



Week at the Creek

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Greetings Fabulous Hickory Creek Families!

I hope you and your families were able to find some rest and relaxation over the winter break. I know that our teachers and staff enjoyed their time off, but were ready to jump back into the routines of school this morning!

January will be a great time of learning at Hickory Creek. It is hard to believe we are already starting 3rd Quarter. Our big event to look forward to this month will be our Celebrate Literacy Week at the end of the month. We will have some special events during the week for our students, and also have a fun Chili Cook-off sponsored by our PTO on the evening of January 23rd.

As we begin a new year, I would like to ask that we all follow the protocols for a safe dismissal. If you are picking up your child in the afternoon, **PLEASE use the parent pick up loop "car line"**. We have worked hard to ensure the safest possible dismissal for our students. When students leave with the biker/ walker group and get into cars that are parked in other areas off campus, or in the SPMS lot, it is a true safety issue. We appreciate your attention to this request.

Thank you for your continued support at home by reinforcing school-year routines as our students adjust back to their school schedule. We have also had a severe cold snap, which results in lots of students wearing jackets and sweatshirts to school, and then taking them off and leaving them throughout the school. If you could please mark the tag (if it has a tag) with the student name, that will help us with recovering lost items to their owners much quicker. We ended up donating a lot of jackets and sweatshirts before the winter break.

I wish you all a productive and wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Joy Reichenberg, Principal



Just a reminder that there will be no school on Monday, January 15th due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.



Monday, 1/8 – Mac & Cheese, BBQ Chicken Max Snacks, or Chicken Nuggets

Tuesday, 1/9 – Mini Corn Dogs, Mini Cheese Ravioli

Wednesday, 1/10 – Chicken Nuggets, Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza

Thursday, 1/11 – Cheeseburger, Chicken Sandwich, Chicken Nuggets

Friday, 1/12 – Hot Dog, Chicken Nuggets, Max Stix Cheese Sticks

Upcoming Events at HCES:

- 1/9 – PTO Meeting at 1:00 PM; NO SAC Meeting this month
- 1/10 – Wear Yellow for Respect
- 1/15 – MLK Day, No school
- 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



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/>



****Payment is due TODAY, 1/8, to avoid a \$5 per day late fee****

- Most after school programs start back this week. LEE Spanish starting soon – check PeachJar or see Mrs. Southworth for details.
- Morning care parents, please make sure to walk your child all the way into the cafeteria in the mornings.

Thank you!

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



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.