Hickory Creek Elementary School
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"First we love them, then we teach them"

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From the Principal's Desk

Hickory Creek Third Graders are #1 in St. Johns County in FCAT Reading and Math

St. Johns County third graders tied for second in the state in reading and fourth in the state in math on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). Overall, Hickory Creek Elementary School (HCES) had the highest district scores on both the reading and math portions of the FCAT. The percentage of HCE third graders scoring three and above in reading was 97, 25 points above the state average of 78 percent and 10 points above the district average of 87 percent. In math, the percentage of HCE third graders scoring three and above was 99, a ten percent increase over last year. Congratulations to our bright students and their talented teachers!

Fast Hickory Creek 500 Races meet expectations of Spectators

Congratulations to all of the students and teachers who competed in last week's colorful Hickory Creek 500! The races were fast and exciting- lots of fun for competitors and spectators alike. The winners were:

Kindergarten Twins:

Race 1 - Winner - Avery Mendheim 2nd place - Lily Oliver 3rd place - Marley Evans

Race 2 - Winner - Devin Kirk 2nd place - Mitchell Chwast 3rd place - Tanner Owens

5th Grade Twins:

Race 3 - Winner - Alison Felts 2nd place - Kendall Sheffer 3rd place Caitlyn McQuaig

Race 4 - Winner - Peter Gray 2nd place - Gavin Hollobaugh 3rd place - Cameron Blay

Kindergarten HCE 500 - Winner - Devin Kirk 2nd place - Marley Evans 3rd - Mitchell Chwast

5th Grade HCE 500 - Winner - Peter Gray 2nd place - Cameron Blay 3rd - Kendall Sheffer

Upcoming Events

May 31st Wood/LeBlanc Field Trip Sally Industries

2:00 PM Character Counts Assembly

6:30 PM 4th Grade Florida Night

June 2nd Variety Show

June 3rd Kindergarten EOY Party

3rd Grade Flea Market

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Please Remember Hickory Creek Elementary is a Peanut Allergy Awareness School.

Faculty Race:
1st Place - Girls on the Run Team - Jenny Densmore and Heather Isbell
2nd Place - 3rd Grade Team - Kelly Lurz, Amber LeBlanc, Gabby Contreras, Jen Wood
Special recognition is extended to Race Coordinators Suzy Williams and Suzanne Mecke, Race Announcer, Gary Hickman and Pace Car Driver, Larry Davis.

More Third Graders earn Membership to Principal's Multiplication Masters Club
Congratulations to the following students, who recently earned entry in the Principal's Multiplication Masters Club:
Alana Aidoo Claire Amell Liam Carroll Matthew Fettik Garrett Greer Anna Maria Jones Johnny McGraw Maggie Moore Michael Moore Andy Reda Spencer Rounds Tia Singleton Alexa Smith Emily Smith Mykaela Smith Justin Stift Luke Ussery Jacob VanPetton Jack Vranicar Ashley Wood

The Hickory Creek Community enthusiastically tosses a bouquet of roses to Mrs. Love and her student actors for their impressive performance of Shakespeare's classic, "Much Ado about Nothing".

School News

The Yearbooks are still available!

This year's book is once again in full color and is 96 pages of pictures of our students and staff! A few copies remain and are available for purchase on a first come-first served basis. The cost per book is $25.00. You may pay by check, made payable to HCE or cash.

Hickory Creek Summer Schedule

In an effort to reduce operating costs during the summer months, the St. Johns County School District has consolidated all schools to centralized locations. Again this year, Hickory Creek Elementary will be moving to Bartram Trail High School. The move will be effective Monday, June 20 and we will return to our site on Monday, August 1. The entire School District will be shut down the week of July 18-22.
Should you need to register your student, please come to Bartram Trail High School, 7399 Long Leaf Parkway, between the hours of 7:30 am and 5:00 pm. Our phone number, 547-7451 will be transferred to the high school.
We hope you enjoy your summer and look forward to seeing you in the Fall!

"The Greatest Mom" by Alexa Rodriguez Age 6 Hickory Creek 1st Grade Student.

She is cool because she sings me lullabies. She is there when I fall off my bike. I love her so much because she snuggles with me and she tells me and my Dad jokes. She is funny! Her favorite color is pink. She takes me to the beach. She plays ball with me. She is the best!

Community News

Summer Fishing Clinic

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission is offering a fishing clinic to students ages 8 to 15 this summer. Classes will run from June 13th through July 29th. For more information, contact the local FWC office at 904-962-8560.

