



Week at the Creek

Weeks of November 22 and November 29, 2021

Hawk families,

On Friday we hosted our annual Spelling Bee. We had 25 contestants, and all worked hard to prepare and study for the event. Please help me in congratulating Wyatt Baggett as our winner! He will represent Hickory Creek at the district Spelling Bee.

Please read this edition of Week at the Creek carefully. Beginning Wednesday, December 1, 2021, breakfast will be \$1.25, and lunch will be \$2.80. Take some time to review the information regarding how to apply for free or reduced lunch. In addition, please read below regarding how to add money to your child's PayPams account.

I would like to wish all our families a Happy Thanksgiving and a restful break!

Mrs. Yvette Cubero-Gonzalez



November

11/23 Pies for Staff

11/24-11/26 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break

December

12/7 PTO Spirit Night at Moe's

12/13-17 Holiday Shoppe*

12/16 Holiday Lights Performance*

12/21 EARLY RELEASE; Second Quarter Ends

12/22-31 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break

Lunch Menu for next TWO weeks

Beginning Wednesday, December 1, 2021, breakfast will be \$1.25, and lunch will be \$2.80.

Monday 11/22

- Chicken Quesadilla OR
- Chicken Nuggets

Tuesday 11/23

- Mini Corndogs OR
- Cheese Pizza

Monday 11/29

- Nacho Bites OR
- Chicken Nuggets

Tuesday 11/30

- BBQ Cheese Fries OR
- Chicken Sandwich

Wednesday 12/1

- Chicken Nuggets OR
- Cheese Sticks

Thursday 12/2

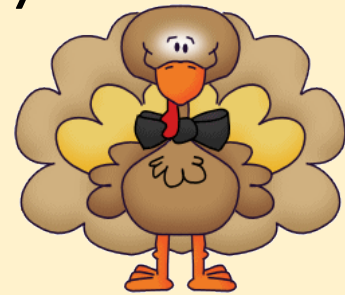
- Cheese Pizza OR
- Hot Dog

Friday 12/3

- Cheeseburger OR
- Cheese Calzone

The Hickory Creek Staff
would like to wish all our
Hawk families a very
Happy Thanksgiving!

May you enjoy this time
with your loved ones!



PTO NEWS

PDQ Gift Cards Make a Great Holiday Gift!

Support our PTO and get your holiday shopping done! We're selling \$10 PDQ gift cards for \$7. Print this [form](#) and turn in your order into your child's teacher.

Thanksgiving Pies for Staff

One of our favorite Hickory Creek traditions is giving a pie to each person on staff to let them know how thankful we are for them!

We still need more pies donated. We'll collect them in car line and the front office November 22 and 23.

