



Week at the creek

January 29, 2024

Hawk Families,

This week we celebrated the 100th day, 101st day and the 102nd day! Students also enjoyed guessing our Mystery Readers this week at school! **THANK YOU** to Mrs. Espinoza and Ms. Kenyon for putting together our Celebrate Literacy Activities. This week we look forward to the Scholastic Book Fair! Please see page 3 of our newsletter for more information.

This week we also kick off our **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** commemoration. Every morning on the announcement we will share a fact about a note worthy person that influenced our history. Our teachers and media center will also incorporate literature selections that include Black authors and/or characters.

Flu season is upon us, as a reminder students should stay home if they have symptoms or a fever. Students should be fever free for 24 hours before returning back to school. For more information, please review page 6 of our newsletter.

Looking forward to another week at the creek!



JANUARY

1/30 Class/Group Pictures

1/30 Family Technology Workshop (see p.5 for info)

FEBRUARY

2/1-2/9 Scholastic Book Fair

2/5 PTO Meeting @ 3:30PM

2/5-2/9 National School Counselor Week

2/6 SAC Meeting @ 4:00PM

2/6 Interim Reports Issued

2/7 SPMS 6th Grade Parent Night

2/8 Night of the Arts

2/15 National School Resource Officer Day

2/19 NO SCHOOL: President's Day

LUNCH MENU: Week Of 1/29

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Slider Biscuit
- French Toast Sticks

Tuesday

- Penne Pasta
- Chicken Nuggets

Wednesday

- Homestyle Chicken Sandwich
- Peperoni Calzone

Thursday

- Cheese Pizza or Pepperoni Pizza
- Mini Corn Dogs

Friday

- Hamburger or Cheeseburger
- Max Cheese Sticks



HCE Lunch Visits

January Lunch Visits

*Please note that there are **NO** photos or videotaping allowed in our cafeteria. Some students are on a do not photograph list. Please honor this request. If you are spoken to about this, you will not be able to eat in the cafeteria with your student for the remainder of the year.*

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.

We look forward to your visit.



SAVE THE DATE

HICKORY CREEK MOTHER/SON EVENT



JACKSONVILLE
ICEMEN

VS

FLORIDA
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FEBRUARY 16TH | 7PM

\$15/Ticket

Featuring a special performance by the Hickory Creek Chorus



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Presented by the PTO

The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!

February 1 – February 9

Come to our **NIGHT OF THE ARTS** to shop, see student art, and hear the chorus sing! Thursday, February 8, 4:00PM-7:00PM.

Chorus performance at 6:00PM in the cafeteria

Fair Homepage

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/hickorycreekelemschool3>

Say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child’s digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet on the book fair Homepage for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child’s eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.



Volunteer!



You can sign-up for a slot to volunteer here:

<http://tinyurl.com/4extpx9y>

We couldn’t do it without help! Make sure you have completed a [school access form](#) if you sign up to help.

Volunteer Signup

Important Notes

- This will be a “round-up” fair. Change less than \$0.50 will be automatically rounded up for our *All For Books* fund. This fund helps get books in the hands of more students. At the end of the Fair, eWallets with balances less than \$1 will be donated to All for Books to help buy books for our school.
- We highly encourage setting up an [e-wallet!](#) E-wallet transactions help keep our lines moving quickly and nobody needs to worry about lost money! Pro-tip: search your e-mail for past e-wallet e-mails to remember your account info and/or balances.
- We will have our usual lollipop-pull! For .50, students can purchase a lollipop and some lollipops will win a prize!



Birthday 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/>.

Absences

A **written note** is needed within 48 hours of returning to school stating the cause of the absence.

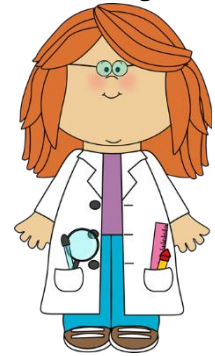
Excused absences include: personal illness, illness of an immediate family member, a death in the family, religious holidays of the student's established religious faith, required court or law agency appearances, public functions, state competitions, scheduled doctor or dentist appointments*.

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](#).

ILLNESS and Prevention Guidelines

Flu season is upon us, it is very important to follow the [SJCSJ 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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MEDIA CENTER CORNER

TO access our SSYRA Lists:

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

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

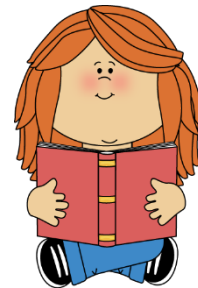
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Family Technology Workshop



Families will learn how to access Digital Platforms in SJCS D & how these tools help students in all grade Levels.

5:30pm
Tuesday
January 30, 2024

bit.ly/SJCSD-January30Workshop

Topics of Discussion:

-  Clever - Links for Students
-  Schoolology
-  Microsoft 365

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