



# THE TORCH

OCTOBER EDITION



## WARDS CREEK

### WARRIORS

Warrior Families,

A continued thank you goes to all our families for your constant involvement and support that you provide to our students each and every day. We look forward to a great October and all the upcoming events. This month we will continue the events with Red Ribbon Week, the Literacy Parade, spirit days and much more! Please stay up to date by reading the weekly teacher newsletters, PTO newsletter, and social media.

WARDS CREEK  
ELEMENTARY

KEVIN KLEIN  
PRINCIPAL

Julie Haynes  
Assistant Principal

Jill Williams  
Assistant Principal

# BUDDY-A-THON

## FUNDRAISER

Wards Creek Elementary PTO annual "Buddy-A-Thon" was a huge success! We raised \$60,000 and had the pleasure of watching Mr. Klein kiss a pig. The "Buddy" stuffing will take place October 18th, 19th, and 20th.



**ORLANDO MATH CIRCLE'S**  
**ST. AUGUSTINE**  
**NEW OMC CHAPTER!**  
initiated by one of our high school students

**WE WILL DO MATH**  
**OLYMPIAD PRACTICE**  
on the following dates

**2023**  
September 30 from 1 PM to 3 PM  
October 28th from 10 AM to 12 PM  
November 18th from 1 PM to 3 PM  
December 16th from 1 PM to 3 PM

**2024**  
January 27th Time TBD  
February 24th TIME TBD  
March 23rd TIME TBD

ST. AUGUSTINE LIBRARY -  
SOUTHEAST BRANCH  
6670 US-1, St. Augustine, FL 32086  
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information

# RED RIBBON WEEK








## RED RIBBON/BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK

"Be Kind to your Mind. Live Drug Free"

OCTOBER 23-31, 2023



Monday Oct. 23	Tuesday Oct. 24	Wednesday Oct. 25	Thursday Oct. 26	Friday Oct. 27
<p>"Be Kind to your Mind. Live Drug Free"</p> <p>(Wear Something Red)</p> 	<p>"Team Up Against Drugs"</p> <p>(Wear your favorite team shirt, uniform, jersey, cheer leading outfit.)</p> 	<p>"United We Stand"</p> <p>(Wear your Wards Creek Grade Level Spirit Shirt!)</p> 	<p>"Put a Cap On Drugs!"</p> <p>(Wear a hat to school!)</p> 	<p>"Those Who Say no to Drugs are Fa-Boo-lous"</p> <p>(Wear your favorite Halloween Pajamas)</p> 
<p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>Red Ribbon Week is a chance to remember the power you have when you make decisions. By wearing red today, you are telling everyone that you make a decision to support your best self! Discuss ways students can respect themselves and others.</p> <p><b>Bullying Awareness Challenge:</b> Make friends with someone at school who you don't know. You probably wish someone had done that for you.</p>	<p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>When you are on a team you are working together to do the best you can. By wearing a team shirt today you are telling everyone that you will work as a team with your friends to make sure you all look out for each other. Can you name times where you might team up against drugs with your friends?</p> <p><b>Bullying Awareness Challenge:</b> Don't let anyone at school eat alone in the cafeteria or play alone at recess.</p>	<p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>Sometimes people use drugs to make themselves happy, or to be cool with their friends. Wearing a Warrior shirt today tells everyone you don't have to use drugs to be happy. What are healthy things you like to do that make you happy?</p> <p><b>Bullying Awareness Challenge:</b> Make kindness go viral with an act of kindness and challenge friends and classmates to pay it forward with their acts of kindness.</p>	<p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>When we put a cap on something we stop it, seal it off, and close it. When is a time you might stop yourself, or a friend, from making a bad decision?</p> <p><b>Bullying Awareness Challenge:</b> When you see someone being bullied, be brave and STAND UP for them. Bullies have been known to back off when others stand up for victims.</p>	<p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>Being a student at Wards Creek makes you a member of the Wards Creek Family. When we are united together, we can all achieve more, do more and be more. What are ways at school you can unite with others to be strong and make good decisions?</p> <p><b>Bullying Awareness Challenge:</b> Create positive messages on post-its and hand them out to classmates.</p>