



The TORCH

Wards Creek
Elementary

October 2022

Hello Fall!

October is here and hopefully cooler weather. WCES has several happenings in the fall months. We begin by stuffing Buddies earned during the Buddy-A-Thon October 6th and 7th. Red Ribbon Week begins October 24th. This is an important time in our schools where we emphasize being drug free and taking an active role in a healthy lifestyle. We also have our annual Character Parade and Fall Festival. We hope you and your family will join us for all the fun.

Update on the Buddy-A- Thon

WCES students have helped us already receive \$30,000 in profit. We have been able to purchase all the Related Arts “wish list” and are now going to allocate the remaining funds to purchase more laptop carts. Thank you for your continued support! We have the BEST families.

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!



"CONNECTING FAMILIES TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES" OCTOBER 4, 2022

Please join us **October 4, 2022**, from **6pm to 7:30pm** for a virtual discussion titled "Connecting Families to Community Resources." All parents and guardians are invited to join us as we meet virtually with local community agencies to learn more about the resources and services that are available to children and families in St Johns County. See flyer below for more information.

Coming Up:

- October 4 – Last day for Buddy-A-Thon**
- October 7- WCES THEME DAY -Wear a SMILE shirt**
- October 14 – WCES Theme day – Wear Glasses**
- October 14 – Chick-fil-a Spirit Night**
- October 17 – Teacher Planning Day**
- October 21- WCES Theme Day – Wear Spooky Colors**
- October 24 – Red Ribbon Week**
- October 25- Spirit Night at Gators Dockside**
- October 28 – WCES Theme Day – Dress like a first responder**
- October 28 – Fall Festival**
- October 31 - Literacy Parade – dress like your favorite book character**

 A flyer for a virtual meeting. At the top left is a graphic of hands holding a globe with the word 'Community' partially visible. The main text reads: 'ST JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN COLLABORATION WITH ST JOHNS COUNTY PUBLIC AGENCIES PRESENTS CONNECTING FAMILIES TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES'. Below this is the date and time: 'October 4th, 2022: All parents and guardians are invited to join us as we meet virtually with local community agencies to learn more about the resources and services that are available to children and families in St Johns County'. At the bottom, it says 'Join on your computer, mobile app, or room device via link below' and provides a link: 'Click here to join the meeting'. It also lists contact information: 'Or call in (audio only) 904-420-0831 Phone Conference ID: 200 422 557#'. On the right side of the flyer is a vertical column of logos for various partner organizations including: St. Johns County Schools, Betty Shriver Center, SMA, HealthCareCenter, Big Brothers Big Sisters, United Way, SAYS (Specialized Adult Youth Services), Health Planning C.O.U.N.C.I.L., Flagler Health+, SEDNET, epic, Florida Health, and St. Johns County Behavioral Health Consortium. At the bottom right of the flyer, it states 'This meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams platform' and '10/4/22'.

RED RIBBON WEEK CELEBRATION

(Celebrate Life. Live Drug-Free) – Schools Celebrating October 24th – 28th

Red Ribbon Week is about encouraging students to make good choices when it comes to character, safety, and health. More information about special dress up days and activities can be found in the attachment.



District Accreditation Family Survey -

Cognia, the organization that oversees our district's accreditation, is conducting a review of our school district this year.

Cognia has created surveys specifically for families in our school district.

Please complete Cognia's Family Survey to assist the district in our continuous improvement process.

Click on the [Survey Link](#) to share your feedback. Thank you

Cafeteria Cafeteria News

Please add a spoon if needed and napkin to your child's lunch box each day. This will be greatly appreciated by our cafeteria staff! Also, please take time to practice opening items packed in your child's lunch. They should need minimal assistance opening food containers, wrappers, and drinks.

Help you child succeed in school: Build a Habit of Good Attendance

Parents and families are essential partners in promoting good attendance. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves.

What you can do:

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- If you know your child will be absent, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home

Thank you for your continued partnership.



Grades 3-10 FAST Testing Results



Beginning this year, for grades 3-10 Reading and 3-8 Math, students will take the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) test during three progress monitoring (PM) windows. Each test covers information that is expected to be taught at some point during the school year. Therefore, the results from the first two tests may not reflect student achievement accurately. These results should not be considered student achievement but rather be used to identify areas of need. For the 2022–2023 school year, FAST ELA Reading and Mathematics achievement levels are preliminary. Finalized achievement levels will be available from the state next year.

WCES PTO Business Partners

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- Anderson Realty
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- Henry Orthodontics
- iNoodle Ramen & Dumpling

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- Tropical Smoothie
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- All Florida Soft Water
- Gators Dockside
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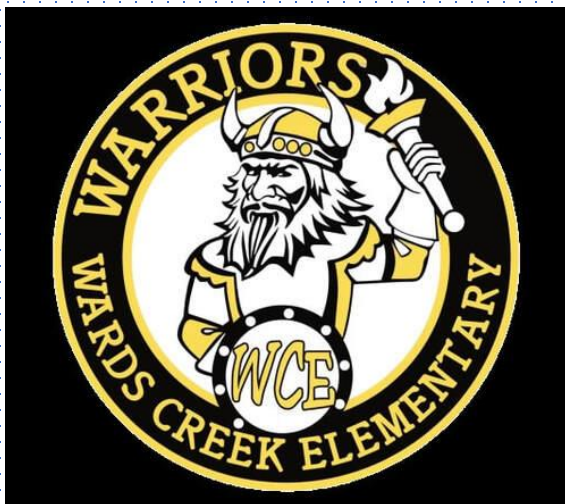
- Henry Orthodontics
- Garage Organization and Outdoor Concepts
- Sign Gypsies
- Papa Johns



October 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 	4 Last day for Buddython 	5 Early Dismissal 1:45pm 	6 Fall Festival Tickets On SALE 	7 Wear a Smile
10	11 Boo Grams Sale Begins 	12 Early Dismissal 1:45pm 	13	14 Wear Glasses
17 	18	19 Early Dismissal 1:45pm 	20 Please Donate Candy for Fall Festival 	21 Wear Spooky Colors
24 	25 Spirit Night Gators Dockside 	26 Early Dismissal 1:45pm 	27 Don't Forget to Purchase Your Fall Spiritwear	28 Dress like a First Responder
31 Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character 				



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