



# THE TORCH

DECEMBER EDITION



## WARDS CREEK

As we approach the end of the year, we want to extend our warmest wishes for a joyful and restful holiday season. We hope you enjoy time with family and friends this month. Wishing you a wonderful December filled with peace, joy, and lots of holiday cheer.

WARDS CREEK  
ELEMENTARY

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KEVIN KLEIN  
PRINCIPAL

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Julie Haynes  
Assistant Principal

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Jill Williams  
Assistant Principal

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# MR. KLEIN



December is a time to celebrate and reflect about how much has been accomplished so far this school year. As we approach the 2nd semester, it's been amazing to see the tremendous strides that have been made in student achievement, learning, and leadership. This is an exciting time for me because there is so much joy in the air. It's also a chance to spend time with children and celebrate as a family, both in the school and at home.

On the academic side, we are looking forward to recognizing the tremendous growth in student achievement. The homeroom teachers will be notifying you of the particular dates for your child's reading and math diagnostics. Upon those results, the teachers will be meeting with the students and reviewing their leadership notebook with them. They will be able to help your child realize how much improvement they have made since the first diagnostic and then make a plan for those areas for continued improvement. These conversations help inspire students to set goals and track their progress. It creates that determination to strive for excellence. The teacher will be notifying you when those results will be accessible in the portal.

With leadership in mind, the classroom families have enjoyed coming together during family time to discuss Character Counts lessons along with qualities of leaders and how they are all one team. This leads into the bigger arena of a grade level family and school-wide family. Thanks again for your support in instill in your child that those actions are just as important as their commitment to their academics.

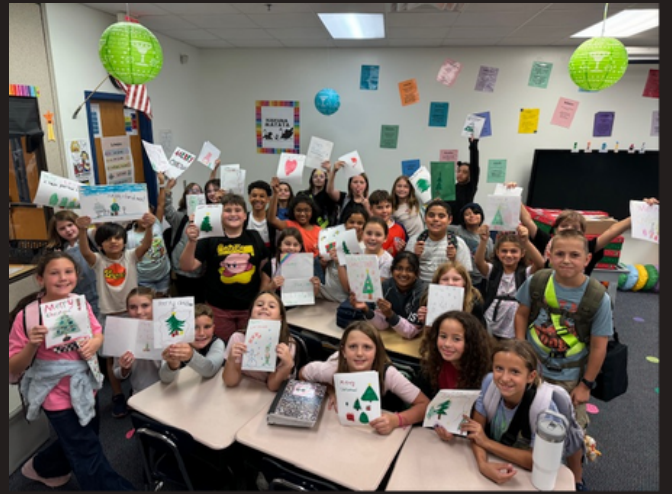
Again, I'm so thankful for our partnership! This is an amazing community that comes.

Partners in Learning,

Kevin Klein  
Principal

# CHARACTER COUNTS! Club

The CC Club students came together to create heartfelt cards for residents at local senior living centers. During the month of November, they also collected 85 shoe boxes for children in need around the globe. We are proud of their thoughtfulness and kindness.



THE 6 PILLARS OF CHARACTER



TRUSTWORTHINESS



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



FAIRNESS



CARING



CITIZENSHIP

PILLAR OF THE  
MONTH

All Pillars



SAC (School Advisory Council) needs parent/community participation to make decisions that will benefit our students, teachers, and community. Please consider joining us in person or virtually on December 12th at 3:30 and future meetings. We meet once a month for about 30 minutes.

Please see the school website for our meeting dates, minutes, and agendas. Hope to see you at the next SAC meeting.

Email Kelly Neel (SAC Chairperson) directly for questions or for the link to attend the meeting virtually:

[Kelly.neel@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Kelly.neel@stjohns.k12.fl.us)



Virtual invitation is attached



### 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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# December 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Pizza Party Color Run Class Winers 	3  Breakfast with Mr. Klein Color Run Winners	4  Slime Mr. Klein	5 Pajama Day! 	6 Disney Day 
9	10 Holiday Grams for Sale until 12/13	11	12	13 Holiday Market 5:30-7:30pm Ugly Sweater Day 
16 	17 Spirit Night at Papa John's - ALL DAY	18 Holiday Grams Distributed	19 Warrior Chorus Concert	20 Pajama Day! 
23  winter break Begins	24	25 Hanukkah  MERRY Christmas	26  Happy Hanukkah	27
30 Winter Break	31  HAPPY HANUKKAH			