



Week at the creek

April 8, 2024

Hawks,

April is Autism Acceptance Month. We would like for our Hawks to wear **BLUE** on Wednesday, April 10th to raise awareness of acceptance and promote inclusion!

We would like to congratulate our 2023-2024 Outstanding Volunteers of the Year! On Thursday, April 4th we celebrated our Outstanding Volunteers **Jessica Schreck**, **christopher woods**, and **LINDA MACKEY** at the annual SJCSO Outstanding Volunteer Reception. Thank you for all you do to support our school!

Our HCE Musical Theater students perform Matilda, Jr this week. Performances are on April 10, 11 and 12. Our production was sold out; however, we added more dates and seats. Please review the attached flyer for more information on how to purchase tickets.

Looking forward to another great Week at the Creek!



APRIL

- 4/10-4/12 Matilda, Jr. Performances
- 4/10 Wear **BLUE** for Autism Acceptance Month
- 4/19 NO SCHOOL: Teacher/Student Holiday
- 4/22 PDQ School Spirit Night
- 4/23 Interim Reports Issued

MAY

- 5/1 School Principal's Day
- 5/3 Food Service Appreciation Day
- 5/6 PTO Monthly Meeting @ 3:30PM
- 5/7 SAC Monthly Meeting @ 4:00PM
- 5/6-5/10 Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/8 National School Nurse Day
- 5/24 Report Cards Issued
- 5/24 Last Day of School; 4th Quarter Ends
- 5/24 EARLY RELEASE

Lunch Menu: week of 4/8

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Slider Biscuit
- French Toast Sticks
- Turney Ham Lunchable

Tuesday

- Penne Pasta
- Chicken Nuggets

Wednesday

- Homestyle Chicken Sandwich
- Pepperoni Calzone
- Ham Turkey Lunchable

Thursday

- Cheese Pizza or Pepperoni Pizza
- Mini Corn Dogs

Friday

- Hamburger or Cheeseburger
- Max Cheese Sticks



ALL LUNCH ACCOUNTS MUST BE CURRENT.

HCE Lunch Visits

April 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.

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.

Solar Eclipse Information

A total solar eclipse—an event that occurs when the moon passes between Earth and the sun— will occur on April 8th. In Northeast Florida, the eclipse will begin at approximately 1:48 PM, and will reach its maximum at 3:05 PM. Due to our geographic location, the sun will be about 70% eclipsed at its maximum, which means the sun may only appear slightly dimmer than usual.

Even during a partial eclipse, there are safety concerns for students and staff; therefore, schools will not organize viewing activities of the solar eclipse. *Absences will be excused if parents decide to keep their child at home or request early dismissal.*

Safety guidelines should be followed if families decide to view the eclipse.

- Do not look directly into the sun during the solar eclipse, as it could be harmful to your vision.
- Do not look into the sun without proper eye protection.
- Do not look at the sun through a telescope or binoculars.
- Do not look at the sun through sunglasses, smoked glasses, or welder's glasses.
- Do not look at the sun through a camera/smart phone.

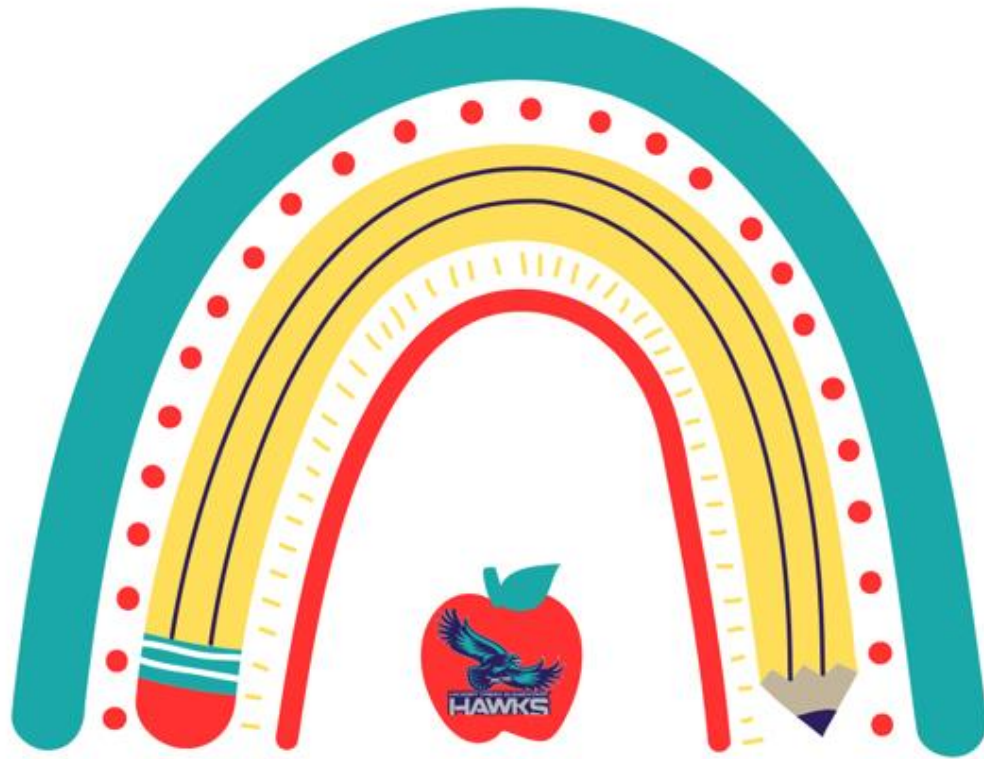
The only safe method for viewing the solar eclipse is by using special-purpose solar filters such as eclipse glasses or hand-held solar viewers. NASA does not approve any particular brand of solar viewer as stated on the NASA website.

