



THE TORCH

FEBRUARY EDITION



WARDS CREEK

WARRIORS

Warrior Families,
We have so many reasons to celebrate. One of the many reasons is WCES has the best PTO, families, faculty and staff. We would like to take the time to give a BIG shout out to our Teacher of the Year, fourth grade teacher, Erin Turner, and Rookie Teacher of the Year, fourth grade teacher, Tara Crutcher. The two teachers will be celebrated at the upcoming Teacher of the Year Banquet. We are so blessed they are part of our family.

WARDS CREEK ELEMENTARY

KEVIN KLEIN
PRINCIPAL

Julie Haynes
Assistant Principal

Jill Williams
Assistant Principal

Wards Creek Robotics Club

The team, Syna Ghosh, Walker Bell, Alexander Zannikos, Shreenidhi Kumar, Joshua Taylor, Elijah Moore, Yuvan Mannem, Harper Yeager, Alexander Zemanek, and Ishan Samatham, competed at the First Lego League Challenge in SJCSD and placed second out of 24 teams. The team is now moving on to compete in the Northeast Florida tournament taking place in Alachua on February 17th. Thank you, Mrs. Vergara for all your support and being a great Robotics Coach.

We wish the team the best of luck!



Spring Book Fair

We desperately need volunteers for the spring book fair. Please sign up to volunteer using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4BA9AC22A6F58-47393268-spring>

Remember all volunteers must be approved



Deputy Ferris's Car Line Reminders

Deputy Ferris would like to remind everyone of some very important information regarding school pick up and drop off.

- When instructed, please pull up to the designated area to pick up your child. To assist in buckling seatbelts at Wards Creek, you may pull into a parking spot on your way out, but please do not hold up the car line.
- Please do not park in the handicap spots without a handicap tag.
- Make help us keep our arrival and dismissal safe by using a safe speed, keeping a safe distance and not using a cell phone while in car line.

Join the Wards Creek Elementary Chorus for their National Anthem performance with the Icemen on Wednesday, March 20th!

See the attached flyer for more information.



Counselor News

Please give a warm Warrior welcome to our new guidance counselor, Angela Givens.

Mrs. Givens is eager to join the staff at Wards Creek Elementary School. She holds an undergraduate degree in Communications from the University of Georgia as well as a master's degree from Mercer University, and School Counseling Certification from Fort Valley State University. She has an extensive background in education from teaching Math in Middle Grades to serving as a school counselor at the middle and high school levels. Mrs. Givens enjoys working with students and parents to help students become the best they can be. She looks forward to meeting new students every day!



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WINTER ESSENTIALS

January is the perfect time to stock up on winter essentials like Progresso™ soups, Airborne® immune support supplements, Lysol® disinfectants and more. Just don't forget to scan the qualifying receipt from your purchase to earn cash for your school!

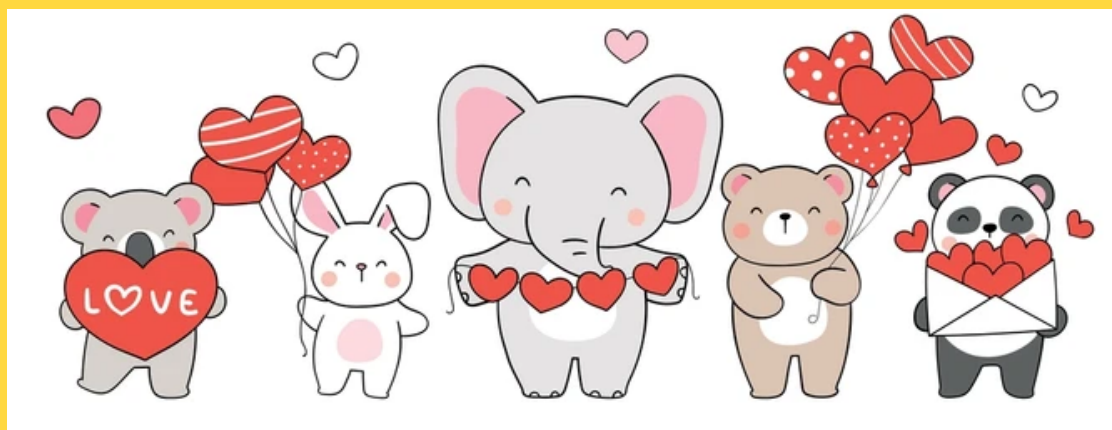




February 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	Twin Day 2 
5  BOARD MEETING 1:45PM		6 Spirit Night at  Early Dismissal 1:45pm 	8	9 Sports Day 
12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day Early Dismissal 1:45pm 	15	16 Western Day 
19 	20 Spirit Night at 	21 Early Dismissal 1:45pm 	22	23 Superhero Day  Mother/Son Skating Event
	26	27	28	29 



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