



Week at the Creek

August 21, 2023

Hawk families,
Our first full week of school was a successful one! It was great to see so many families at our Back to School Bash. Thank you to the PTO for putting this event together.

We continue to practice our procedures and routines throughout our school day. Every morning we begin with our morning announcements, and we review our Hawks Pledge daily:

HAWKS...are **Honest**, have a positive **Attitude**, **Work together**, show **Kindness**, and are **Safe!** *Birds of a feather, make positive hawk choices together!*

This week we also practiced our first emergency drill, and we will continue to practice our other drills. Please note that this year we will sound our alarm system. Anyone sensitive to sound will be alerted before the alarm is activated.

I look forward to another week at the creek!

Mrs. Yvette Cubero-Gonzalez



SEPTEMBER

- 9/4 NO SCHOOL: LABOR DAY
- 9/5 SAC Monthly Meeting @ 4PM
- 9/5 K, 2, 4 Curriculum Night 6PM-7PM
- 9/7 PK, 1, 3, 5, Curriculum Night 6PM-7PM
- 9/11 PTO Monthly Meeting @ 3:30PM
- 9/13 Interim Reports (on HAC)
- 9/16 PTO Sponsored: Coffee Social @8:30AM
- 9/22 Picture Day

OCTOBER

- 10/13 First Quarter Ends
- 10/16 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Planning Day
- 10/20 PTO Sponsored Student Dance
- 10/24 Report Cards Issued (on HAC)

Lunch Menu for Week of 8/21

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Nuggets OR
- Pepperoni Calzone

Tuesday

- Hot Dog OR
- Macaroni and Cheese

Wednesday

- Homestyle Chicken Sandwich OR
- Grilled Cheese Sandwich

Thursday

- Cheese Pizza OR Pepperoni Pizza OR
- Mini Corn Dogs

Friday

- Hamburger OR
- Max Cheese Sticks



HCE Lunch Visits

September Lunch Visits

Please know that to participate you MUST be a cleared volunteer. If you have not had a chance to fill out our access form, please do so now at:

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>.

Please follow the directions on the HCE Lunch Visit sign up. Once you are done with your lunch visit, please exit the building through the main office.

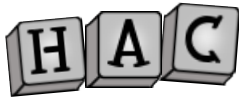
We look forward to your visit.



COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS



Please refrain from emailing our teachers during instructional time. Our teachers are not checking email during this time, because they're focused on teaching. If you need help immediately, please call our front desk receptionist, Ruth Sherwood, (904)547-7451. If it is not an emergency, please note that your student's teacher will get back to soon as soon as possible. Please note it can take up to 48 hours for a response, especially on weekends. We ask that all transportation changes be reported to our front desk. Mrs. Sherwood keeps a list and calls all classrooms beginning at 2pm with transportation changes (this is the reason we ask to refrain from checking students out after 2PM).



Home Access Center



The Home Access Center (HAC) is a web-based application and where you will find transportation information, student data, student grades, and how you will access your student's report card.

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

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>.

MEDIA CENTER CORNER

TO ACCESS OUR SSYRA LISTS:

[SSYRA Junior Book List \(K-2\)](#)

[SSYRA Book List \(3-5\)](#)

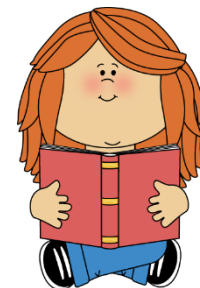
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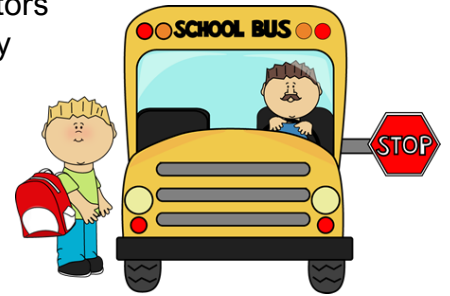
**ACCESS
Individualized
Library PLAN
Info here:**



PROVISIONAL TRANSPORTATION WAIVER

Schools are not authorized to issue bus passes or instruct bus operators regarding bus ridership or stops. The Transportation Department may issue provisional waivers for a specific period of time due to extenuating circumstances. Parents may apply for this waiver via the St. Johns County School District webpage:

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/transportation/ptwaiver/> .