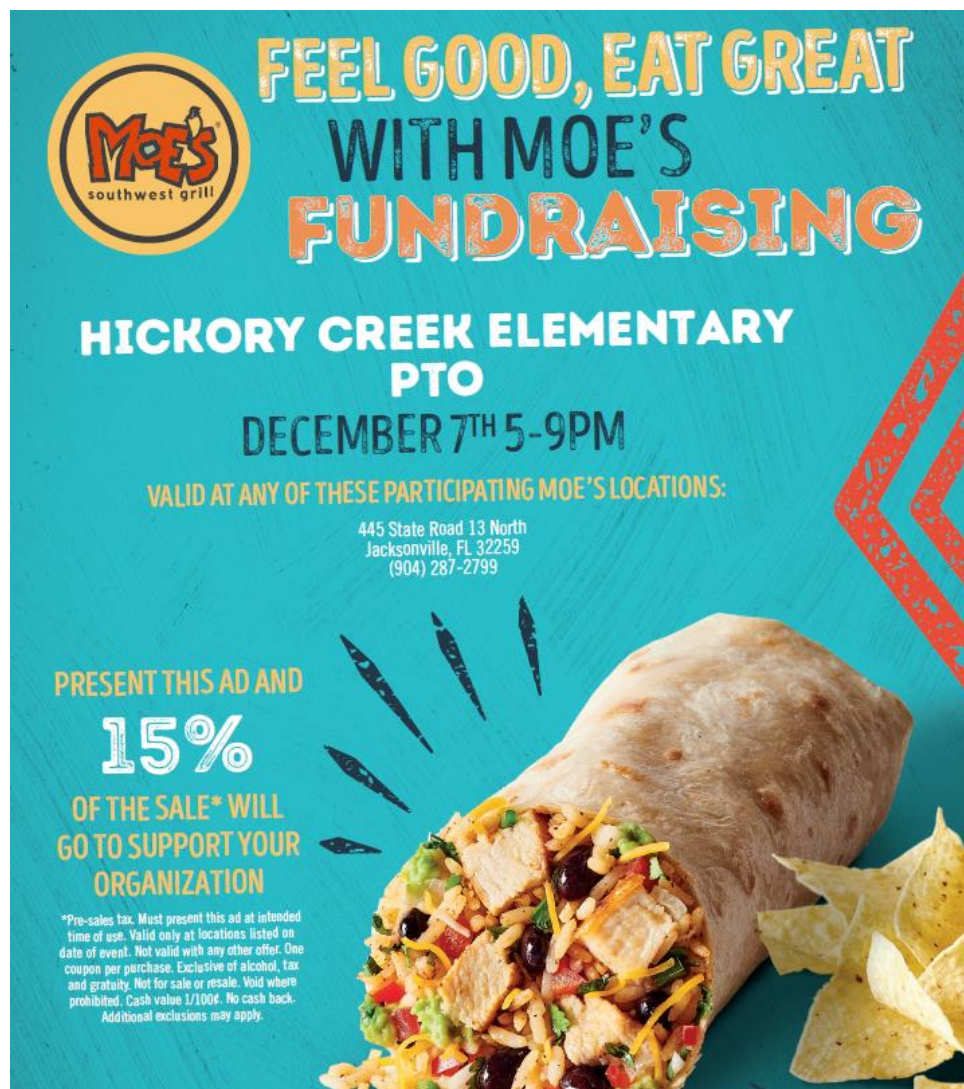
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448a5aa2ba64-thanksgiving5>

December PTO Meeting

Join us December 6 at 8:45 a.m. for our monthly PTO meeting. Grab a chair and meet us outside the front of the school. We'll discuss upcoming events for 2022.

Moe's Southwest Grill Spirit Night

It's a busy time of year – so take December 7 off cooking and eat at Moe's on State Rd. 13. Buy dinner between 5:00-9:00 p.m. Be sure to tell them you're supporting Hickory Creek!



**FEEL GOOD, EAT GREAT
WITH MOE'S
FUNDRAISING**

**HICKORY CREEK ELEMENTARY
PTO
DECEMBER 7TH 5-9PM**

VALID AT ANY OF THESE PARTICIPATING MOE'S LOCATIONS:

445 State Road 13 North
Jacksonville, FL 32259
(904) 287-2799

**PRESENT THIS AD AND
15%
OF THE SALE* WILL
GO TO SUPPORT YOUR
ORGANIZATION**

*Pre-sales tax. Must present this ad at intended time of use. Valid only at locations listed on date of event. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per purchase. Exclusive of alcohol, tax and gratuity. Not for sale or resale. Void where prohibited. Cash value 1/100¢. No cash back. Additional exclusions may apply.

The poster features the Moe's Southwest Grill logo in the top left corner. The background is a vibrant teal color with a red and white geometric pattern on the right side. At the bottom right, there is a close-up image of a large burrito filled with chicken, rice, beans, and vegetables, served with a side of tortilla chips. The text is arranged in a clear, bold, sans-serif font, with the main headline in yellow and white, and the event details in white. The promotional offer is highlighted in large, bold letters.

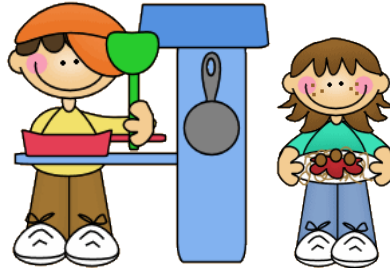
Lunch Cost Change

To reduce the demand on our supply chain and accommodate current staffing levels, the St. Johns County School District will **return to normal food service operations on Wednesday, December 1, 2021**. Students who qualify for free or reduced meals based on direct certification or a family income application will continue to receive meals at no or reduced costs. Students who are not eligible based on income will return to a **PAID status**.