Suggested Resources

- 2024 Total Solar Eclipse Safety: <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/safety/>
- 2024 Total Solar Eclipse (NASA): <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/>
- NASA's 2024 Total Solar Eclipse Broadcast (NASA): <https://svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/14520>

"What is a solar eclipse?" (NASA lesson): <https://mynasadata.larc.nasa.gov/mini-lessonactivity/what-solar-eclipse>

Please note that our PTO purchased viewing glasses for all students prior to the SJCS D message regarding the eclipse. These were sent home Friday, April 5th. Please follow the safety guidelines above and enjoy this event as a family at home.



Teacher Appreciation Week 5/6 - 5/10

HELP US THANK OUR TEACHERS FOR
BEING AWESOME!

Volunteers are needed for the planning committee.

If interested, contact us at hcepto05@yahoo.com or
[Facebook.com/HickoryCreekElementary](https://www.facebook.com/HickoryCreekElementary).

Virtual meeting attendance is available

JOIN THE PTO BOARD



OPEN POSITIONS

- RECORDING SECRETARY
- BUSINESS PARTNER CHAIR
- HOLIDAY SHOP CHAIR 
- MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR



Contact us for more info at:
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[Facebook.com/HickoryCreekElementary](https://www.facebook.com/HickoryCreekElementary)

School Spirit



night

March 25th & April 22nd
4pm - 8pm

PDQ @ 194 N State Rd. 13

A percentage of sales will go directly back to the school. Please mention Hickory Creek at checkout.



END OF YEAR REMINDERS

Cafeteria Lunch Accounts

All lunch accounts **MUST** be current by the end of the year. If you have questions or inquiries about your child's lunch account, please contact our Cafeteria Manager Cindy Murrell at Cynthia.H.Murrell@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Media Center Returns

All Library Books are due on May 1st. Please turn in your books on time to avoid replacement fees.



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/>.

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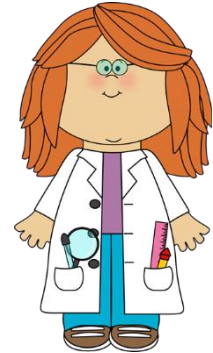
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ILLNESS and prevention Guidelines

Flu season is upon us, 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/>

MEDIA CENTER CORNER

TO access our SSYRA Lists:

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

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

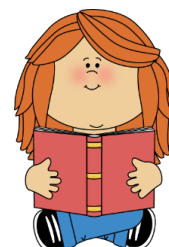
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S P M S W I N T E R G U A R D

GUARD



BLACK DANCE ATTIRE OR COMFORTABLE, BLACK BOTTOMS AND SHIRT.

HAIR SECURED IN A PONY TAIL, BUN OR BRAIDS.

NO FRIENDS OR FAMILY WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE GYM DURING AUDITIONS; THIS IS A CLOSED AUDITION PROCESS.

PLEASE BRING A SNACK AND A DRINK (YOUR DRINK MUST HAVE A LID).

YOU WILL ALSO NEED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING FORMS, WHICH SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO ARIEL GIBSON (SPMS SCHOOL SPONSOR) THE FIRST DAY OF TRYOUTS. IF THE FORMS ARE NOT COMPLETED, THE STUDENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN TRYOUTS.

- PARENT INFORMATION AND APPROVAL SHEET

- STUDENT PROFILE/BIO SHEET

- TEACHER RECOMMENDATION SHEET FOR MATH, SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES AND LANGUAGE ARTS.

YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL COPIES AND DELIVER TO EACH OF YOUR ACADEMIC TEACHERS WHO WILL RETURN THEM BACK TO ARIEL GIBSON OR DAWN EVANS (LEAVE AT THE FRONT DESK AT SPMS).

TRY OUTS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY 4/24
2-5PM

THURSDAY 4/25
2-5PM

WEDNESDAY 5/1
2-5PM

THURSDAY 5/2
2-5PM

VISIT OUR WEBSITE <https://www-raider.stjohns.k12.fl.us/winterguard-2/>