



The TORCH

Wards Creek
Elementary

March 2023

Wards Creek Family,

We look forward to a marvelous March. Just around the corner is Spring Break, but there are many more great events happening this month. We look forward to celebrating students at the Leaders with Characters assembly and wearing Red to show we care for WCES. Also, the WCES chorus will be singing at the Iceman Hockey Game! Please be sure to keep up to date with everything happening by reading the TORCH, teacher newsletters and connecting with the PTO Facebook page.

Please remember Early Check Out per WCES handbook is 2pm. If you come after 2:00, please wait in the parent pick up line for your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mission (why we exist) – At WCES we ensure **A**chievement, **L**earning, and **L**eadership 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!



Congratulations WCES Teacher of
the Year, Coach Heise,
and WCES Rookie Teacher of the
Year, Morgan Brown!



VPK

Sign ups for VPK started Monday February 6th. There is a sign-up Genius list on our WCE website under the VPK tab. The registration is open until March 3rd. At that time, we will do a lottery draw for 12 VPK spots in our FULL DAY blended program. We will contact you if your child's name is drawn and the registration process will begin. Please keep in mind that there is a fee of \$350 per month plus an initial registration fee of \$100. If your student's name is not drawn, we will leave them on the sign-up list to serve as a wait list for possible dropouts. Again, a lottery draw will determine the next child offered the vacated VPK spot. Good Luck to all of our future Warriors

Coming Up:

3/3 Dr Seuss Day – dress like your favorite character

3/3 Iceman Hockey Game

3/7 Leaders with Character Assembly

3/7 Wear Red to show we care for WCES

3/10 Teacher Planning day –no school

3/13-3/17 Spring Break

3/21 McTeacher night at McDonalds

3/24 Dress your best for Spring Pictures

3/27 PTO Meeting

3/28 Report Cards

3/31 Wear Spring Colors

PTO Spirit Night

Join us for McTeacher night March 21. We look forward to seeing you!



Mark your calendars

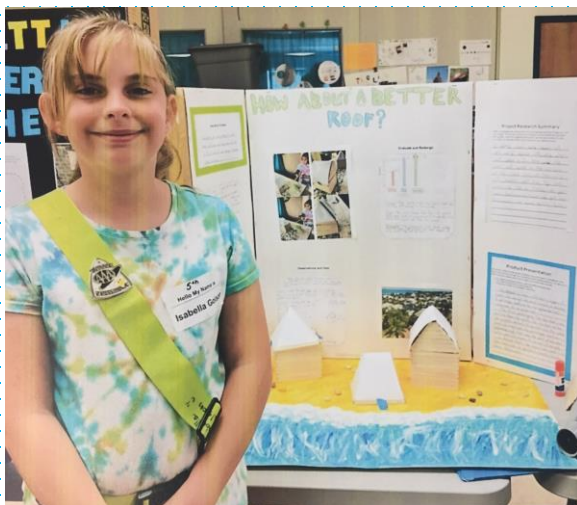
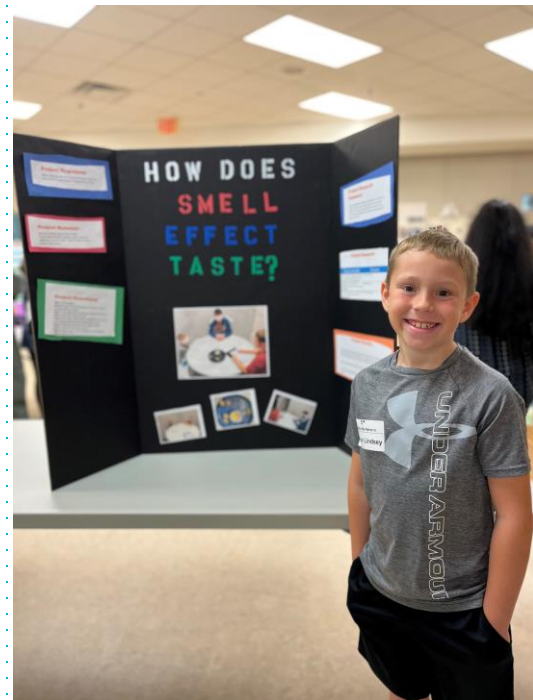
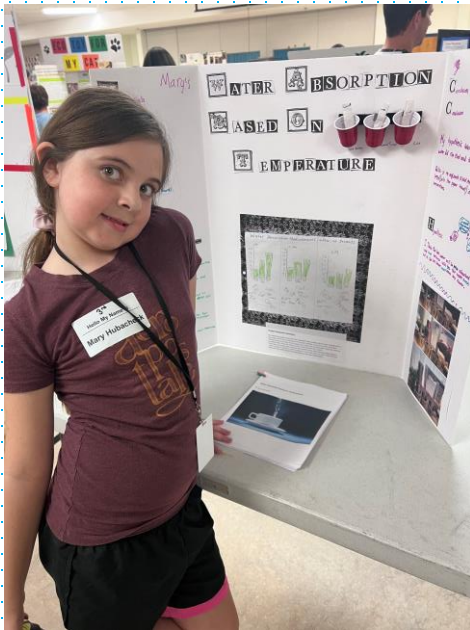
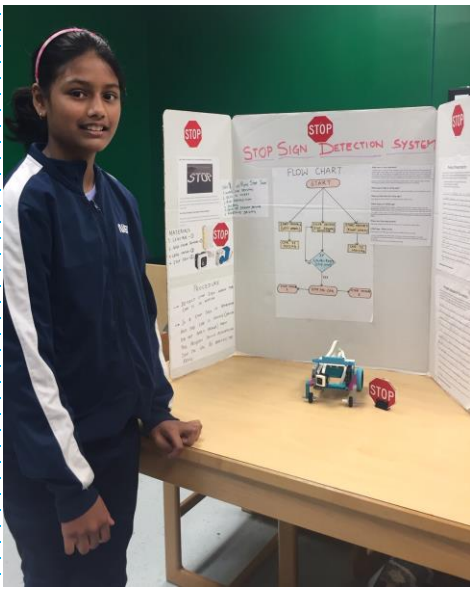
The Artome Art Show will be April 27th, 6-8PM. More information to come.

