



Week at the creek

December 4, 2023

Hawk families,

This week our PTO hosted our annual Fund Run. We want to say **Thank you** to our PTO and all the families that donated! Our students had a blast! The total raised was \$30,004.00! This means Mrs. Gonzalez will become an ice cream sundae, our PTO board members will be pied in the face, and Mrs. Gonzalez and Coach Mecke will kiss a pig! Dates will be announced soon.

This week we also held our auditions for this year's musical Matilda, Jr. We are so impressed with the talent and excited for our show in the spring!

We need your help parents! Our Lost and Found is overflowing with jackets and coats. Please encourage your student(s) to check the Lost and Found on their way to lunch. All jackets and coats need to find their owners by 12/15. All items will be donated after that date.

Looking forward to a great Week at the Creek!



DECEMBER

- 12/4 PTO Meeting at 3:30 PM
- 12/5 SAC Meeting at 4:00 PM
- 12/11-12/15 Holiday Shoppe
- 12/18 PTO Sponsored: Staff Cookie Exchange
- 12/21 Second Quarter Ends
- 12/21 Early Dismissal @ 1:45PM
- 12/22-31 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break

JANUARY

- 1/1-3 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break
- 1/4 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Planning Day
- 1/5 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Inservice Day
- 1/15 NO SCHOOL: MLK, Jr Day
- 1/17 Report Cards Issued

Lunch Menu: weeks of 12/4

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Slider Biscuit
- French Toast Sticks

Tuesday

- Penne Pasta
- Chicken Nuggets

Wednesday

- Chicken Sandwich
- Pepperoni Calzone

Thursday

- Cheese Pizza OR Pepperoni Pizza OR
- Mini Corn Dogs

Friday

- Hamburger or Cheeseburger OR
- Max Cheese Sticks

HCE Lunch Visits

December 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.

HICKORY CREEK STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS

NOVEMBER 13-DECEMBER 8

This year Hickory Creek would like to send some holiday joy to our troops. We want to let our troops know that we are thinking of them and their families by filling their stockings with holiday cheer and goodies that remind them of home.

Suggested Items

Foods items* such as:

tuna, beef jerky, cookies, mini candy bars, pretzels, nuts, ramen noodles, gum

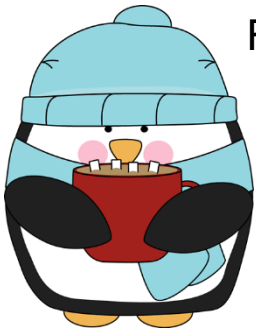
Food must be pre-packaged

Products such as:

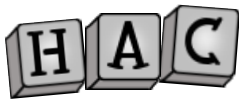
toothbrushes and small toothpastes, ChapStick, mini sized toiletry bottles, hand warmers, crossword puzzles, sudoku and letters of appreciation from students



BirthDay and HOLIDAY Treats



Families can bring in birthday and holiday treats that are prepackaged, store bought, and/or boxed items. Please do not send in homemade treats. Please contact the teacher 24 hours prior to bringing in any edible treats. The treat must be pre-approved by the teacher for potential allergens. The safety and health of all students is a priority.



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/>.

Let's celebrate winter break in
style!

Hickory Creek Elementary School Holiday Spirit Week

DECEMBER 14 - 21



Thursday 12/14: Holiday Headgear: Christmas/winter hats, headbands, hair and or scarves.



Friday 12/15: Cozy Christmas socks or mismatched socks.
(does not need to be Christmas theme)



Monday 12/18: Christmas Spirit Day. Wear your festive attire or Ugly Sweaters!



Tuesday 12/19: Candy Cane Kindness Day. Wear your candy cane colors and bring in a candy cane to give to a friend!



Wednesday 12/20: Grinch Day. Dress as your favorite Whoville citizen.



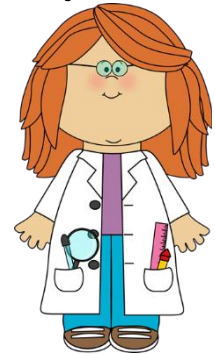
Thursday 12/21: Long Winter's Nap. Wear your pajamas (Christmas/ Holiday style if you have them.)

School dress codes apply all week. Please no face paint.

ILLNESS and prevention Guidelines

As flu season approaches, it is very important to follow the [SJCS D illness and prevention guidelines](#). Please do not send a student to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4 or greater
- Chills
- General tiredness or not feeling good
- Frequent congested (wet) or croup-sounding cough
- Lots of nasal congestion with frequent blowing of nose
- Vomiting (even just once)
- Diarrhea
- Stomach pain that is accompanied by repeated vomiting or diarrhea. Note: if your child complains of stomach pain for several days, you should call your doctor for advice.
- Symptoms of cold or flu



Our students and staff thank you for your help in keeping everyone healthy!

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/>

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TO access our SSYRA Lists:

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

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

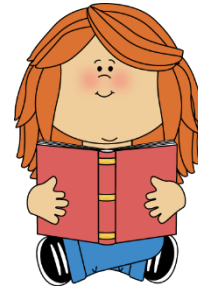
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Absences

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](#).