Breast Cancer Survivors and Warriors, Monday, November 1 will be WCE PINK OUT day. Please wear your favorite pink t-shirt.

Food Service

In an effort to reduce the demand on our supply chain and labor shortage, we will return to normal food service operations. Students who qualify for free or reduced meals based on direct certification or a family income application will continue to receive meals at no or reduced costs. Students who are not eligible based on income will return to a PAID status. This return to normal operations will occur on December 1st. Please see the attached letter for more information.

News From PTO:

Boo Grams – Boo Spirit Sticks are available for purchase on the PTO website, www.wardscreekspto.com, until October 28th.

The Boo Spirit Sticks will be delivered to classrooms Friday, October 29th.

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.

www.facebook.com/wardscreekelementarypto

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) – CAMP IS FULL
Thursday Piano Camp (Grades 3-5) - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AFAD2DA6FBC25-wards1>

The Wards Creek VPK has **ONE** available spot left for the 2021-2022 school year. STUDENTS MUST BE 4yrs old. If you are interested, please contact Ginny Hooks at the school.

Leonard's Studio will have in studio make-up sessions for class pictures.
Friday, November 12 and Tuesday, November 16th from 4 - 7pm
Jacksonville:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/LeonardsJacksonville>
St. Augustine
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/LeonardsStAugustine>

Wards Creek Elementary STEAM Club will be starting soon!

The purpose of this club is to facilitate student exploration of math and science concepts as well as their application in technology and engineering fields. To develop 21st century skills such as collaboration and communication; creativity and critical thinking; leadership and growth mind-set.

Who: the club is open to 3rd - 5th grade students

Where: meetings will take place in the STEM lab

When: Thursdays after school (3 p.m. - 4:20 p.m., students must be picked up by 4:30 p.m.)

To be considered for the STEAM club:

- Students must be in good academic standing and maintain a C average in all subjects throughout the duration of the club.
- They must adhere to the St. Johns County Schools' Code of Conduct and demonstrate good character.
- A reference letter will be requested from classroom teachers.

Please email Mrs. Vergara (club sponsor), if you have any questions:

ximena.vergarapaulhiac@stjohns.k12.fl.us

If your student is interested in joining the STEAM club, please fill out the questionnaire below by October 31 to receive an official application form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/8J93wXAp1J>

Spotlight on Kindergarten: It is hard to believe first quarter is already over! Kindergarten has been learning all about pumpkins and night creatures!! We discussed the parts of a pumpkin, we measured them, investigated the inside of a pumpkin, and recorded our observations in our science journal. We learned about sound waves and echolocation when we read about bats. Did you know bats see with the sounds they hear? How cool is that?!?!