



Week at the creek

October 16, 2023

Hawk families,

We want to *congratulate* our community partner nominees for the 2023-24 school year: **CRYSTAL AND JEFF HENRICHSEN!** We would also like to *congratulate* our Business Partner Nominee for the 2023-24 school year: **SMILES BY GLENOS AND HADGIS!** Both will be celebrated at the Character Counts! Community Partner Recognition Even on October 18th.

This week is also *School Bus Operator and Bus Attendant Week*. If your student rides a bus, please take a moment this week to say **THANK YOU** to the amazing men and women that safely transport our students to and from school!

Looking forward to another GREAT week at the creek!

Mrs. Yvette Cubero-Gonzalez



OCTOBER

- 10/13 First Quarter Ends
- 10/16 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Planning Day
- 10/20 Father/Daughter Dance (see page 4)
- 10/24 Report Cards Issued (on HAC)
- 10/31 Storybook Character Day

NOVEMBER

- 11/3 PTO Monthly Meeting @ 3:30PM
- 11/7 SAC Meeting @ 4:00PM
- TBD Veteran's Day Chorus Performance
- 11/10 NO SCHOOL: Veteran's Day
- 11/15 Fund Run
- 11/16 Interim Reports Issued (on HAC)
- 11/17 Picture Retakes
- 11/22-11/24 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving

Lunch Menu for Week of 10/16

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- NO SCHOOL

Tuesday

- Hot Dog OR
- Mac and Cheese

Wednesday

- Chicken Sandwich OR
- Grilled Cheese



Thursday

- Cheese Pizza OR Pepperoni Pizza OR
- Mini Corn Dogs

Friday

- Hamburger or Cheeseburger OR
- Max Cheese Sticks

Please visit our [website](#) for additional information on our Cafeteria policies, monthly menus, and additional purchase options.

HCE Lunch Visits

October 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.



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/>.

OUR KINDERGARTEN TEAM WENT TO AMAZING GRACE FAMILY FARM!

Our kindergarten students had so much fun exploring the corn maze and the pumpkin farm. First grade, third grade, and fourth grade are all busy planning field studies...more information coming soon!



Story Book Character Day: PK-5

On Tuesday, October 31st students are welcome to wear a costume based on a storybook character. The student MUST bring the book with them. Costumes may be store bought or homemade; get creative! All costumes MUST follow dress code. NO MASKS or FULL-

FACE PAINT ALLOWED. Please note that students will still participate in recess and PE, costumes should be comfortable and appropriate for a full, active school day.



Play with Words Day: 5th Grade

On Friday, October 27th students in 5th grade will dress up as an idiom or vocabulary word. Costumes may be store bought or homemade; get creative! Fifth grade teachers will share more information. Please note that all costumes MUST follow dress code. NO MASK or FULL-FACE PAINT ALLOWED. Please note that students will still participate in recess and PE, costumes should be comfortable and appropriate for a full, active school day.



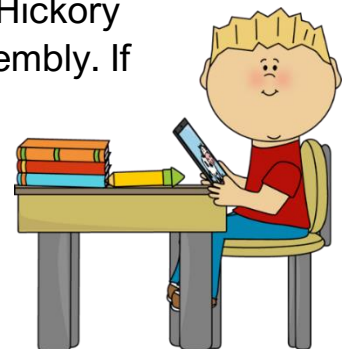
Red Ribbon/Bully Prevention Week

Monday October 23	Tuesday October 24	Wednesday October 25	Thursday October 26	Friday October 27
<i>Color the World With Character by being Drug and Bully Free</i>	<i>From Head to Toe, I Make Responsible Choices!</i>	<i>My Character Counts – Hats Off to Being Drug and Bully-Free.</i>	<i>Team Up for a Healthy Lifestyle So We Can All Be Drug and Bully-Free.</i>	<i>We can Inspire Others with Our Positive Attitude.</i>
Wear Tie-Dye	Wear Crazy Socks	Wear your favorite hat	Wear your favorite sports team shirt	Wear a red shirt to say no to drugs

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

UPCOMING EVENTS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 - AN ENCHANTED EVENING FATHER/DAUGHTER
DANCE**

**OUR PRE-SALE DANCE TICKETS HAVE SOLD OUT BUT WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO
MAKE THE DANCE HAPPEN!**

SIGN UP HERE: [LINK](#)



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 - KICKING OFF A GREAT YEAR!

**CELEBRATING OUR TEACHERS IN PREPARATION FOR FLORIDA-GEORGIA WITH A
TAILGATE POTLUCK LUNCH! HELP US SHOW THEM THAT WE'RE THEIR BIGGEST FANS!**

SIGN UP HERE: [LINK](#)



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - FUND RUN!!!

**OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR WILL BE HERE SOON! REGISTRATION OPENS
OCTOBER 23. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP DECORATE!**

SIGN UP HERE: [LINK](#)

STAY CONNECTED!

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.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

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

SEND US AN EMAIL!

Questions? Suggestions? Want to get more involved? Send us a note at HCEPT005@yahoo.com

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/>



MEDIA CENTER CORNER

TO ACCESS OUR SSYRA LISTS:

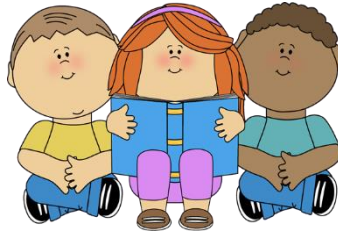
[SSYRA Junior Book List \(K-2\)](#)

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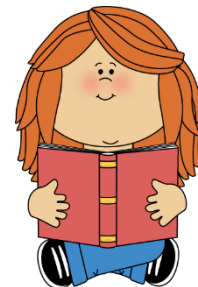
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Absences

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 page 18 in the [Student Code of Conduct](#).