



Week at the Creek

Week of December 20, 2021

Hawk families,

This week our fabulous chorus performed in four assemblies. Our music teacher, Rhonda Gauger, did an amazing job getting our students ready. What talent!

We have been very busy this week! Our kindergarten students received a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Our third graders had a visit from the Jacksonville Zoo. Our fifth graders participated in a mug exchange. More festivities are planned for the upcoming two days!

I am happy to report that our hallway Grinch is surrounded by hearts that state acts of kindness. This week we will continue to identify and share out our acts of kindness.

Mrs. Yvette Cubero-Gonzalez



December

12/21 EARLY RELEASE; Second Quarter Ends
12/22-31 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break

January

1/1-1/4 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break
1/5 NO SCHOOL Teacher Planning Day
1/6 Classes Resume
1/12 PTO Spirit Night at Cold Stone Creamery
1/17 NO SCHOOL: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
1/19 Report Cards Issued

Lunch Menu for Week of 12/20

Breakfast is \$1.25, and lunch is \$2.80.

Monday 12/20

- Nacho Bites OR
- Chicken Quesadilla OR
- Chicken Nuggets

Tuesday 12/21

- Pizza OR
- Cheese Ravioli

Please note: As we transition to our new food distributor there may be unannounced menu changes. More information about the changes to our menu will come before students return to school from Winter Break.

Our Hickory Creek faculty and staff would like to wish our Hawk families a very **MERRY Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**



PTO NEWS

Royal Hawk Parking Spot Drawing

Give yourself the Christmas gift of skipping car line!

Purchase tickets for a chance to win one of TWO Royal Hawk Parking Spots. The winners get to bypass the pick-up line each afternoon! TWO names will be drawn on Monday, January 10.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting the following link.

<https://tools.ptoffice.com/Stores/2021-2022>

** This privilege will only be valid until the end of the quarter. A new drawing will be held for each quarter. Entries received after the deadline will be applied to the next quarter's drawing.*

Cold Stone Creamery Spirit Night

What's better than eating ice cream and supporting our school?! Mark your calendar for January 12 and join us at Cold Stone Creamery between 3:00 and 8:00 p.m.



January PTO Meeting

Join us for the first PTO meeting of 2022 on January 10 at 8:45 a.m. We hope to see you there!

Morning Drop Off Assistance

To be more efficient please follow the following recommendations:

- Have your student ready to exit the vehicle quickly
- Please pull up all the way to the crosswalk (2 additional cars makes a huge difference)
- Please follow any additional instructions provided

Please note if your student arrives AFTER patrols and adults have entered the building you MUST park and check them into the front office.



Spirit Week

Monday, December 20: Flannel Day
Wear your coziest flannels.



Tuesday, December 21: PJ Day
Wear your PJs to school. Please make sure PJs follow the dress code.
Please have your student wear PE/Recess appropriate shoes.

CHARACTER COUNTS!



The CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee is calling all walkers, runners and fitness enthusiasts to participate in the CHARACTER COUNTS! 6K/3K Run/Walk on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at 9 a.m. The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine.

Walkers and runners will enjoy a course running through the neighborhoods of Kensington and Las Calinas and can choose to participate in the 6K (3.73 miles) or 3K (1.86 miles) distance.

Registration fees are as follows:

6K: \$30 before January 1 \$35 January 1-January 31 \$40 on race day

3K: \$25 before January 1 \$30 January 1-January 31 \$35 on race day

Registration forms and more information are available online at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/StAugustine/CHARACTERCOUNTSInStJohnsCountySixPillars6K3KRunWalk>

Race proceeds support CHARACTER COUNTS! initiatives throughout the St. Johns County School District (SJCSJ). The run/walk is open to all ages, and the top three winners will be awarded in each of the age categories as well as the overall male and female finishers. A cash donation will be awarded to the top three schools with the most registrants. In 2020, these schools were Palm Valley Academy, Valley Ridge Academy and Ocean Palms Elementary School. All race registrants will receive a t-shirt and other goodies from area businesses and organizations. At the finish line, each race participant will receive a commemorative item.

This event is produced by the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee and is presented by Beaver Toyota with support from businesses and community groups. Action News Jax CBS47/FOX30 is the official media sponsor of this run/walk.

The SJCSJ, along with area businesses, youth organizations and civic groups, selected the national character education program of CHARACTER COUNTS! as a countywide initiative to instill positive character traits in young people throughout the county. Additionally, the SJCSJ became the first school district in Florida to implement Pursuing Victory With Honor in all of its athletic programs. Character education is an important part of every School Improvement Plan and a major component of the Student Code of Conduct and the school district's Strategic Plan.

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](#)