Waivers will not be available from individual schools.

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.

Unexcused absences include: shopping trips, pleasure trips, suspension from school, appointments without prior approval except in case of emergency, truancy, and other avoidable absences.

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

Media Advisory Committee

Please complete the following form should you wish to apply to be on the Media Advisory Committee for the 2023-2024 school year.

<https://forms.office.com/r/RHeRBmJWNd>.



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/>



HICKORY'S HEART FALL FOOD DRIVE

Thursday, August 31st, 2023 during morning drop-off

You may send in unexpired, non-perishable food items anytime with your student in a bag labeled Hickory's Heart

Welcome back Hawk Families! Hickory's Heart is an outreach program that helps HCE students and families in need. We send home weekly bags containing snacks and kid-friendly meals to help supplement over the weekend when subsidized school meals are unavailable. We are collecting donations for the 2023-2024 school year. Please consider donating any of the following unexpired, non-perishable items for our students:

- *Single serving bags of cookies, crackers & chips
- *Macaroni & Cheese boxes/cups
- *Meat sticks
- *Oatmeal
- *Boxes of rice/pasta
- *Fruit squeezers
- *Single serving cereal boxes/bags
- *Fruits snacks & boxes of raisins
- *Canned soups & ravioli/Spaghetti-Os
- *Granola bars
- *Ramen noodles
- *Canned or jarred tomato sauce
- *Canned tuna

We are always accepting donations in the form of gift cards for local grocery stores such as Walmart, Publix, Winn Dixie, & Aldi. They are greatly appreciated and enable us to purchase food items for weekly bags and to put together Thanksgiving and Winter Break boxes. You can send gift cards in with your student in an envelope marked HICKORY'S HEART.

Hickory's Heart, providing support to our own HCE families, would not be possible without your generosity. THANK YOU!

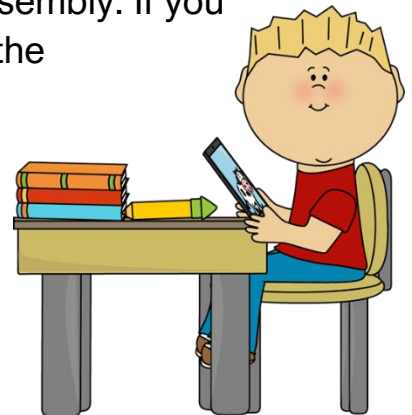
Contacts: Amanda Adams (ajmsunflwr@msn.com) & Stefanie McNally (stefanie3284@gmail.com).

School Access

This is just a reminder that ANYONE (parent, guardian, friend, neighbor, aunt, uncle) must have school access to attend an event at Hickory Creek, have lunch with a student and/or attend an awards assembly. If you have not already done so, please complete the

School Access Form.

The process for approval may take up to 2 weeks, so please fill out the application sooner than later for any guests that would like to have school access. Once the application is approved, school access will be valid for three years.





HCE PTO EVENTS THIS WEEK!

welcome to kindergarten

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 - KINDERGARTEN PARENT SOCIAL
HCE CAFETERIA, AFTER MORNING DROP OFF**

**KINDER PARENTS - COME MEET THE PTO AND ENJOY REFRESHMENTS WHILE LEARNING
ABOUT HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE SCHOOL AND FUTURE EVENTS!**

BACK TO SCHOOL!

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 - BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!
HCE OUTDOOR PAVILION, 5-7P**

**CELEBRATE THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR WITH A FUN-FILLED EVENING! FOOD
TRUCKS WILL BE ON SITE TO PURCHASE TREATS WHILE THE KIDS PLAY AND PARENTS
CAN MEET PTO BUSINESS PARTNERS, PURCHASE SPIRITWEAR, AND TALK TO OTHER
HCE- SPONSORED ORGANIZATIONS LIKE BOY & GIRL SCOUTS**



**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT EITHER EVENT, REACH OUT VIA FACEBOOK OR
EMAIL AT HCEPTO05@YAHOO.COM**

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!