



Week at the Creek

Week of August 16, 2021

Yvette Cubero-Gonzalez, Principal

Donna Gary-Donovan, Assistant Principal

Yvette Cubero-Gonzalez is thrilled to be a Hickory Creek Hawk! Originally from Miami, she moved to the area with her husband 14 years ago. She has served students, families, and staff in many capacities: teacher, Instructional Literacy Coach, and most recently, Assistant Principal. She completed her undergraduate and graduate education focused on Elementary Education/ESOL and Educational Leadership. She is excited to launch her 21st year in education with the students and staff at Hickory Creek Elementary.

Mrs. Gonzalez is wife to Carlos and mom to Emily and Aiden, and two fur babies. She enjoys musical theater, the beach, and Disney! She believes that all children can reach their full potential when provided a nurturing and supportive environment. This school year, she will provide opportunities, both within the academic and social emotional arena, to create a learning environment where all students feel successful. She is honored to serve the students, family, and staff at Hickory Creek Elementary.

Donna Gary-Donovan is excited to join the Hickory Creek Family. Ms. Donovan has had opportunity to serve children, families, and staff in the field of education within early childhood inclusion, elementary, secondary, and post-secondary schools. She has raised two wonderful daughters, who are successful and compassionate community members. She enjoys spending time with family, which also includes two furry friends. She has completed her formal undergraduate and graduate education focused on Elementary/ESE Education, and Early Intervention/Pre-K Social Inclusion.

Ms. Donovan strongly believes that each student has unique strengths and abilities, which need to be nurtured and supported. She is truly passionate in leading instructional practices to provide creative and stimulating learning opportunities for students. We all need to feel included, as part of a greater good, and she is honored to be serving the students, families, and staff at Hickory Creek Elementary School.



Lunch Menu for Week of 8/16

Breakfast and Lunch will be served at no cost.

Monday

- Nacho Lil'Bites *OR*
- Chicken Nuggets

Tuesday

- Mini Corn Dogs *OR*
- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza

Wednesday

- Chicken Nuggets *OR*
- Mac and Cheese

Thursday

- Pasta and Meatballs *OR*
- Chicken Sandwich

Friday

- Hot Dog *OR*
- Cheeseburger



August

- 8/12 PK and K Meet Your Teacher
- 8/13 Grades 1-5 Meet Your Teacher
- 8/16 First Day of School
- 8/16-19 Staggered Start for Kindergarten
- 8/27 Back to School Bash 5PM-7PM

September

- 9/6 NO SCHOOL: Labor Day
- 9/7 SAC Monthly Meeting at 4:00PM
- 9/7 K, 2, 4 Curriculum Night
- 9/9 PK, 1, 3, 5, Curriculum Night
- 9/11 Peace Concert
- 9/13 PTO Monthly Meeting at 8:45AM
- 9/14 Interim Report Cards Issued
- 9/14 PTO Spirit Night at PDQ

Meet Your Teacher

Families,

We ask that you *please follow the schedule* below for Meet Your Teacher. We are trying to limit the amount of people in the building at one time. **If possible, please have one family representative accompany the student(s) during this event.** Parking will be limited, please plan ahead.

August 12, 2021

5:00PM-6:00PM

- Pre-K and Kindergarten Families Only

August 13, 2021

- 8:00AM-9:00AM Fifth Grade Families Only
 - 8:00AM-8:30AM A-L Last Names Only
 - 8:30AM-9:00AM M-Z Last Names Only
- 9:15AM-10:15AM First and Fourth Grade Families Only
 - 9:15AM-9:45AM A-L Last Names Only
 - 9:45AM-10:15AM M-Z Last Names Only
- 10:30AM-11:30AM Second and Third Grade Families Only
 - 10:30AM-11:00AM A-L Last Names Only
 - 11:00AM-11:30AM M-Z Last Names Only



During your scheduled time, you can visit your child's classroom, meet their teacher, pick up car tags, and collect important documents and information pertaining to our school and school district. In addition, you can visit the cafeteria to meet our PTO. They will have spirit wear on sale. If you need to drop off medication or visit with our nurse, Mary Brand, will also be in the cafeteria. Meet Your Teacher is a perfect time to drop off supplies and have your child practice walking from the entrance of parent pick up OR the bus loop to their class.

All families should park in the HCE parking lot OR the Swiss Point overflow parking lot. The bus loop **WILL** not be open to park.

- Please use the parent pick entrance for access to the Yellow and Green Houses.
- Please use the bus loop entrance for access to the Blue, Red, and Spirit/Purple Houses.

Arrival

Parents will not be able to walk students in the building on the first day of school. We understand that many of our students are new and do not know exactly where to go on the first day. We have a number of staff members stationed all along the entrances and hallways to assist our students. Staff members will have class lists and room numbers to help them get where they need to go. In addition, all students will receive a backpack tag to place on their backpack at the Meet Your Teacher event. The tag will state their name, grade, and teacher's name. This tag should remain on your child's backpack all year. The Meet Your Teacher event is a perfect time to have students practice walking to their classroom.



Dismissal

Currently our dismissal app is not ready for use. We will email information regarding access and directions for the app/website when all student information has been uploaded to their database. If you are a returning parent, please **DELETE** the app. The company has created a new app, but the old one **MUST** be deleted.

Please make sure to have your **car tag visible** during car line dismissal. ***Car tags will only be given to guardians at Meet Your Teacher.*** If you ever forget your car tag, you will need to park, and we will need to verify ID before releasing your student.

To access bus information please log on to **HAC**. If you do not see bus information on your child's profile, please contact Donna Gary-Donovan to see if your child qualifies for bus transportation.

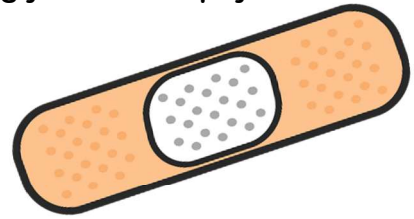
Please note we will not do early dismissal after 2PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; after 1pm on Wednesdays.

COVID 19 Information

Please visit the COVID 19 Information page:
<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/covid-19/> .

Here you will find Instructional documents, health and safety documents, and other resources from the district, Department of Health, and Department of Education.

Before sending your student to school please review the [Student Health Screening Entry Form](#). If your child shows any of the symptoms, please consider keeping your student home and/or contacting your child's physician.



Daily Silent Reflection

State law now requires a one-minute moment of silent reflection to take place at the beginning of each school day. During this minute, students may not interfere with other students' participation and teachers may not make suggestions as to the nature of any student's reflection. Parents are encouraged to discuss this moment of silence with their children and to make suggestions as to the best use of this time. Please discuss this with your student.

Provisional Transportation Waiver

The St. Johns County School District Provisional Transportation Waiver Program (PTWP) extends transportation services to students assigned to district schools based on space availability and criteria. Follow this link to learn more about this program and to access the required [application form](#).



Home Access Center (HAC)

[Home Access Center](#) (HAC) allows students and parents to view their child's educational information via a secure, password protected website, Android app, or iPhone app.

Please familiarize yourself with HAC. HAC is where you can track your student's grades/progress and access information such as Schoology access codes, bus transportation, state testing data, district testing data, and attendance.