Attention All Current 5th Grade Girls

HURRY PASSAGES is quickly filling up!
Only a few slots left for
Aug 3 & 4 (Wed/Thurs) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
This is your last reminder to sign up for this summer transition program and you will not want your daughter to miss this opportunity.

"***PASSAGES***" is an orientation program that will positively change her middle school nervousness to self-confidence by preparing her for every aspect of the middle school experience.

Your daughter does not need to be a Girl Scout to attend but does have to be enrolled as a 6th grader or be a 7th grade transfer student at Fruit Cove Middle School for 2010-2011. Space is limited so please do not delay in registering. The price is $40.

For more information about this program and/or to put your daughter on a class list please contact Kerry Hale at 5hale@comcast.net.

Flagler Basketball Camp

There will be a girl's basketball camp held at Flagler College this summer. The camp will be run by Erika Lang-Montgomery, Head Women's Basketball Coach. For more information please contact the coach Erika at 904-819-6388.

Flagler College Summer Program

Flagler College will host a 2 week summer camp starting June 13th. The first session will be Math Mania and the second will be Historical-Mystery Writing. For additional information call Dr. Sandra Davis at 904-819-6232.

Bricks 4 Kidz Summer Camp

Come join us for the fun and excitement of such themes as "Minute to Win it!", Jr. Robotics, Star Wars/Space, Movie Making and much more!
Week long camps from 10am -2pm
*early drop off available
Check us out at www.bricks4kidz.com or call 230-0543.

Bowl For Free

My name is Denise Waytovich, General Manager of Anastasia Bowling Lanes. This year we are excited to announce a new summer program our center will hosting; Kids Bowl Free.
If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact our office at (904) 471-3565.

YMCA Summer Program

My name is Danielle Smith, Family Program Director for the St. Augustine Family YMCA. We are excited to announce that we will have a summer day camp in your community. Our newest site is at Swiss Cove Christian Church off of State Road 13. I am sure you are familiar with the YMCA; however, did you know that our summer goal is to provide a fun, safe place for our kids to play and grow during the summer months. Our camp hours work with our working families and our non-profit organization helps provide financial assistance to ensure every child has the opportunity to attend day camp. All families can contact the St. Augustine family YMCA at 471-9622 for more information.

Pedro Menendez High School
Falcon Football Youth Camp

The Falcon Football Youth Football Camp, hosted by Menendez Head Football Coach Keith Cromwell and the Falcon football staff will be held July 11th - July 13th from 8:30 am to 11:00 am at the PMHS football field for students 1st through 8th grades. This year's camp will feature former NFL star/Jacksonville Jaguar and current Menendez defensive coordinator, Jason Craft. Brochures can be picked up in the front office or printed online at www.menendezfootball.com under the camps link. Camp cost is $50.00. For more information call Coach Cromwell at 547-8689.

Creekside High School Summer Cheer Camp

The Varsity Cheer Team is holding their annual Summer Cheer Camp, June 27th-30th from 9 AM to 12 PM. All girls enrolled in K-5th grades at St John's County Schools during the 2011-2012 school year are invited to attend. Cost of the camp is $85, if registered before June 3rd and $95 after June 3rd. Every camper can expect interactive and fun instruction from Varsity Cheer Coaches and Varsity Cheer Team Members. Activities at camp will focus on Cheers, Chants, Jumps, Stretches, Dance, Arts and Crafts and other fun events. Campers will perform for their family and friends on the last day of camp and will be invited to perform during half time at a Creekside High School Knights Football Game during the year. Contact Varsity Cheer Coach, Jamie Godfrey, at godfrej@stjohns.k12.fl.us or get registration information and forms at the Creekside High School website at www.cshs.stjohns.k12.fl.us. Once on the school website, click on Athletics, then Camps, and then Cheer Camp.

Host An Exchange Student For 28 Days

Step to USA is a 28 day program for students from Spain ages 14 to 17. This is a great program for families with younger children as it's a great way to start off the summer with a responsible teenager in the home. Enrich your life with an exceptional young person and open doors to learn about a new culture. Hosting can change your world!

You do not need to have children to host. Host families provide a bed, meals, limited transportation and a warm supportive environment. Students all speak English, come with their own spending money and medical insurance. Students are expected to have chores and be treated as a family member not a guest.

Students attend one all day and one-half day field trip a week. Host family members are welcome to come along at group discount pricing. We will be visiting local sights as well as Universal Studios and Sea World. Bus transportation is provided for the Orlando field trips.

Interested host families can contact community coordinator Susan James at 904-806-1392 or steptousa@aol.com. Susan has personally hosted 17 students over the past 15 years. Spanish students are very good role models for today's teens. They are responsible, gracious and thrilled for the opportunity to come to America to live in an American home!