



# Week at the Creek

December 16, 2024

Hawks,

Did you know that we have a mentorship program with our sister school Bartram Trail? This week we welcomed our Bear Pals from the BTHS Basketball Team. They hosted a break here at Hickory to meet and talk with their pen pals/mentees.

This week we also hosted auditions for our annual musical. About 70 students auditioned for our show, and 40 students have been cast. The cast list has been shared with families. Congratulations to all! Our musical is scheduled for April 2025.

Our second grade team is participating in the Holiday Tree Contest 2024. First place winner received \$1,000! **To VOTE please visit: [voteholidaytrees.com](http://voteholidaytrees.com).** You are highly encouraged to vote daily!

Continue to check our website for more information: <https://www-hce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>.

Spirit Day EVERY Friday!

Wear your HCE spirit wear



## December

- 12/16-12/20 Holiday Shoppe
- 12/16-12/20 Holiday Spirit Week
- 12/17 Winter Concert at 6PM
- 12/17 Picture Retakes
- 12/18 PTO Sponsored: Staff Cookie Exchange
- 12/20 Second Quarter Ends
- 12/23-31 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break

## January

- 1/1-1/2 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break
- 1/3 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Planning Day
- 1/6 Classes Resume
- 1/20 NO SCHOOL: MLK, Jr. Day
- 1/22 PTO Sponsored: Donuts with Grownups 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

## Lunch Menu for Week of 12/16

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

### Monday

- Chicken Slider
- French Toast
- Pappa Johns

### Tuesday

- Penne Pasta
- Beef and Bean Chili

### Wednesday

- Chicken Sandwich
- BBQ Turkey Sandwich

### Thursday

- Cheese OR Pepperoni Pizza
- Mini Corndogs

### Friday

- Hamburger OR Cheeseburger
- Cheese Filled Pizza Sticks



*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT STUDENTS MUST HAVE MONEY IN THEIR ACCOUNT TO PURCHASE PAPPA JOHNS. Please check your student's balance weekly.*

## HCE Lunch Visits

### December 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.



# DISMISSAL CHANGES

**DISMISSAL CHANGES** are accepted until 2:00 p.m.  
(M, T, TH, F) and 1:00 p.m. (W).

**EARLY CHECK-OUTS** (for any reason) must be completed by 2:10 (M,  
T, TH, F) and 1:10 p.m. (W).

Your respect for our dismissal policy helps maintain safety and security as we complete attendance/check-out reports accurately before students prepare for and move to their dismissal stations. It is often very difficult to locate students or get them ready to leave early during the last minutes prior to dismissal bell. Teachers and students are completing lessons, packing up, or on the move to dismissal stations.

Please use the [Dismissal Change Form](#) found on the HCE website.

## Holiday Spirit Week 12/16 - 12/20



**Monday**  
Holiday Headgear

Wear your holiday hat, headband, silly hair, or scarves

**Tuesday**  
Christmas Spirit

Wear your festive attire or ugly sweater



**Wednesday**  
Cozy Holiday Socks

Wear your favorite or silly holiday socks



**Thursday**  
Grinch Day

Dress like your favorite Whoville citizen



**Friday**  
Long Winter's Nap

Wear your favorite cozy holiday pajamas



# Reindeer Lane Gift Shop<sup>®</sup> is coming to Hickory Creek.

Dear Parents,

Reindeer Lane Gift Shop<sup>®</sup> is coming to our school this year with exciting gifts for the entire family! This wonderful kid-focused gift shop, is an exciting time for your child to shop for gifts for their loved ones in a safe, controlled environment.

Your children may choose from more than 100 different gift items ranging in price from \$.25 to \$11. These gifts have been chosen with quality in mind, and are both popular and useful. We have seen firsthand how excited children are to shop for and give these specially-selected gifts to their loved ones.

Your child will get a "Gift List" budget envelope in the next week that should be filled out and returned to school, along with cash or voucher, on the day your child is scheduled to participate in the Reindeer Lane Gift Shop<sup>®</sup>. You may also purchase a gift voucher at <https://reindeerlane.com/vouchers/LKWFED> for your child to use for purchasing gifts the day they shop. Any unused voucher funds will be donated back to the PTO, so please encourage your student to spend the whole amount.

**Shopping Dates:** Dec 16th - Dec 20th

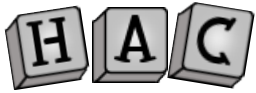
Your student's time will be set by their teacher.



We are looking forward to this event and can't wait to experience the holiday season through the eyes of children.

Best,

Hickory Creek Elementary PTO



# Home Access Center



The Home Access Center (HAC) is a web-based application that is part of our Student Information System called eSchoolPlus.

Please visit the website below to access or sign up for an account: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>.

This system provides parents and students with a daily summary page, schedule and attendance, discipline information, class work, test scores and course requests for all students in grades 3-5. This is also where families can access their student's interim report and report card. If you need assistance with your account, please contact our Computer Operator, Lizeth Antonetti.

## 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 CENTER CORNER

To access our SSYRA Books and Information 24-25: [SSYRA](#)

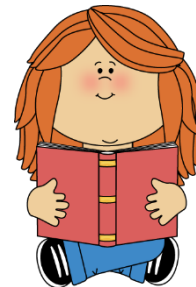
Search library catalog here:



Submit a purchase recommendation here:



Access Parental Choice Library Book Restriction Form\*\* here:



*\*\*Parents may utilize this form to restrict titles their child may check out in the school library.*





3RD - 5TH GRADE

# WINTER

SSYRA Reading Challenge

DECEMBER 1ST - DECEMBER 31ST



The class in each grade with the most brag tags earns a free panda express kids meal for everyone in the class!



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# Cell Phones and Other Wireless Devices\*

Page 26 on [the Student Code of Conduct](#) states:

Students may possess cellular telephones and other wireless communication devices at school, on buses, and at school functions. However, **they must be turned off**, stored in student's backpack, purse, locker or vehicle. **The device shall not be used during the school day without administrative approval or on school buses to and from school.** Upon administrative approval, use is limited between classes and during lunch only. Students may not use a wireless communication device during instructional time, except when expressly directed by a teacher solely for educational purposes. Failure to comply may result in the device being confiscated. Repeated failure to comply will be considered defiance of school rules.



\*Wireless devices include smart watches. All smart watches should be on Airplane Mode while on campus. Texting, making, or receiving calls, and/or recordings on a smart watch are not allowed. Failure to comply may result in the device being confiscated.

## SCHOOL ACCESS

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/>

