



Week at the Creek

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Dear Fabulous Hickory Creek Families,

I hope you all had a relaxing Thanksgiving break. It was nice to catch our breath for a few days after all of the excitement and activities of the past few weeks.

As we move along into the month of December, there will be many events and activities happening here at HCES! We will try to keep you as informed as possible through emails, newsletters and the website. One of the big activities I want to highlight is our Polar Express production. This event will appear for 2 evening performances on Dec. 13th and 14th. Because this event is always highly attended, we will have to distribute (free) tickets to regulate the audience numbers. We will communicate the plan for ticket distribution in next week's newsletter. The good news is that each student will have the opportunity to see the show, as there will be 3 daytime performances for our students during show week.

Other ongoing events this month include our PTO holiday shop where students can purchase gifts for their family members, our collaboration with Switzerland Community Church to provide toys for students at The Webster School, class parties, and even some field trips.

As the weather has gotten a little cooler, many students are wearing jackets to school... and then leaving them around the building and playgrounds as the days warm up. Please label jackets with your child's name. We have a growing amount of jackets, lunchboxes and water bottles growing in the cafeteria. Please remind your student to look there if they are missing anything.

We look forward to another wonderful week of working with your children.

Sincerely,

Joy Reichenberg, Principal



CALLING ALL RUNNERS!

The Flight of the Hawks 5K will be held on Saturday, December 16th at 9:00 am on Hickory Creek Elementary campus! We would love to see you out at this fun event. Register today on the PTO website:

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



Monday 11/27: Mac & Cheese, BBQ Chicken Max Snacks, or Chicken Nuggets

Tuesday 11/28: Mini Corn Dogs, Nacho Li'l Bites, or Mini Cheese Ravioli

Wednesday 11/29: Chicken Nuggets, Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza

Thursday 11/30: Cheeseburger, Chicken Sandwich, or Chicken Nuggets

Friday 12/1: Max Cheese Sticks, Chicken Nuggets, or Hot Dog

Upcoming Events at HCES:

- 12/4-12/8 – PTO Holiday Shop
- 12/5 – PTO meeting 1:00, SAC Meeting at 4:00
- 12/6 – Wear any Character Color for all pillars in December
- 12/8 – 5th Grade Spelling Bee, 8:45am
- 12/13&14 – Polar Express Performance
- 12/18 – PTO Spirit Night at Gators Dockside 5-8 pm

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

**Each Friday is Spirit Wear Day



Upcoming PTO Events:

- Chili cook off meeting, Nov. 29th at 1:00
- Holiday Shop – Dec. 4th – 9th
- PTO Sweetheart Social Planning meeting – Dec. 4th at 6:00 pm
- PTO Meeting – Dec. 5th at 1:00
- Flight of the Hawks 5K – Dec. 16th at 9:00 am

Check out our website for more details:

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

Character Counts at Hickory Creek!

As we move into December, we will celebrate all of the pillars of character.

Respect, Caring, Trustworthiness, Citizenship, Responsibility and Fairness



Extended Day Corner:

- December Fee Payment due no later than 6 PM on Friday, December 1st. Thank you!



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!

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

Deadline: Monday, **December 11th**

Drop-off 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).



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!

