



The TORCH

Wards Creek
Elementary

April 2023

Wards Creek Family,

As we approach the last day of the school year, it is always fun to look back and reflect on the year. We started the year with Chalk the Walk and an Ice Cream Social. Then we had a wonderful turnout for the Grandparents Breakfast and raised enough funds through the Buddy-a-thon to purchase new laptops, laptop carts and Related Arts equipment. During the fall season, the annual fall festival was a huge hit and some great literary characters showed up for the Literacy Parade. We ended 2022 with a performance from the Venardos Circus and the Grinch Fest. We continued 2023 with a visit from author Dion Leonard, an amazing Stem Expo, field days, spirit nights, and so much more that went into making Wards Creek Elementary wonderful. Thank you for partnering with us this year.

Please be sure to keep up to date with everything happening by reading the TORCH, teacher newsletters and connecting with the PTO Facebook page.

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!



Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week May 1st-5th

This week we celebrate the amazing Faculty and Staff at Wards Creek. We know that we would not be where we are today without each member of the WCES team.

Please take a moment to show your appreciation to the BEST TEAM.

Step Right Up to Celebrate Teachers

Monday- bring a flower

Tuesday – write a note

Wednesday – provide a snack

Thursday – provide a needed supply

Friday – surprise your teacher with something he/she loves

Coming Up:

5/1-5/5 - STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

5/3 - LAST DAY TO PURCHASE 5th GRADE YARD SIGNS 5PM

5/5 - DRESS OUT OF THIS WORLD FOR SPACE DAY

5/12 – Dress like a TACKY TOURIST DAY

5/12 - PAINT THE TILE NIGHT

5/18 – 5th Grade Promotion Awards

5/19 – 5th grade CLAP OUT

5/22 – 5th grade TALENT SHOW

5/23 - LEADERS WITH CHARACTER assembly

5/25 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

5/25 –Report Cards Posted in HAC

FAST Dates 3rd-5th

May 1-2: Fifth Grade

May 4-5: Fourth Grade

May 8-9: Third Grade

Fifth Grade Science

May 15-16



Character Cup

On April 19th St. Johns County School District , Character Cup was held at Nease High School. Wards Creek sent 12 student athletes, Aria Brooks, Sophia Wiggs, Parker Hale, Hadley Walton, Tynlee, Peacock, Reagan Hunter, Kolton Weber, Declan Lieuw, Aaron Van Zuilen, Waylon Kessler, Lukas Thompson, Brayden Watson, where students compete against their fellow Elementary Schools in various competition's. Wards Creek's boys and girl's teams came out very strong both winning their initial heats for the 4x100 relay earning them a trips to the finals. In the finals, both teams gave it their all with the girl's team taking 3rd place overall in the district earning them a Bronze medal and the boy's team taking 4th overall. The excitement didn't end there. Our girl's Sack Race team came out ready and pulled off a Gold Medal win earning them first place in the district. We are so proud of all of you and of your efforts in representing Wards Creek Elementary. We wish you all the best in your endeavors as you move on to middle school next year.

Returning Student Verification (RSV)

A reminder to complete your student(s) registration/enrollment for the 23 - 24 school year. This process must be complete to keep your student enrolled in SJCS D.

Should you be withdrawing for the 23 - 24 school year, please contact our Data Operator to ensure accuracy in student enrollment.

Please see contact information below should you have any questions regarding RSV.

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**END OF CAMP
PERFORMANCE
AND ART
GALLERY!**

6/19 - 6/29, Monday - Thursday

Limited spots available

RISING 3RD - 5TH GRADERS

**REGISTER
NOW**



2023
**Elementary
FINE ARTS
SUMMER CAMP**
@ 420 N Orange Street
FREE!

Music

Arts & Crafts

Dance


& more

CONTACT US: 📞 904-834-0570 ✉️ Jennette.Knoblauch@stjohns.k12.fl.us 📍 420 N Orange Street





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- 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
- Summit Funding, Inc.

Gold:

- Motto Mortgage Company
- Peterbrooke Durbin Park
- Christ & Susan Fedor - Florida Local Team
- Simone's Wood Fired Craft Kitchen
- Murabella Animal Hospital
- SJC Junk
- Willie Jewells
- St. Augustine Boat Tours
- Pam Belcher - Real Estate
- Our Lady of Good Counsel

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- Bailey Martin Realtor
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- Nicole with Pixie Dust Vacation Planners, LLC.
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- Creative Farmhouse Designs

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