

# Week at the Creek

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Dear Fabulous Hickory Creek Families,

I hope your week is off to a great start! Our students have had many wonderful experiences from field trips, to Native American demonstrations, Veterans' speeches, and even a very entertaining Variety Show!

As we move into the holiday season, I want to share with you about a wonderful opportunity. Our PTO has partnered up with Switzerland Community Church to provide service and resources to The Webster School community in St. Augustine. As many of you know, our former principal, Ms. Groves, is the new principal at The Webster School. We are looking to connect with this school in a positive and service-oriented way. Please see the details laying out our first endeavor later in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing how this project moves forward.

Our Variety Show performances this past week were definitely a showcase of Hickory talent! American Idol, America's Got Talent and The Voice can't hold a candle to our superstars! Great poise and confidence was evident in each and every one of our performers. Our student council also played an integral part in making sure the show ran smoothly behind the scenes. Special thanks to Mrs. Gauger, Coach Mecke, and Mr. Schuknecht for working so hard with our students to make it an unforgettable experience.

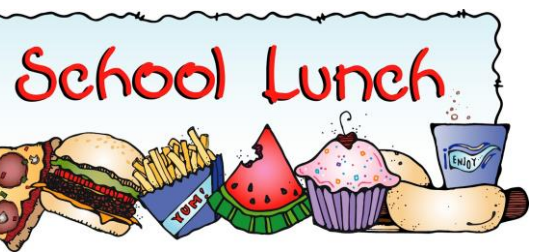
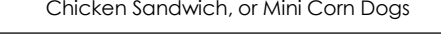
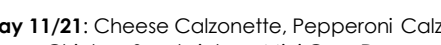
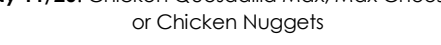
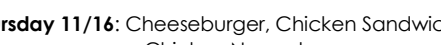
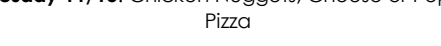
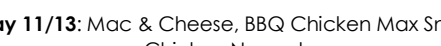
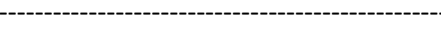
As we enter the Thanksgiving season, I just want to take a moment and let you know how thankful I am to be a part of such a wonderful school. Your support as parents and families is one of the main reasons we have been so successful – and we are truly grateful for all of you!

Sincerely,

Joy Reichenberg, Principal



## The Variety Show



**Monday 11/13:** Mac & Cheese, BBQ Chicken Max Snacks, or Chicken Nuggets

**Tuesday 11/14:** Mini Corn Dogs, Nacho Li'l Bites, or Mini Cheese Ravioli

**Wednesday 11/15:** Chicken Nuggets, Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza

**Thursday 11/16:** Cheeseburger, Chicken Sandwich, or Chicken Nuggets

**Friday 11/17:** Max Cheese Sticks, Chicken Nuggets, or Hot Dog

**Monday 11/20:** Chicken Quesadilla Max, Max Cheese Sticks, or Chicken Nuggets

**Tuesday 11/21:** Cheese Calzonette, Pepperoni Calzonette, Chicken Sandwich, or Mini Corn Dogs

### **Upcoming Events at HCES:**

- 11/14 – Kindergarten Thanksgiving Play, 6 PM
- 11/17 – School Picture Retakes, Art to Remember online ordering deadline
- 11/22-24 – Thanksgiving Holiday, No School

\*\*Each Wednesday is Early Release Day – 1:50 PM

\*\*Each Friday is Spirit Wear Day

### **Character Counts at Hickory Creek!**

On Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, our Second Grade classes participated in an assembly that showcased four local veterans. These gentlemen shared their history in the US military and also answered many questions from our students about their time in the service. What a wonderful example of Citizenship for our students!



### **Extended Day Corner:**

- Check lost and found for misplaced items
- Check Peachjar on HCES Website for updated enrichment activities information. Recently added: LEE/ Spanish classes!



### **Coming Soon:**

Sign up now for the 2017 Flight of the Hawks 5K!!!

December 16, 2017

9:00 AM, HCE Campus

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\*\*If you are interested in serving on the Chili Cook Off Committee... save the date for our informational meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.\*\*



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We have many daytime events happening at HCES! When visiting the school during the day, ANY GUEST should be an approved volunteer. Please access <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/> to apply to be an "approved volunteer."

When coming to visit, please stop by the front desk and sign in to our Keep'nTrack system. You will need to be prepared to present your ID to whomever is working at the front desk for verification. Please wear your visitor badge whenever you are in the building to alert our employees that you have clearance to be in the building.

If you are looking to check your child out early, or pick them up in the event they are ill, please be prepared to show your identification. It is not always the same person working at the front desk, and our staff has been instructed to verify authorization before releasing a student to an adult.

If a student comes to the front office before 3:15 to retrieve an item, the front office staff will call to make sure the teacher is in the room before letting the student back in the building. If the teacher is not in the room, or if it is after 3:15, that item will have to wait to be retrieved the next school day.

In the mornings before school, students are not admitted to the commons areas or classrooms, unless they have a predetermined activity such as patrols, band, etc. Students should not be in the commons areas or classrooms until 8:05 – when teacher supervision is available.



HCE PTO proudly introduces a NEW service partnership with Switzerland Community Church (SCC):

**H.A.W.K.S.** (Hickory and Webster Kids Succeed) Connection!

Our goals are to encourage, uplift, and assist The Webster School Community in Saint Augustine. We will work closely with another community partner (SCC) in the spirit of service to others. This connection will provide HCE students, teachers, and families with a meaningful opportunity to connect and uplift our greater St. Johns County Community.

We are kicking off this partnership with a holiday toy drive!

This week, a flyer will come home in your student's backpack to initiate this donation drive.

Items Requested: Unwrapped, new or gently used gifts for boys and girls ages 3 – 12.

Deadline: Monday, **December 11th**

Dropoff Locations: "H.A.W.K.S. Connection" Bins in the Front Office or in each Common House

Please direct any questions to Debbie Morgan ([g8rdebbie@yahoo.com](mailto:g8rdebbie@yahoo.com)).



Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council Officers:

President – Nickalous Fields

Vice President – Ben Dolce

Secretary – Ava Blanton

Treasurer – Andrew Brown

Historian – Reese Gilleland



For those of you who use social media, be sure to follow our HCES and HCES PTO Facebook pages. This is yet another resource to keep up on events at HCES. "Like" us today!



You can still order online – orders due November 17<sup>th</sup>. Student art makes great Christmas gifts!!!

<https://order.arttoremember.com/>



# Hickory Happenings – November 2017



