



Week at the Creek

Week of March 28, 2022

Hawk Families,

This week our first graders went to the Alligator Farm. Students were so excited to ride the bus and explore the reptiles and birds! Our fourth graders will explore the Old Florida Museum on Monday and Tuesday. Our students and teachers are thrilled that field studies have returned!

Are you familiar with our School Advisory Council? This is a group of stakeholders that meet monthly to discuss ways we can improve our school. Please take a moment to look at the [SAC page](#) on the Hickory Creek website. We would love to see new faces at our next meeting on April 4th.

Some families have reached out regarding the link for the Parent Input Form being faulty. Please use this [link](#) to access the form. Forms are due on April 29th.

Looking forward to another Week at the Creek!

Mrs. Yvette Cubero-Gonzalez



March

3/21-3/29 Scholastic Spring Book Fair

3/29 Report Cards Issued

3/30 PTO Coffee and Doughnuts

April

4/4 PTO Meeting @ 8:45AM

4/5 SAC Meeting @ 4:00PM

4/5 FSA Writing – 4th and 5th graders

4/7-8 FSA ELA – 3rd graders

4/13-14 Field Day

4/15 and 4/18 NO SCHOOL

4/26 Interim Reports Issued

4/27 Character Cup @ Toco High School

4/29 4th and 5th Grade Glow Up FSA Dance*

Lunch Menu for Week of 3/28

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

Monday 3/28

- Chicken Nuggets OR
- Cool Box

Tuesday 3/29

- Mini Corn Dogs OR
- Mac and Cheese

Wednesday 3/30

- Chicken Sandwich OR
- Cheese Sticks

Thursday 3/31

- Pizza

Friday 4/1

- Cheeseburger OR
- Hotdog



WE NEED PROCTORS FOR STATE TESTING

Please visit our [Sign-Up Genius](#) to sign up. All proctors will need to participate in a brief training.

For more information regarding state testing, proctoring, and training, please visit our school website and click on the [Testing Information page](#).

State Testing Dates:

April 5, 2022 – 4th & 5th Grade Writing

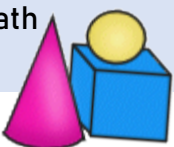
April 7 & 8, 2022 – 3rd Grade Reading

May 2 & 3, 2022 – 4th & 5th Grade Reading

May 9 & 10, 2022 – 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Math

May 16 & 17, 2022 – 5th Science

Please note: As we transition to our new food distributor, there may be unannounced menu changes.



PTO NEWS



April PTO Meeting

Meet us in the cafeteria Monday, April 4 at 8:45 a.m. for our next PTO meeting. We'll discuss the future of the PTO.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Donations

The PTO is collecting gift cards to give to our staff in a drawing as part of Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. We would appreciate gift cards in any amount. You can drop them at the front office in an envelope marked PTO. We will collect the cards through the end of April. Thank you in advance for your support! If you have questions, e-mail hcepto05@yahoo.com

PTO Coffee and Doughnuts

Please join the Hickory Creek PTO for a casual and informative coffee and doughnuts. It is a great opportunity to learn more about the PTO, meet the Board members, talk about committees and the upcoming elections for the 2022-2023 PTO!

Principal Gonzalez will also be there to visit with the parents!

For ALL parents of Hickory Creek Elementary Students

Wednesday, March 30, 2022, after morning drop off

Hickory Creek Elementary Cafeteria

If you have any questions,
please email Kathleen Newman
katnewman6@gmail.com

SAC Needs Assessment Survey

We are already planning for the 2022-2023 school year! Your input is needed. Please take a moment to complete the SAC Needs Assessment Survey. We use data from this survey to plan for school improvement. **Survey closes on March 31, 2022.**

Please visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8km5m8>



Bicycle Helmet Safety

I have noticed several students riding their bicycles to and from school without the use of a helmet. Helmets, although not always fashionable, are utilized for our children's safety. Helmets are required by Florida Law for children under the age of 16. I have had several local citizens contact me regarding their concern for our students and have also offered assistance to purchase helmets for those who may not have the finances to purchase one for the children. Please reach out to me at the school if this is the case, and I will work to set this up for you. Please see below for a paraphrase of the Florida State Statute regarding bicycle helmets:

A bicycle rider who is under 16 years of age must wear a bicycle helmet that is properly fitted and is fastened securely upon the passenger's head by a strap.

A bicycle rider may be issued a citation by a law enforcement officer and assessed a fine. The court shall dismiss the charge against a bicycle rider for a first violation upon proof of purchase of a bicycle helmet.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Deputy Sally Carneiro



UPDATED COVID-19 Information

Please review the SJCSD protocols found at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/covid-19/>. In addition, please take time to review the [Student Health Screening Entry Form](#). Should your child have any of the symptoms listed, please consider keeping them home. While masks are not mandated, it is an option for our families and staff. We will respect each other's choice. If you are interested in desk shields for your child, please contact your child's teacher directly.

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 five days from the date of last direct contact with an individual that is positive for COVID-19.*

To notify us of your child's positive COVID-19 test result we are requesting that you complete the [Optional Positive Student Reporting Form](#). However, should you feel you need to discuss your child's COVID-19 scenario in detail, please feel free to bypass the form and **call the District COVID Support Team at 904-547-8230.**



When we receive information regarding a positive student, we will communicate to **all** parents in the classroom that there has been a positive case in your child's class. In the past, we have only communicated to close contacts. By making this adjustment, we can notify parents faster and more efficiently.

For more information, please visit our school district's [COVID Information web page](#).