Second graders will be going on a field study to the IMAX Theater in April to enjoy “Flight of the Butterflies,” and “Under the Sea.” These movies correlate with our science study of life cycles and habits. In math we’ll be studying measurement, geometry, and graphing. As the weather warms up, we are enjoying more frequent outdoor lessons.

Odyssey of the Mind

The Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament was held Saturday, February 25. Two of the Division I teams that include WCES students will advance to the Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament in Orlando on April 8, 2023. This marks the 40th anniversary of Odyssey of the Minds. Congratulations to these 3rd – 5th grade students: Dylan Gullick, Noah Regier, Riley Hamm, Brayden Watson, Cameron Noel, Mary Hubacheck, Rebekah Braxton, Kayleigh Morris, Avery Vece, and Eshika Kolli. A special thanks to their coaches, Mr. Regier, Ms. Noel, and Mr. Braxton. Good luck at the State Tournament!

STEM EXPO





PTO March Newsletter



Upcoming Events

- 3/3 - Spirit Day Dress like Dr. Seuss Characters
- 3/3 - Spirit Night - Chorus singing at Icemen Game
- 3/6 - PTO Board Meeting
- 3/7 - Leaders with Character
- 3/10 - No School
- 3/13-3/17 - Spring Break
- 3/21 - McTeacher Night
- 3/24 - Dress your best for Spring Photos
- 3/24-3/31 - Book Fair
- 3/27 - PTO General Meeting
- 3/28 - Report Cards on HAC
- 3/31 - Wear Spring Colors



Spirit Night!



WCES Chorus will be singing at the Jacksonville Icemen Game on Friday, March 3rd. Come out at support your Warriors! A portion of your ticket purchased will go back to WCES!

Buy tickets here:

www.jacksonvilleicemen.com/wccchorus



Don't forget to buy your yearbook!

Yearbooks are on sale now until they sell out. Purchase yours today at:
www.buytheyearbook.com



**PTO General Meeting
Parents welcome:**

**Monday: March 21,
2023 at 3:30pm**

**Wards Creek
Elementary Cafe**



Our Spring Book Fair will be from Friday
3/24 - Friday 3/31 in our Media Center.
Students will be able to shop during
designated times and before school.



TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH IS LEADERS WITH CHARACTER

**WEAR
RED**

To show you care about Wards Creek Elementary



COME SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL!

Wards Creek Elementary



**Wards Creek
Elementary School**
Lighting the way to leadership

Where: McDonald's!

103 Tuscan Way, St. Augustine

When: Tuesday, March 21st

Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm



The teacher who has the most students attend the Family Night will win FREE Happy Meals for the entire class!

Parents,

Bring this flyer in during the Family Night and McDonald's will donate 30% of your purchase back to Wards Creek Elementary!

Please don't forget to fill in your teachers name for your chance to WIN!

Teacher's Name: _____



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Monday

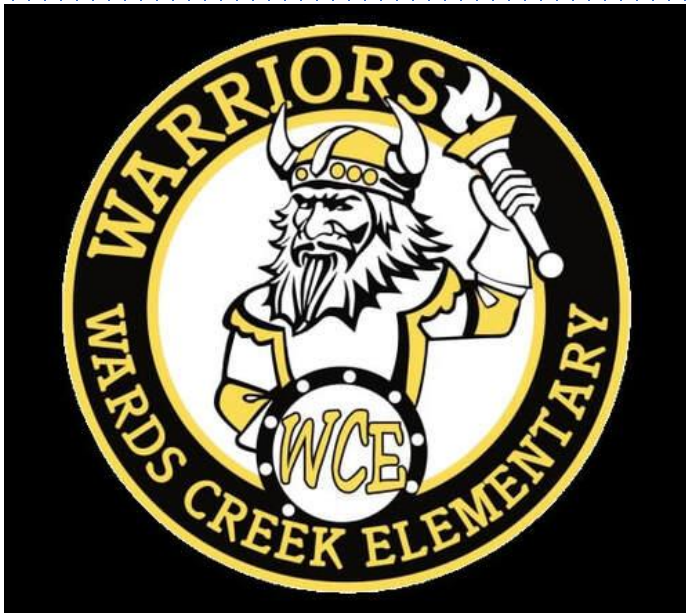
Tuesday


Wednesday

Thursday


Friday

  BOARD MEETING 3:30PM	1	1  Early Dismissal 1:45pm	2	3 Seuss Day  Icemen Game
6	7 Wear RED to show we care for WCES Leaders with Character	8  Early Dismissal 1:45pm	9	10  No School
13	14  Happy	15  Spring	16  Break	17
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- Smiles by Glenos
- The Village Chiropractic Center
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- Tropical Smoothie
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- Our Lady of Good Counsel

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