

Week at the Creek

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Dear Fabulous Hickory Creek Families,

The holiday season is in full swing here at Hickory Creek! There are many opportunities to celebrate, participate and to serve. Please remember that if you are coming in to our building for an activity during school hours, you must be an approved volunteer. This is the time of year that relatives come to visit and want to have lunch or participate in activities. Please make sure that any visitors register at the following link for clearance: <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>

A very special event that is exclusive to Hickory Creek is our Holiday Arts Performance. This year, we are once again presenting The Polar Express. There will be 2 evening performances of this show on Wednesday, Dec. 13th and Thursday, Dec. 14th at 7:00 PM. Seating is very limited, so you will want to secure tickets to ensure that you are able to attend. We will have tickets available in the front office starting THIS WEDNESDAY. We are asking that you take no more than 5 tickets per family. In order to ensure that all of our students are able to see this fantastic show, we are holding 3 daytime performances during the week next week so ALL students can attend. Thank you for your support of this wonderful event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

One last housekeeping item to bring to your attention is dismissal changes. We are having a trend of last minute dismissal changes. We understand that emergencies happen, but the more proactive you can be in making dismissal changes, the smoother our process runs in the afternoons. If it is a change that occurs during the school day, you should contact the front office (teachers often do not get to check email during the school day).

Thank you for your continued support. Make it a great week!

Sincerely,

Joy Reichenberg, Principal



You may have noticed some construction work happening at the front of our building, close to the Car Line area. Our district Property Management team has been working diligently to construct a sidewalk from our main parking lot directly into the cafeteria area. This improvement will allow for morning Extended Day and any other morning extracurricular activities to park in the main parking lot and enter the building through the cafeteria. We have appreciated your patience as we have worked very hard to maintain a secure building in the mornings. We will communicate very soon when that sidewalk will be available for walking!



Monday 12/4: Chicken Quesadilla Max, Max Cheese Sticks, or Chicken Nuggets

Tuesday 12/5: Cheese or Pepperoni Calzonette, Chicken Sandwich, or Mini Corn Dogs

Wednesday 12/6: Chicken Nuggets, Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza

Thursday 12/7: Pasta and Meatballs, Hot Dog, or Chicken Nuggets

Friday 12/8: BBQ Chicken, Cheeseburger, or Mini Corn Dogs

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 7 PM
- 12/18 – PTO Spirit Night at Gators Dockside 5-8 pm
- 12/19 – K “Teddy Bear Smiles” play – Goselin, Williams, Rewey and Ferro's classes.



Upcoming PTO Events

- 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

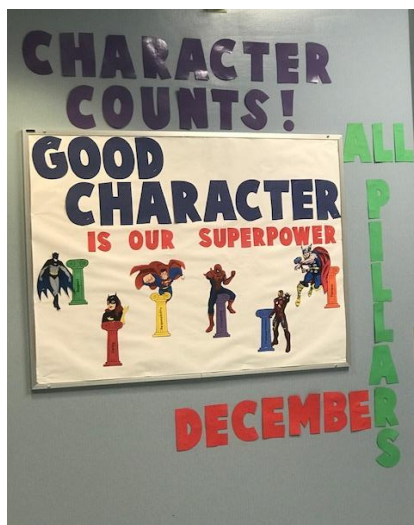
Check out our website for more details:

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

Character Counts at Hickory Creek!

Check out our December display reflecting All Character Pillars!

Hickory Hawks show good character, every day, in every way!



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**

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).



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/>



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!

