



The TORCH

Wards Creek
Elementary
September 2022

Hello Warrior Families

We are off to a wonderful start of the school year and settling in nicely at WCES! We extend a warm welcome to our many new families as well as all the returning families. Across the school, the students are navigating the school with confidence and routines are becoming second nature. In addition to learning rituals and routines, students in all grade levels created their social contracts, a collaboratively created framework used to help identify what it looks like and sounds like in classrooms. The agreement becomes the class commitment to each other and how to show value to one another.

Thank you to all who joined us for Curriculum Chats last Tuesday and Thursday. For those who were not able to attend, we ask that you review the PowerPoint and familiarize yourself with what to expect this year in your child's educational journey.

Mission (why we exist) – At WCES we ensure *Achievement, Learning, and Leadership* for *ALL*.

Vision (what must we become) – To build and sustain a culture that provides a safe environment where all stake holders collaborate to ensure growth and achievement for all.

Together Everyone Achieves More – GO TEAM Warriors!



ESE Support Facilitation Families K-5

About Learning Ally

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Please look for your child's log on and password to come home this week. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's case manager.



Catherine Madanick 5th
Kristi Crosby 4th
Renee Tatman K-1

Coming Up:

- 9/2 Fall Picture Day
- 9/05 Labor Day- No School
- 9/08 SAC Meeting
- 9/9 Wear Red, White and Blue for Patriot Day
- 9/12 Grandparent's Breakfast
- 9/13 Interims Issued
- 9/16 Dress like Batman/Batgirl for Batman Day
- 9/16/2022-9/23/2022 Book Fair
- 9/21 Buddyathon Kick-Off
- 9/27 Takeout Tuesday – Tanks Sushi
- 9/30 Wear fall colors to celebrate the Autumn Season

Book Fair

We have book fair coming up! The media center is looking for volunteers to come help! Please sign up here if you would like to volunteer! Please make sure you are an approved volunteer through the keepNtrack system!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4BA9AC22A6F58-fall1>

Sign up for SAC

<https://forms.office.com/r/ny49jW7MXC>





Chorus

Are you in 3rd, 4th or 5th Grade? Do you like to sing? Come audition for the WCES Warrior Chorus! Auditions will be held the week of September 12th and September 19th. Please be on the lookout for the sign-up link and all the chorus information in an email from your teacher soon! Audition sign-ups will close on Friday, September 9th, so be sure sign-up if you are interested. I am so excited to get started! See you at auditions!
Kathryn Eaton

5th Grade

5th grade is off to an awesome start as the Leaders of Wards Creek! The students and teachers enjoyed the first rotation of WOW with the related arts team and are looking forward to the next WOW on October 5th. Our classroom cultures have already established a family vibe! It is incredible to have students that have been at Wards since kindergarten and brand new students to our school. Together it is evident of a shared school pride. We are looking forward to continue building relationships through "Team Time."

S.T.E.A.M Club

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

Who: the club is open to 3rd - 5th grade students (10 outstanding members will be chosen)

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 S.T.E.A.M 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 22-23 S.T.E.A.M club, [please fill out this questionnaire by September 9th to receive an official application form.](#)



Welcome new Warrior
Ms. Tina Motley, 4th Grade ELA Teacher

My name is Tina Motley. I am originally from northern Michigan, but I have spent almost 30 years living in the south (Florida & Georgia). I am married to a wonderful, retired man who now plans to be a pickle-ball champion. LOL. I have three beautiful daughters, all living in Florida at the current time. I have an AMAZING grandson, Alex Beaver, who has been at Wards since kindergarten. You may know him. I have one fur-baby, and four fur-grandbabies, all dogs. I have worked in education for 27 years in a wide variety of positions. I took a few years off to enjoy retirement with my husband, but now I'm back! My hope is to inspire the minds of our future leaders. I am pleased to be part of the WCES Team this year!



- Drop off begins at 7:50
- Please pay attention – no cell phones
- Please use the time in the car line to make sure your child has their backpack, lunchbox, water bottle and is ready to exit the car
- At dismissal, please leave your car tag hanger with your child's name on display while you are in the car line
- If you arrive after 8:25am, you must bring your child to the front office to check in

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- Taylor English Duma LLP
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- Home Depot Home Services
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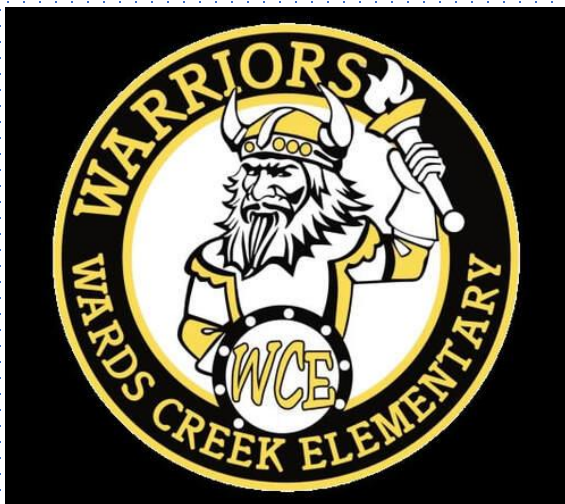
- Henry Orthodontics
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- Sign Gypsies
- Papa Johns



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS Month</p>	<p>NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH</p>		1	2 <p>Picture Day</p>
<p>School closed... 5</p> <p>HAPPY LABOR DAY</p>	6 <p>BOARD MEETING 4PM</p>	7 <p>Early Dismissal 1:45pm</p>	8	9 <p>Wear Red, White & Blue Day</p>
12 <p>Grandparents Breakfast</p>	13 <p>National Coloring Day INTERIMS ISSUED</p>	14 <p>Early Dismissal 1:45pm</p>	15	16 <p>Dress Like Batman or Batgirl!</p>
19 <p>BOOK FAIR</p>	20	21 <p>Early Dismissal 1:45pm</p>	22 <p>BOOK FAIR WEEK 5:30pm-7:30pm</p>	23 <p>NEON DAY!!!</p>
26 <p>Spirit Night</p>	27 <p>SUSHI at Tanks BISTRO</p>	28 <p>Early Dismissal 1:45pm</p>	29	30 <p>Wear Fall Colors</p>





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