



Week at the Creek

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Greetings Fabulous Hickory Creek Families!

January is in full swing and going well here at Hickory Creek! We have 2 new exciting clubs that are meeting after school – coding and speech. Some of our 4th and 5th graders are participating in these extracurricular activities and learning the beginning stages of computer coding, or acquiring some tips and skills for public speaking. We are so lucky to have some terrific teacher sponsors who are making these opportunities happen for our students!

Next week, we will participate in Florida's Celebrate Literacy Week. During literacy week, students will be visited by a children's book author, they will participate in various reading activities, AR (Accelerated Reader) celebrations will take place, and we will even have some themed days for students to participate (these will be listed later on in this newsletter).

As a follow up and reminder from my request last week, if you are picking your child up from school at dismissal, please use the car line. Thank you for helping us keep our student's safe by adhering to our dismissal process. Also, we have been asked to remind you that the lane in front of the school (parent pick up side) is considered a fire lane. Please use the parking lot for parking – even if you are just dropping off a student or an item and think you will be in and out quickly. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Joy Reichenberg, Principal



Birthday Treats in the Cafeteria

While birthday treats are welcome in the cafeteria, we are requesting that you bring or send in something other than cupcakes. The icing tends to get extremely messy and causes delays in cleanups between classes entering the cafeteria. Please consider donuts, brownies or any other creative alternative for birthday treats.

Thank you!



Tuesday, 1/16 – Cheese or Pepperoni Calzonette, Chicken Sandwich, Mini Corn Dogs

Wednesday, 1/17 – Chicken Nuggets, Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza

Thursday, 1/18 – Pasta & Meatballs, Hot Dog, Chicken Nuggets

Friday, 1/19 – BBQ Chicken, Cheeseburger, or Mini Corn Dogs

Upcoming Events at HCES:

- 1/16 – PTO Spirit Night at PDQ, 5-8 pm
- 1/19 – Report Cards Issued
- 1/22-1/26 – Celebrate Literacy Week
- 1/23 – Chili Cook Off
- 1/26 – AR Celebrations



Health Alert:

As many of you are aware, flu season is upon us. In order to help prevent the spread of the flu virus at school, parents should monitor their child for several signs and symptoms. The following may present suddenly: a high fever up to 104 degrees, chills, nasal discharge, extreme tiredness, headache and body aches and sore throat. If your child exhibits these symptoms please keep them home from school. They should remain at home until they are fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medication). A fever at school is considered to be anything 100 degrees or greater. Upon their return to school, encourage your child to wash their hands often, as this is the best defense against the spread of germs. We appreciate your assistance with our efforts to keep our Hickory Creek students healthy!



Connect with us!!

Access our website at

<https://www-hce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

Find extra-curricular information at this link

on our website: 

“Like” us on Facebook – Hickory Creek Elementary School



Upcoming PTO Events

- January 9 – PTO Meeting, 1 PM
- January 16 – PTO Spirit Night at PDQ
- January 23 – Chili Cook-Off

Check out our website for more details:

<http://www.hcepto.org/>



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.

It's Time For The 2018

Hickory Creek Elementary

CHILI COOK-OFF

Enter for a chance to win the GOLDEN SPOON, and to have your name etched on the Chili Cook-Off plaque in the front office.

A Fun & Free Event for HCE Families



JANUARY 5:30-7:30

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In the Cafeteria

To Enter: Sign up through the HCE PTO

Sign Up Genius Link (hcepto.org/volunteer)

We are also looking for volunteers to bring individual desserts (cookies, brownies, etc.). HCE PTO will provide the chili fixings (cheese, sour cream, fritos, etc.), macaroni and cheese and beverages (water, tea and lemonade).

Weather Permitting - Teacher/Student Kickball Game!

Don't forget to join HCE PTO and/or like our Facebook page for updates



Throughout the week of January 22 – 26, we will celebrate literacy at HCES. Please make note of the following schedule:

Monday – Crazy about reading (crazy sock day); also Kaye Byrnes storyteller visit

Tuesday – Disney Day

Wednesday – Warm up Wednesday (bring a SMALL blanket, mittens or gloves to wear while reading)

Thursday – T-shirt Day (wear a t-shirt with words/ writing for others to read throughout the day)

Friday – Fun Friday (spirit wear); AR and RAZ (Kindergarten) celebrations