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Welcome to the Wards Creek Elementary family! This is an exciting time for you as your child embraces the journey toward becoming a life-long learner. We are very excited to have you and your child as part of the Warrior Family. This year will be an exciting one filled with learning and growth for all.

My name is Kevin Klein, and I became a Warrior in 2013 as the assistant principal. I then became the principal in 2021. I have been an educator for 28 years and an administrator for 24 years. Your child's safety, success, and well-being are my top priority. I often tell the students that I get my energy from seeing them smile. Having the privilege to watch children grow and thrive brings me great joy.

Julie Haynes is in her fourth year as an assistant principal here at WCE. She was previously a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Julington Creek Elementary. She is entering her 23<sup>rd</sup> year in education. Mrs. Haynes is passionate about student learning and believes learning can be fun. Her joy comes from watching children get excited about learning and discovery.

Jill Williams is in her second year as another WCE assistant principal. She has also been in that role within a neighboring district for 10 years. This will be her 24<sup>th</sup> year in education. She is so excited to have joined the Wards Creek Warrior Team and looks forward to another great school year.

We are positive that this will be a wonderful year of inquiry and learning. We are excited to have you be part of our Warrior family and hope you will look for opportunities to attend parent-child activities, volunteer in the classrooms, support school fundraisers, and be an active member of the PTO and SAC.

I am truly grateful for the amazing students, staff, and community that we have. Our school fosters a leadership environment for all our students. Our school motto is "Achievement, Learning and Leadership for ALL."

Please use the information below, along with our school website, to answer any questions you may have about the approaching new school year. **Please note that the first day of school is Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Also note that kindergarten does a staggered start. See information below for kindergarten.**

*Kevin Klein – Principal*

## Have you Completed?

Opt-in to receive important messages: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolmessenger/>

Prior to having access to any activities happening on school grounds, during the school hours, all individuals must be complete the [School Access Form](#). If you already have one on file, no need to do it again. Please have other family members completed this if they may come to school.

To view your child's educational information. Report Cards will be issued electronically on <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>

## Meet and Greet

This is the time for you to meet your child's teacher and bring in school supplies. We are asking families to try to not stay in the classroom for more than 10 minutes. This time is really meant to introduce your child to his/her new teacher and drop off supplies. Our teachers communicate effectively throughout the year. So, they will keep you informed about the growth of your child.

***Meet and Greet will take place on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>:***

***Last Names A-M 9:00-10:00 a.m.***

***Last Names N-Z 10:00-11:00 a.m.***

## Kindergarten Staggered Start

All kindergarten students in St. Johns County, participate in a staggered start. ***This means that students sign up for one day during the first four days of school where they will attend in a small group. This allows the teachers to provide students with individualized attention and teach daily routines and procedures.*** Staggered start will be Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. You child's teacher will send a welcome letter with a Signup Genius for the day that works best for you. **ALL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS WILL COME TO SCHOOL ON Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.**

## First Week of School Arrival

The first weeks of school are all about establishing rituals and routines. Please be patient as it may take some time to ensure the most efficient process. With safety in mind, parents may only walk their child to the entrance doors of the parent pickup sidewalk area. We have plenty of supervision to assist your child find their destination.

## Instructional Day

It is critically important that all children arrive on time to school each day. This is a key part of how you can support our success. The instructional day for students is from 8:25-2:45. Please be mindful that arriving late has a huge impact on your child's ability to be prepared for the day.

## Parent/Teacher Organization

Please join our fabulous team. <https://www.wardscreekepto.com/>. Go to the school store link and order your child's Warrior gear.

## Featured Links

Please scroll down to the website to view the section "important documents," such as the Parent Handbook and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. <https://www-wce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>