



The TORCH

Wards Creek
Elementary

November 2022

We are Thankful for our Warrior Families

We are looking forward to the month of November! Not only do we usher in some cooler autumn weather, but we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Now is about the time of year people begin to yearn for the smell of pumpkin pie and a turkey in the oven. Nothing beats spending the day with family and reflecting on the many blessings during the Thanksgiving holiday. WCES faculty and staff are grateful for our entire school family and wish you all safe travels and blessed time with your family and loved ones for Thanksgiving.

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!



School Access

In an ongoing endeavor to provide safety and security for students and staff, school access is required for every individual volunteering for a school event. Just a reminder that if you've not registered as a school volunteer, please do so on the school district website under school access. If you have grandparents who would like to attend school events, please ask them to register as well.

Coming Up:

- 11/4 Wear Blue for Cookie Monster's Birthday
- 11/11 Veterans Day- Student/Teacher Holiday
- 11/17 Interims
- 11/18 Wear your favorite Disney Character
- 11/22 Kindergarten Poems and Pies
- 11/22 PTO Take-Out Tuesday
- 11/23-11/25 Thanksgiving Break – Teacher/Student Holiday

Welcome to

Courtyard Dining



Parents are welcome to eat lunch with their child in the courtyard for special occasions.

Remember:

- Parents must be approved volunteer
- Parents can only eat lunch with their child during the class's daily lunch time
- Lunch must be eaten in the courtyard so please be aware of the weather

The A/B Honor Card

The St. Johns County School District Honor Card program has gone digital! If your child is on the A/B honor roll and in grades 3 - 12, you can receive discounts at some very fun and exciting places in St. Johns County. Instead of paper honor cards, you will now show business participants your phone and receive these discounts. For directions, see the Honor Card attachment.



Elementary Student Survey Grades 3-5 Students

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 St. Johns County students in grades 3-5. Please have your grade 3-5 students complete Cognia's Elementary Student Survey to assist the district in our continuous improvement process

<https://eprovesurveys.advanced.org/surveys/#/action/197511/p2065>

Family Survey Grades K-12 Families

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Our school is participating in a unique art program with Square 1 Art that gives you the opportunity to purchase keepsake items with your child's artwork on them. The best part is that every keepsake order supports our school.

SQUARE 1 ART
IT STARTS WITH THE ART!

Coming Soon!

Your child's art on custom keepsakes!

square1art.com/shop

WE LOVE OUR NEW STEM LEGO SETS



THANK YOU PTO





Welcome new Warrior
Ms. Taylor Middleton, 1st Grade Teacher

My name is Taylor Middleton, I was born and raised in Florida, and I have been a St. Johns County local for 16 years. I graduated from St. Johns River State College in 2015 and even completed one of my internships here at Wards Creek. This is my 8th year teaching and I have always taught primary grades. I have taught four years in first grade, three years in second grade, and one year in kindergarten. I enjoy working with first graders and seeing all those “light-bulb” moments when something clicks! In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my two-year-old daughter, husband, J.L. and a sweet Black Labrador. We love to spend time outdoors at the beach, pool, or fishing. I also enjoy reading, taking care of my plant “babies,” and home decorating and crafting. I have loved getting to know everyone at Wards Creek, the staff and students are amazing! I hope to continue to inspire and encourage my students as the year continues.





Students Arriving Early

• We appreciate our student helper (Patrols, Media Aides) assistance in the mornings and your dedication as parents to dropping them off early. Please be aware though, that the BUS loop is a dedicated bus lane in the morning, starting at 7:40 a.m. Early busses must drop-off students at that time, and we cannot have any other vehicles dropping off in that lane after 7:40 a.m. If, by chance, you are running late, you will need to enter the car lane loop. You can pull into the parking area, but you will need to escort your student across the car line to the entry area. Thanks, again for your support!

WCES PTO Business Partners

Platinum:

- Anderson Realty
- Smiles by Glenos
- The Village Chiropractic Center
- Henry Orthodontics
- iNoodle Ramen & Dumpling

Silver:

- Tropical Smoothie
- 123 EZ Bookkeeping
- All Florida Soft Water
- Gators Dockside
- Jessica Rust - Slate Real Estate
- Craig Dewhurst State Farm Agency
- Taylor English Duma LLP
- 2 Creeks
- Home Depot Home Services
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- Motto Mortgage Company
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- Simone's Wood Fired Craft Kitchen
- Murabella Animal Hospital
- SJC Junk
- Willie Jewells
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- Pam Belcher - Real Estate
- Our Lady of Good Counsel

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- Just Speechie
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- Bernard & Schemer, PA
- Creative Farmhouse Designs

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- Garage Organization and Outdoor Concepts
- Sign Gypsies
- Papa Johns

Science, Technology, Engineering + Math workshop for girls in grades 5-8



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 9AM - 3PM

LOCATION

Adam W. Herbert
University Center
12000 Alumni Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32224

REGISTER

\$20 registration fee
Visit us at eyhnf.org to
register today!

QUESTIONS?

For scholarship requests,
registration issues, or any
other questions, email us
at: info@eyhnf.org





OPERATION: CHRISTMAS MIRACLE TOY DRIVE

Please donate a new, unopened, and unwrapped toy for local children at Wolfson Children's Hospital this holiday season.

ACCEPTING DONATIONS
THROUGH DECEMBER 1ST,
2022

DROP OFF LOCATION: WARDS
CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FRONT OFFICE

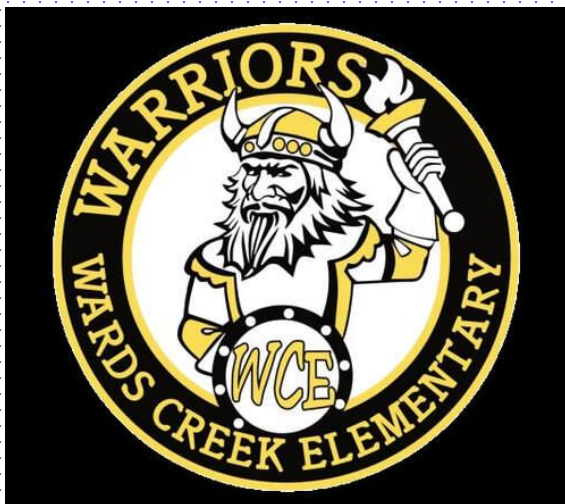
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2 Fall Spiritwear Orders Close Early Dismissal 1:45pm	3	4 Wear Blue for Cookie Monster's Birthday
7	8 BOARD MEETING 4PM	9 Early Dismissal 1:45pm	10	11 No School
14	15	16 Early Dismissal 1:45pm	17 INTERIMS ISSUED	18 Wear your Favorite Disney Shirt
21	22 K - Poems & Pies Pick Up	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
28	29	30 Early Dismissal 1:45pm		YEAR BOOK ORDER ONLINE TODAY BuyTheYearbook.com



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