



# Week at the Creek

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Greetings,

I can hardly believe we are now in the month of October! Hopefully, cooler weather is on its way.

As we have gotten back into the routines of school, I just want to give out some gentle reminders. If you bring your child to school, please remember to stay in the drop off line traffic, and not cut across the parking lot to drop off over by the crosswalk. Our traffic on school property is moving pretty well in the mornings, and we are getting cars in and out as quickly as possible. Dropping students off anywhere other than the monitored car line leads to the possibility of unsafe conditions for our students. Please also refrain from texting or reading your phones once you are inside the school gate while using the car line. As for afternoon Parent Pick Up, we have worked very hard to get that process working smoothly. The wait time has been reduced drastically, and we are very proud of our students for listening carefully on a daily basis to get to their cars in a safe and efficient manner.

With the beginning of October comes the beginning of an exciting time at HCES. We have many events throughout the month, and look forward to the fun and excitement of the upcoming holiday season. Please stay tuned to newsletters, websites, and alerts to stay on top of everything we have to offer.

Thank you for another great week! It is a privilege to work with you and your children.

Sincerely,

Joy Reichenberg, Principal

## Upcoming Events at HCES:

- 10/3 Box Tops Due  
PTO Meeting, 1:00  
SAC Meeting, 4:00
- 10/4 Wear GREEN for Responsibility
- 10/9 Principal's Chat, 8:30 am or 6:00 pm
- 10/12 School Picture Day
- 10/12 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Gifted Screener

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

\*\*Each Friday is Spirit Wear Day



St. Johns County is one of the 37 counties designated in the FEMA Major Disaster Declaration. All students in St. Johns County can receive free school meals (breakfast and lunch) from September 18 through October 20, 2017. A la carte menu items will still be available for purchase. If you have questions, please call 904-547-8931. Mr. Parker will alert teachers of lunch choices each morning so students can make their selections. After October 20, we will resume advertising lunch choices in the newsletter.

*"First we love them, then we teach them"*

### Before and After School Admittance

We are seeing a trend of students forgetting items at school, then coming back to retrieve homework, water bottles, etc. If a student comes to the front office before 3:15 to retrieve that 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.

Thank you for helping us adhere to these policies.



Our Character Counts Pillar for the month is Responsibility.

Talk to your child about ways to be responsible at home and at school!



Join our awesome PTO!!

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

\*\*Contact our PTO to find out how to reserve the Hawk Rock!\*\*

- Collect Box Tops for Education! Our first day for submission of Box Tops is October 3, 2017.
- Fall Festival – October 13<sup>th</sup>
- Jog-a-thon – October 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

### Extended Day Corner

Some Reminders for the week:

Morning Extended Day parents, please walk your child into the cafeteria and sign them in.

When you have a dismissal change, please email your child's teacher and Ruth Sherwood by 1pm each day. I check with Mrs. Ruth each afternoon before dismissal to ensure I have all students in my care.

Kindergarten Parents: Please leave a spare set of clothing (including socks) with Mrs. Southworth in case of accidents.

### Accreditation Survey

Thank you for taking the time to participate in our parent survey for the SJCS D accreditation process.

<http://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/28637/13520>

Thank you!!!

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## **Safety and Security Reminders**

Please remember that in order to enter our building, you must first be a “cleared volunteer”. You can apply for this status online at: <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>

When coming to visit, please stop by the front desk and sign in to our Keep’n’Track 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.

Remember that there are no early checkouts after 2 p.m. (1 p.m. on Wednesdays).

## ***Summer Reading Celebration***

Hickory Creek Elementary School encouraged students to spend some time reading during their summer vacation. Students were asked to keep a log of the books they read. The goal of this summer reading program was to keep students reading and enjoying books throughout their vacation. Along with turning in their summer reading logs, students were asked to donate new or gently used books. There were over 240 reading logs turned in and over 500 books donated. Children who read chapter books or ten or more picture books were invited to an ice cream social and book swap. During the social, children celebrated with an ice cream sundae, received a book and star reader stickers. Jen Cury, PTO Chair for the summer reading program said, “The children loved celebrating their reading accomplishments! They enjoyed the ice cream treat and were able to choose a book swap book to take home for themselves.” The remaining books from the book swap were donated to Webster Elementary School media center. There were also 20- \$5 YOBE gift cards given out as part of a random drawing for students who read and logged 15 or more books on their summer reading logs. Congratulations to all Hickory Creek Elementary summer readers and a special shout out to the top summer readers listed below!

Kindergarten- Megan Bovitch, Harper Jacobson, Wesley Salmons, Sloan Hartle, Rex Hartle, Colin Facemyer

1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Devin Connolly, Blake Soares, Amanyara Thompson, Jessica Rosario, Ben Mathis, Cameron Riner, Addison Grimes, Tucker Young, Brayden Black, Grace Dutton, Jace Brtek, Rebecca Morgan, Ryder Haury, Bea McGill

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Doshia Sol, Carson Brtek, Zechariah Sutjandra, Anthony Mendolia, Adrianna Goodacre, Eva Adams, Abigail Saarela, Isla Facemyer, Ty Laino, Samuel Brown, Wesley “Ty” Bishop, Benjamin Wittmann, Valentina Lopez-Loyola, Cady Lambers, Ben Bloomer

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- Jordyn Morea, Jack Alvarez, Ella Crouse, Ashley Majeskey, Peyton Smith, Brenham Cherne, Ella Schnapp, Brielle Rivers, Caleb Morgan, Alyssa Rosario, Leightyn Santarone, Nathan Willens, Olivia Bonner, Chelsea Bonner

4<sup>th</sup> Grade- Avery Lore, Olivia Devine, Kyle Poston, Addyson Bedell, Avery Webb, Gabriela Carr, Kyriaki Carr, Kaley Farhat, Sophia Glover, Lynseigh Santarone, Mercedes Watson, Julia Howey, Sydney Tarantino

5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Sarah Rocheleau, Chloe Tumbelty, Brianna Reynolds, Callan Lavery, Grant Whitehead, Allie Jesseman, Ari Willens, Colin Haury, Jordyn Leader, Reese MacDonald, Prana Sol