Beginning October 25 through Tuesday, November 30, families are encouraged to complete the family lunch application if they feel they qualify for free or reduced cost meals. Applications are located on the SJCSO Website at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/free/>, your student's school or the Food and Nutrition Services Office located at 3015 Lewis Speedway, Building 7, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Eligibility status is protected by very strict disclosure regulations. Students use a PIN or Student ID in the serving line. The student's eligibility is private throughout the transaction.

Beginning Wednesday, December 1, 2021, Meal Prices will be:

		<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary:	Paid	\$1.25	\$2.80
	Reduced	\$0.30	\$0.40



Prepayments into student lunch accounts can be made by using PayPams. The link to this service is located at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/paypams/>.

From the Desk of Deputy Carneiro

It has come to the Sheriff's Office's attention that some children have not been seated safely in their vehicles during parent pick up and drop off. Several photographs have been forwarded to the Sheriff's Office, with students of Hickory Creek Elementary, hanging outside of their car windows, and/or sunroofs. To avoid any serious injury, please ensure your children are seated and their seatbelts are on until they exit their vehicles. In addition, if your child is a bike rider, they are required by law to wear a helmet. The safety of our Hickory Creek Hawks is paramount.



Safety Belts

- Florida law requires the use of seat belts or child restraint devices by drivers of motor vehicles, all front seat passengers and all children riding in a vehicle under 18.
- Children should be in the rear seats until at least age 12, since deployed front seat air bags can be dangerous to children.

Child Restraints – Car Seats and Booster Seats

- Florida law requires children age 5 and under to be secured properly in a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device.
- Children ages 0 through 3 must be in child restraint devices of a separate carrier or a vehicle manufacturer's integrated child seat.
- Children age 4 through 5 must be in a separate carrier, integrated child seat or booster seat.
- The best child seat is one that fits your child, fits your car and is used properly every time you drive.

Please see this link for more safety tips from Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles - <https://www.flhsmv.gov/safety-center/child-safety/>



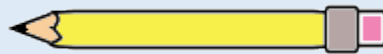
HCE HOLIDAY SHOP 2021

DECEMBER 13th-17th

This is a FUN opportunity for kids to shop for family and friends for the holidays. Your child's teacher will let you know what day your class is scheduled to visit the shop.

We are not using an outside company so better merchandise at MUCH LOWER prices. The items are priced from \$.25-\$6, with most items selling for \$1-\$3.

Lost and Found: LAST CALL



We have placed Lost and Found items on three tables in our hallway near the cafeteria. Some items have found their home; however, we still have large amounts of sweaters and water bottles that have not found their owner. Please remind your child to check the Lost and Found table on the way to lunch.

Items will be washed and donated
AFTER December 3rd.

UPDATED COVID-19 Information

On 9/22/2021, the Department of Health updated their emergency rule (64DER21-15) to include instruction student quarantines.

- 1. Student quarantines: (3)(a) Parents or legal guardians of students who are known to have been in direct contact with an individual who received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 may choose one of the following options:**
 - a. 1. Allow the student to attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property, without restrictions or disparate treatment, *so long as the student remains asymptomatic*; or**
 - b. 2. Quarantine the student for a period of time not to exceed seven days from the date of last direct contact with an individual that is positive for COVID-19.**

If you choose to keep your child home to quarantine, please call the District COVID Support Team at 904-547-8230 to report your child on quarantine.



If you have health-related quarantine questions, we have set up a quarantine call line at 904-819-1101. For more information, please visit our school district's [COVID Information web page](#).

Schoology Information

- This tool will house communication and instructional materials from your child's class.
- This tool will be used as an instructional resource for instructional access during quarantined periods (*if needed*).

[Click here](#) to watch the parent technology session. Schoology and Microsoft Office were discussed.

How to create a parent account:

- Get your Parent Access Code from Home Access Center (HAC).
- Go to [Schoology.com](https://www.schoology.com).
- Create your parent account.
- For help creating an account [click here](#).

Other links to help troubleshooting:

[Parent Log in](#)
[How to link to your child's account](#)
[District's Schoology page for parents](#)

Absences

A [written note](#) is needed within 48 hours of returning to school stating the cause of the absence.

Excused absences include: personal illness, illness of an immediate family member, a death in the family, religious holidays of the student's established religious faith, required court or law agency appearances, public functions, state competitions, scheduled doctor or dentist appointments.

For a complete list of excused and unexcused absences, refer to the [Student Code of Conduct](#)