

Week at the Creek

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Principal

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Greetings!

There are so many exciting events happening at HCES in the month of September. Our Band and Chorus Kickoff/ Parent Meeting is tonight at 6:30 in the Cafeteria. We can't wait to see and hear all of the wonderful performances that are coming our way this year!

On Tuesday, September 12th, we will have a Grandparents' Breakfast. This event will be held from 7:45-8:15am in the cafeteria. Due to our need to purchase food items for this event, please be sure to RSVP using the flyer that was sent home, or email PTO or your child's teacher. We look forward to this new event.

The Jog-a-Thon fundraiser is also next week, on September 14th and 15th, and the stakes have been raised... I hear that some of our teachers, Mrs. Hillier, and I will be given the opportunity to partake of a chocolate covered delicacy if students raise enough money to meet their goal. We will keep you posted!!

Home Access Center (HAC) is a great way for you to keep track of your child's progress online (Grades 3-5). This year, 3rd – 5th grade interims will be delivered via HAC. To obtain your information, please visit <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>.

Finally, some of our teachers have joined forces to collect donations for the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas. I am adding the necessary information at the end of the newsletter this week. Please consider taking a look and helping those who have been so severely impacted by this catastrophic event.

Thank you for the privilege of partnering with you in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Joy Reichenberg, Principal

Upcoming Events at HCES:

- 9/5: PTO meeting, 1pm
SAC meeting, 4 pm
Band/ chorus meeting, 6:30 PM
- 9/6: Wear ORANGE for Fairness
- 9/12: Grandparents' Breakfast
- 9/14-15: Jog-a-Thon
- 9/18-26: Book Fair

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

**Each Friday is Spirit Wear Day

School Lunch

Tuesday 9/5: Cheese Sticks, Cheese Ravioli, or Mini Corn Dogs

Wednesday 9/6: Chicken Nuggets, or Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza

Thursday 9/7: Cheeseburger, Chicken Sandwich, or Chicken Nuggets

Friday 9/8: Chicken Nuggets, Hot Dog or Cheese Sticks
Ice cream sold on Fridays for \$1

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Preparations for Jog-a-Thon have begun. Be on the lookout for some special spirit-themed days next week to generate excitement for this fun event!

Visit <http://www.hcepto.org/Jog-a-thon> for more information.

Yearbook Cover Contest

Just a reminder that all yearbook cover contest submissions are due to Ms. Acevedo no later than **September 13th**. The contest is open to all grade levels. Please contact her with any questions you may have:

Aishla.AcevedoRodriguez@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Yearbook



Running Club Starting Soon!

Attention all 4th and 5th Graders – Information will be coming home later this week about our Hickory Creek after school running club. Please look for more information coming soon from Mr. Sheng!



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.

On the Horizon:

- Grandparents' Breakfast 9/12
- Jog-a-Thon Fundraiser 9/14-9/15

Extended Day Corner

Thank you for making our transition to the new drop off area for morning extended day a success!

Teachers & Parents please walk your children to the café and sign them in each morning.

Reminder: When you have a transportation 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.

Enrichment activities have begun. If you haven't done so already, check the Peachjar link on the Hickory Creek website for more information on our after school enrichment activities!

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

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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’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.

Please remind your child to bring all of their belongings home. We are experiencing a number of parents and students who are trying to go back into the building after school hours to retrieve forgotten items. After the school day has ended, students should not try to enter back into the classrooms.

Thank you in advance for helping keep our students safe!

Hickory Helps Houston

Let’s help the people of Houston and South Texas who have many great needs after Hurricane Harvey. Please consider donating one or more of the requested items by this Friday, September 8th. You can place in one of the plastic buckets/boxes in the common area of your house.

Baby Food

Pet Food

Canned Food

Snacks/juice boxes

Diapers and wipes

Storage Containers (small and large)

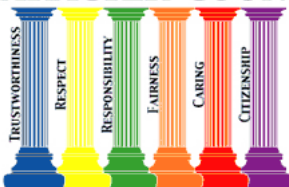
Gladware Containers (104 oz/13 cup)

Personal Products (travel size)

School Supplies



CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

This month’s Character Counts Pillar of the Month is Fairness.

Talk to your child about ways they can show fairness at school, when they play with friends in the neighborhood, and even on the sports field. We will wear Orange on Wednesday, September 6th, for Character Pillar awareness.

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