



THE TORCH

May Edition



WARDS CREEK

As the school year comes to a close, May is a time of celebration, reflection, and excitement for what's ahead. Students are wrapping up their final projects, and assessments, enjoying special events, and preparing for summer break. We're proud of all they've accomplished and grateful for the support of our school community. Don't forget to check important dates for end-of-year celebrations, FAST assessments for 3rd-5th grade and the last day of school!

WARDS CREEK
ELEMENTARY

KEVIN KLEIN
PRINCIPAL

Julie Haynes
Assistant Principal

Jill Williams
Assistant Principal

Update with

MR. KLEIN



It's hard to believe we are in the final month of the school year. The students have been extremely diligent in their efforts to strive toward accomplishing the mission statement: "At WCES we ensure Achievement, Learning, and Leadership for ALL. The partnership between the home and school has been one that details to the children that we are here to encourage them along the educational journey by keeping a growth mindset throughout the year and to guide them in "Shining Their Light."

The end-of-the year assessments in kindergarten-2nd grade have been amazing. It has been enjoyable to see how much the students were giving their best effort. They truly wanted to prove to us how much they have learned. This month 3rd-5th grade students will be able to show how much they have achieved this year. Although some of the grade levels have completed their assessments, academic focus is still necessary for continued growth. Please help remind your child to stay persistent in the mission statement of the school. They will have plenty of time to have fun during the last week of the year.

We hope that you have completed your Returning Student Verification form. It is extremely important that we have accurate information for which students will be here at Wards Creek next year. This will help us determine how many teachers we will need for each grade level. We do anticipate that our enrollment numbers will continue to increase. The quicker we receive this information, and the new registrations, the sooner we will be able to begin placing students in classrooms for the next school year.

As we get closer to the end of the year, our grade level teams will begin the framework for next year's placements. By working collaboratively as a Professional Learning Community, the grade level teams are able to have discussions throughout the year about the needs of all students. This makes it extremely beneficial in developing homeroom classrooms for next year that can quickly become a cohesive family unit. We highly value parent input in understanding the unique needs of your child. This input plays an essential role in our class placement process, allowing us to make adjustments as needed to support your child's growth and development. Please see the attached parent input form for more information.

I continue to feel blessed in being part of such a wonderful community and school. I am so thankful in the relationships all stakeholders have in making WCE joyous. It is such an honor to be able to be able to watch the children grow and in recognizing that they seem to always such a huge smile on their face.

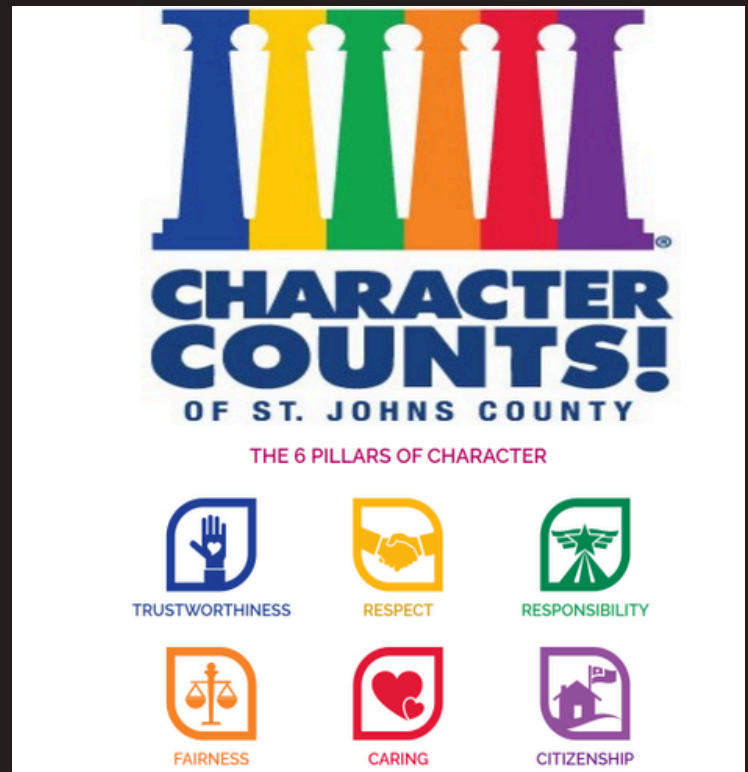
Partners in Learning,

Kevin Klein
Principal

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



LIBRARY

All library books are due Friday May 2nd!

Book Fair will be May 5th – 9th.

The only time students will be able to shop
is during
their library/media day that week.

Please use the Signup Genius link to
volunteer:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4
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ART

Any frames ordered from Artome online after the in person show (on the 24th) will be sent home with your student this month. Artome is shipping all the works to school on May 2nd.

3rd-5th grade students are finishing up their ceramic projects in art class and will be taking them home this month. Mrs. Kasper will provide each student with some newsprint wrapping paper. Please send your student with a small box (shoe box or smaller) and/or bubble wrap to help protect them from breaking.

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 May 15th at 3:30. 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



OUR TEACHERS &
STAFF ARE

WICKED OZ-SOME

You're cordially invited by
the *Wards Creek PTO*



MON

ELPHABA'S
WISDOM

BRING YOUR
TEACHER THEIR
FAVORITE
SCHOOL SUPPLY

TUES

GLINDA'S
GOODNESS

BRING YOUR
TEACHER THEIR
FAVORITE
SNACK OR
SWEET TREAT

WED

POPULAR!

BRING YOUR
TEACHER A
FLOWER THAT
WILL MAKE
THEM FEEL
SPECIAL

THURS

DEFY
GRAVITY

LIFT YOUR
TEACHER UP
WITH A KIND
NOTE, CARD, OR
DRAWING

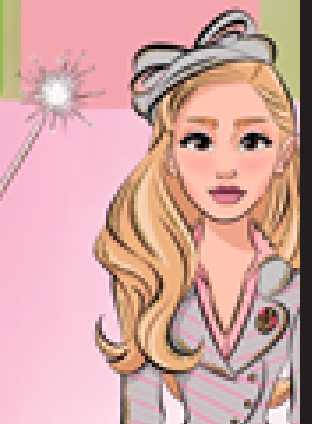
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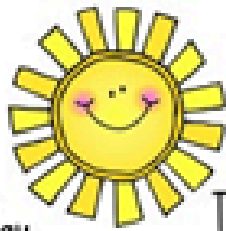
EMERALD
CITY

BRING YOUR
TEACHER A GIFT
CARD OR A
SPARKLY GIFT

May 5th-9th

TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK
SHOW YOUR TEACHERS & STAFF APPRECIATION
FOLLOW ALONG WITH SUGGESTED FUN DAYS!





May 2025



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday


Thursday

Friday

hello 
SUMMER

Star Wars Day 2
 Dress like a Jedi or Stormtrooper
Last day to buy 5th Grade Yard Signs

5 KING OF POPS 6
At Lunch!

7 8 9

Jumbo Shrimp Game
Encontro Day!
Dress Festive!

← Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week →

12

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Ratatouille Day 16
Dress like a chef!

Last day to buy a legacy brick

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Kindergarten
Aloha Celebration


Secret 23
Spy Day
Dress like a spy


26
MEMORIAL DAY
No School

5th Grade 27
Celebration Day
 5th Grade
Clap Out

28
5th Grade
Talent Show

5th Grade 29
Promotion Day


LAST DAY 30
of SCHOOL
Dress like your favorite
Simpson Character


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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