



Week at the Creek

Summer Edition: July 2023

Hawk Families,

Hoping this newsletter finds our families relaxing and enjoying their summer break! Please know that we have been hard at work getting our school ready for the 2023-2024 school year!

I would like to take a moment to welcome our new Assistant Principal, Tiffany Lo. Ms. Lo has taught Kindergarten, 5th grade, 6th grade, and has served as an Assistant Principal at the Evelyn Hamblen Center. She will work with our 3rd-5th grade teachers, students, and families. Mrs. Gary-Donovan will serve our PK-2nd grade teachers, students, and families. We also want to welcome our new Hawk families! We look forward to meeting you soon!

Please know that our website is constantly being updated. Any information needed for the upcoming school year can be found at: <https://www-hce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>. Please take a moment to navigate and familiarize yourself with our site.

Looking forward to another great year at the Creek!

Mrs. Yvette Cubero-Gonzalez



AUGUST

8/8 MYT: PK, K and Behavior Classes*

8/9 MYT: Grades 1-5*

8/10 First Day of School

8/10-15 Staggered Start for Kindergarten Students

8/16 Kindergarten Parent Social in café

8/18 PTO Back to School Bash 5PM-7PM

SEPTEMBER

9/5 NO SCHOOL: LABOR DAY

9/5 SAC Monthly Meeting @ 4PM

9/5 K, 2, 4 Curriculum Night

9/7 PK, 1, 3, 5, Curriculum Night

9/11 PTO Monthly Meeting @ 8:30AM

9/13 Interim Reports

9/16 PTO Sponsored: Coffee Social

9/22 Picture Day

Home Access Center

The Home Access Center (HAC) is a web-based application that is part of our Student Information System called eSchoolPlus.

Please visit the website below to access or sign up for an account:

<https://homeaccess.stjohns.k12.fl.us>



This system provides parents and students with a daily summary page, schedule and attendance, discipline information, class work, test scores and course requests for all students in grades 3-5. This is also where families can access their student's interim report and report card. If you need assistance with your account, please contact our Computer Operator, Lizeth Antonetti.

* MYT: MEET YOUR TEACHER

We look forward to welcoming back our students and meeting our new families! Due to parking needs, please follow the schedule below:



August 8, 2023

- 5:00PM-6:00PM Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Behavior Classes

August 9, 2023

- 8:00AM-9:00AM Fifth Grade Families
- 9:15AM-10:15AM First and Fourth Grade Families
- 10:30AM-11:30AM Second and Third Grade Families

Students are encouraged to bring their school supplies.



WELCOME TO HICKORY CREEK ELEMENTARY PTO

WHAT IS PTO?

Our Parent-Teacher Organization works with parents, administration, teachers and staff to enhance our students educational experience. By becoming a PTO member and contributing to events and fundraising opportunities, you are making quality programs and events happen for ALL of our students. PTO provides funds for many activities at school, some of those are...



Classroom Grants



Teacher and Staff Appreciation



Family Events

Becoming a member of the PTO doesn't sign you up for endless volunteering. It means that you believe in the students, staff and families at Hickory Creek Elementary School!

REGISTER FOR THE PTO

Ensure you're fully connected & register today. Visit www.hcepto.org, click the button to Register/Login on our home page & create an account with our site. If you have previously registered, just update your information.



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE...

Stay up to date on the latest PTO happenings by following our PTO Facebook Page @ Hickory Creek Elementary - PTO.

ONLINE RESOURCES...

- PTO Calendar
- Archive of Meeting Minutes
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Hawk Rock Info

...all available at www.hcepto.org

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Our PTO Leadership Team is always available to answer parent questions, email us at hcepto05@yahoo.com



SUPPLY LISTS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

- PK Supply List
- Kindergarten Supply List
- First Grade Supply List
- Second Grade Supply List
- Third Grade Supply List
- Fourth Grade Supply List
- Fifth Grade Supply List



Students are encouraged to bring their supplies to our Meet the Teacher event. Your student's teacher may also have wish lists they will share. Thank you in advanced for supporting our teachers and your student's classroom!

SAC COMMITTEE

Be part of our School Advisory Council!



What is SAC? → The School Advisory Council is a state-mandated organization that allows for school-based management and accountability. An improvement plan is developed each year, largely composed of defined areas of growth based on school data. The School Advisory Council is made up of the principal, faculty, parents, and other members of the school community. Meetings are open to the public on the first Tuesday of the month at 4:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. If you wish to be part of the committee please reach out to Jillian Ferro for more information at Jillian.Ferro@stjohns.k12.fl.us.



cafeteria News

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

We are happy to announce that parents will be invited to eat lunch with their students during the 23-24 school year. Please note that due to space needs, there will be a reservation process for this. Our families will join their student in the cafeteria. In addition, all parents and/or guardians must be a cleared volunteer to access our building.

NURSE AND CLINIC NEWS

If a child needs to take a prescribed medication during the school day, a parent or guardian must bring the original bottle of medication to the clinic with a completed "Authorization to Assist in the Administration of Medication/Treatment form" signed by a doctor. This form is also required for dispensing over the counter drugs such as Tylenol or cough syrup. Please visit our website for updated forms and additional information: [Hawk Clinic](#).



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](#).

Please note, in order to sign-in to our lobby computer as a volunteer, you **MUST** be a cleared volunteer and you **MUST** have a driver's license. Please follow the directions posted on the computer to sign in. Ruth, our receptionist, can also help.

Please visit our site regarding school access:
<https://www-hce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

An advertisement for the FORTIFYFL app. On the left, there is a red megaphone icon next to the text 'FORTIFYFL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP'. Below this is the hashtag '#FORTIFYFL' and the website 'GETFORTIFYFL.COM'. There are two buttons: 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google play'. At the bottom left are three circular logos: the Florida Department of Education logo, a sun logo, and a blue circle with a white path. On the right is a smartphone displaying the app's interface, which includes a 'Report a Tip' button, 'Call 911', 'My Tips', 'About', and 'Settings'.