



THE TORCH

NOVEMBER EDITION



WARDS CREEK

We want to take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation for our families, faculty, staff and students. Each of you play a vital role in creating a supportive and enriching community. Together, we create a strong community where achievement, learning, and leadership are available to all. We are thankful for all our Warriors!

WARDS CREEK
ELEMENTARY

KEVIN KLEIN
PRINCIPAL

Julie Haynes
Assistant Principal

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Assistant Principal

Update with

MR. KLEIN



The month of November is a great opportunity for us to be thankful for a safe and prosperous school year. So much effort goes into the 1st quarter in establishing the conditions for success. With the routines in place, now is the time to sustain those efforts.

With the partnership in understanding the essential learning and success criteria, parents should see that their child's learning will continue to blossom. With an analogy of a flower, the foundation with rich soil has been established, the seeds have been planted, and the seeds have been given the nutrients needed for healthy growth, and now it's time to watch the formation of a beautiful flower.

This is the time for the partnership to continue encouraging children to have a growth mindset. The students are utilizing their leadership notebook to detail their hope, efficacy, and achievement prior to this next round of diagnostic testing. Wherever they land within this assessment, they should feel as though their habits have a direct impact on their learning. All Warriors should feel proud of their accomplishments, even if it is not at the desired expectation, YET. Just like flowers, we have to remember that many developmental factors may need to be taken into consideration. Sometimes we have to have more patience and nurturing and belief in the Power of Yet.

I appreciate the responses I have received from the parent survey I sent out a few weeks ago. This provides valuable information about those actions we are taking that are at expectation and those that are opportunities for growth. Some areas that I'm extremely thankful that we have a substantial majority indicating that we are doing well with are: Keeping children safe, Having safe and efficient procedures, Communicating effectively, and establishing the partnership with families. We will continue to work on using our "Family Time" to discuss Character Counts, the mission statement, and what it means for students to "Shine Their Light."

Again, I'm so thankful for our partnership!

Partners in Learning,

Kevin Klein
Principal

CHARACTER COUNTS! Club

The character club next service project is Operation Christmas Child Showboxes. The boxes will be filled with new items for a child to receive at Christmas time. Box drop off is the character education classroom and returned by November 19th.



Thank you to everyone who helped the Character Club with collecting food donations for our Thanksgiving Blessing bags. These donations will bless so many over the holiday season. The donations went to Port in the Storm St. Augustine.



THE 6 PILLARS OF CHARACTER



TRUSTWORTHINESS



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



FAIRNESS



CARING



CITIZENSHIP

PILLAR OF THE MONTH Citizenship

Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment • Volunteer

Wear Blue November 14th.

World Diabetes Day



In 1921, Dr. Frederick Banting was the first person to successfully extract insulin and administer it to diabetic patients.

Prior to 1921, type 1 diabetes had a 0% survival rate.

November 14th, Dr. Banting's birthday, is recognised as World Diabetes Day.

In 2006, the blue circle became the universal symbol of diabetes.



Please join us and "go blue" on November 14th.

Wear a blue shirt, paint your nails blue, or even dye your hair. Whatever you choose, show someone with diabetes that you care.

3rd - 5th
Grades

CALLING ALL STARGAZERS

Join us to explore the wonders of the night sky

WCES
November 8th
6 - 8 PM

The Ancient City Astronomy Club (ACAC) will be bringing their telescopes and knowledge to share with 3rd - 5th grade students and their families.

This is a free event, however, donations to support our STEM program are appreciated.

ART

A Note from Ms. Kasper


The deadline to order for the Square 1 Art fundraiser is November 26th. Please be on the lookout this month for your student's personalized catalog coming home to you! You'll be able to order timeless keepsakes to cherish for years to come. Proud partner of your school. Check out www.square1art.com/shop for gift ideas!





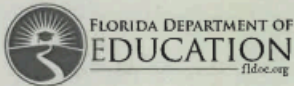
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Federal Programs Title I Department					1 NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY As a family, read a book together.	2 Plan a day with no electronics. Consider Books, board games or puzzles.
3 Praise your child for their efforts rather than their abilities.	4 Join the PTA, PTO, SAC or a parent/family engagement committee.	5 Talk with your employer about flex time so that you can participate in school activities.	6 Prepare a healthy meal together with the entire family participating. Enjoy the conversation time.	7 Listen to and discuss different types of music.	8 NATIONAL PARENTS AS TEACHERS DAY Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers.	9 Invite your child to help you write the grocery list, shop and plan meals.
10 As a family, learn more about the importance of recycling and pledge to reduce, reuse and recycle.	11 VETERAN'S DAY Talk to your child about why we honor those who courageously serve our country.	12 As a family, learn and discuss the importance of education.	13 NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT DAY Explore and talk about career interests and possibilities with your child.	14 Visit a local park or other attractions and talk about what you see.	15 Sneak a fun note into your child's backpack or lunch box as a token of encouragement and support.	16 Talk with your family about community service and why it is important.
17 Browse the news and talk about current events.	18 AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK Connect with your child's school about celebration plans.	19 Use "downtime" in the car or on a walk to quiz your child on something they are learning in school.	20 Flip through old family photo albums. Tell stories about your family's history and answer your child's questions.	21 NATIONAL PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY Take the Pledge and let your child know you're committed to their success.	22 Pretend you have a TV or radio talk show. Take turns "interviewing" each other.	23 Encourage conversation among family members at the dinner table.
24 Pick a project in or around your home—fixing, improving, or beautifying. Involve your child in all phases of the project.	25 Talk with your child's teachers about their progress in school.	26 Create a written or oral story with your child about the day. Include real and extravagant details to make it fun!	27 Talk to your child about his/her favorite subject in school.	28 THANKSGIVING DAY Talk about things for which your family is grateful.	29 Talk to your child about what you admire and love about him or her.	30 Pop the popcorn! Have a movie marathon of your child's favorite movies.


NOVEMBER
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT MONTH

PARENTS AND FAMILIES PLAY A BIG ROLE IN EDUCATION!

During the month of November, parents, grandparents, guardians and extended families are reminded to stay involved in their children's education throughout the year.


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Mission Statement

At WCES we ensure Achievement, Learning, and Leadership for ALL.

Vision Statement

To build and sustain a culture that provides a safe environment where all stake holders collaborate to ensure growth and achievement for all.


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 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

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