Foundation for Success: CGI Florida

Hickory Creek participates in the FSU CGI program. Several of our teachers are taking part in this three-year professional development and study. We are in year three. The program targets increasing our students' math capacity and ability to think mathematically. This study encompasses more than 200 schools across the state. It is the largest controlled trial of a teacher professional development program in elementary mathematics that has ever been done!

Please take a moment to review the [parental notification letter](#) for this study.



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](#)

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

We have seen an increase of Pokémon cards on our campus. We have spoken to students and will take any Pokémon cards we see out. Families will be able to pick up the cards, once they have been notified by admin to do so.



ST JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SHERIFF ROBERT A. HARDWICK

EIGHTEEN APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

- LIVE ME** IS A LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO APP THAT USES GEOLOCATION TO SHARE VIDEOS SO USERS CAN FIND OUT A BROADCASTER'S EXACT LOCATION. USERS CAN EARN "COINS" AS A WAY TO "PAT" MINORS FOR PHOTOS.
- CALCULATOR%** IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL SECRET APPS USED TO HIDE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, FILES, AND BROWSER HISTORY.
- HOLLA** IS A SELF-PROCLAIMED "ADDICTING" VIDEO CHAT APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO MEET PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD IN JUST SECONDS. REVIEWERS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH RACIAL SLURS, EXPLICIT CONTENT, AND MORE.
- DISCORD** IS AN APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO TALK TO FRIENDS AND STRANGERS IN REAL-TIME VIA VOICE, TEXT, OR VIDEO CHAT WHILE PLAYING VIDEO GAMES. REVIEWERS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH RACIAL SLURS, EXPLICIT CONTENT, AND MORE.
- ASK.FM** IS KNOWN FOR CYBER BULLYING. THE APP ENCOURAGES USERS TO ALLOW ANONYMOUS PEOPLE TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS.
- ROBLOX** IS AN ONLINE GAMING PLATFORM WITH A CHAT FUNCTION. UNDERAGE USERS HAVE HAD ISSUES WITH SOLICITATION FROM SEXUAL PREDATORS.
- WHATSAPP** IS A POPULAR MESSAGING APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO SEND TEXTS, PHOTOS, VOICEMAIL, MAKE CALLS, AND VIDEO CHATS WORLDWIDE. WHATSAPP USES AN INTERNET CONNECTION ON SMARTPHONES AND COMPUTERS.
- KIK** ALLOWS ANYONE TO CONTACT AND DIRECT MESSAGE YOUR CHILD. KIDS CAN BYPASS TRADITIONAL TEXT MESSAGING FEATURES. KIK GIVES USERS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.
- WHISPER** IS AN ANONYMOUS SOCIAL NETWORK THAT PROMOTES SHARING SECRETS WITH STRANGERS. IT ALSO REVEALS A USER'S LOCATION SO PEOPLE CAN MEET UP.
- BUMBLE** IS SIMILAR TO THE POPULAR DATING APP "TINDER" HOWEVER, IT REQUIRES WOMEN TO MAKE THE FIRST CONTACT. KIDS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO USE BUMBLE TO CREATE FAKE ACCOUNTS AND FALSIFY THEIR AGE.
- BADOO** IS A DATING AND SOCIAL NETWORKING APP WHERE USERS CAN CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS, AND VIDEOS AND CONNECT BASED ON LOCATION. WHILE THE APP IS INTENDED FOR ADULTS ONLY, TEENS ARE KNOWN TO CREATE PROFILES.
- GRINDR** IS A DATING APP GEARED TOWARDS LGBTQ+ PEOPLE. THE APP GIVES USERS OPTIONS TO CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS, AND MEET UP BASED ON A SMART PHONE'S GPS LOCATION.
- SKOUT** IS A LOCATION-BASED DATING APP AND WEBSITE. WHILE USERS UNDER 17 YEARS OLD ARE UNABLE TO SHARE PRIVATE PHOTOS, KIDS CAN EASILY CREATE AN ACCOUNT USING A DIFFERENT AGE.
- SNAPCHAT** IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR APPS IN RECENT YEARS. WHILE THE APP PROMISES USERS CAN TAKE A PHOTO/VIDEO AND IT WILL DISAPPEAR, NEW FEATURES INCLUDING "STORIES" ALLOW USERS TO VIEW CONTENT FOR UP TO 24 HOURS. SNAPCHAT ALSO ALLOWS USERS TO SEE YOUR LOCATION.
- HOT OR NOT** ENCOURAGES USERS TO RATE YOUR PROFILE. CHECK OUT PEOPLE IN THEIR AREA AND CHAT WITH STRANGERS. THE GOAL OF THIS APP IS TO HOOK UP.
- OMEGLE** IS AN ONLINE CHAT SITE WHERE REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED. USERS ARE ABLE TO CHAT ANONYMOUSLY VIA VIDEO, PRIVATE CHATS, OR GROUP CHATS. CHILD PORNOGRAPHY HAS BEEN AN ISSUE ON THIS SITE.
- MEETME** IS A DATING SOCIAL MEDIA APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY. AS THE APP'S NAME SUGGESTS, USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MEET EACH OTHER IN PERSON.
- TIKTOK** IS A MOBILE DEVICE APP POPULAR WITH KIDS USED FOR CREATING AND SHARING SHORT VIDEOS. WITH VERY LIMITED PRIVACY CONTROLS, USERS ARE VERY VULNERABLE TO CYBER BULLYING AND EXPLICIT CONTENT.

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