



Week at the Creek

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Hello Fabulous HCES Families,

I hope your week is off to a great start. As many of you already know, we received some news regarding rezoning for some of our students next year. Our School Board Member, Mrs. Beverly Slough has written a letter in the next column for your further information.

Our PTO has planned a very exciting event for our families this week. On Friday evening (10/13) from 4-7 pm, we will host our fall festival. We will have many fun games, activities and even a food truck! Please refer to the PTO emails for food truck menu pricing and information. Light snacks will be sold as additional concessions, however, PTO will not be selling pizza or hot dogs. Feel free to bring your own food if you are not wanting to purchase from the food truck – our goal is for everyone to enjoy the evening together. We may even have a chance to follow through with the kickball game that got rained out at the Back to School Bash ☺

Please take a moment to complete our Parent Survey for District Accreditation.
<http://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/28637/13520>

We appreciate your continued support!
Sincerely,

Joy Reichenberg, Principal



SCHOOL BOARD

A letter from our School Board Member, Bev Slough:

As you are aware, new K-8 school LL will open next fall. The School Board has been working on the zoning plan to fill the school for the last month, presenting different plans. The newest, Plan C, impacts Hickory Creek and Switzerland Point by zoning all of Rivertown to the new school. This plan will protect Hickory Creek and Switzerland Point from rapidly rising student populations until the Rivertown schools are built in several years. There is no impact to high school zoning - Bartram Trail will remain the zoned high school for all these schools.

The Superintendent will recommend one of the plans to the School Board at its meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 9 am at First Coast Technical Center in St. Augustine. The selected plan will then be advertised, and a final vote will be taken at the November Board meeting.

Public comment is being received on the district website under Attendance Zoning or you can contact Board members directly. Public comment will also be received at Tuesday's meeting.

Bev Slough

“First we love them, then we teach them”

Upcoming Events at HCES:

- 10/12 School Picture Day
2nd Grade Gifted Screener
- 10/13 Fall Festival
- 10/23-27 Red Ribbon Week/ Jog a Thon
Spirit Week
- 10/24 2nd Grade Performance, 6:30
- 10/26-27 Jog a Thon

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

**Each Friday is Spirit Wear Day



Congratulations to our Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Patricia Davis! Mrs. Davis is one of our terrific 3rd Grade teachers. We are thrilled to have her representing Hickory Creek.

Mr. Jay Shepherd (Coach Shepherd) is our Rookie Teacher of the Year. He has quickly made a great impact on our school and we know he will represent HCE with tremendous enthusiasm.



Help Wanted:

Please access the links below to sign up to help the Fall Festival.

Adult Volunteers:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448a5aa2ba64-20172>

Middle/ High School Volunteers:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448a5aa2ba64-20173>

Donations:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448a5aa2ba64-items4>



Tuesday: Cheese Calzones and Corn Dogs,

Wednesday: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza and Chicken Nuggets

Thursday: Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs

Friday: Corn Dogs or Cheeseburgers

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

The free lunch program that has been in place since Hurricane Irma will end on October 20th.

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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.

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.

CHARACTER COUNTS AT HICKORY CREEK!



WAYS TO BE RESPONSIBLE:

- Complete Homework
- Be on time
- Help around the house
- Keep up with your belongings
- Be accountable for your actions



Extended Day Corner

A note and reminder that you should NOT use the BUS LOOP for Extended Day pickup this Friday because there will be a Food Truck parked there for the Fall Festival

Thank you!



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