



Week at the Creek

December 9, 2024

Hawks,

This week we hosted our annual 5th grade Spelling Bee. We were so proud of all the students on stage! They were prepared, calm, and poised. Congratulations to our winner Jade Su and our runner up Maxton Cash.

This week we also began our audition process for our musical this year. Students impressed Mr. Woodbine and Mrs. Gonzalez. We still have a few students that need to audition on Tuesday. We will host call backs on Wednesday, December 11th at 3:45PM after chorus rehearsal. We say it every year, the talent at HCE is outstanding!

Our Holiday Shoppe opens for business in one more week! Please review the attached letter for more information.

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

- 12/10 PTO Meeting @ 3:30PM
- 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 3rd Grade

Lunch Menu for Week of 12/9

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Nuggets
- Loaded Philly Tots
- Pappa Johns

Tuesday

- Hot Dog
- Mac and Cheese

Wednesday

- Grilled Cheese
- BBQ Chicken Quesadilla

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).

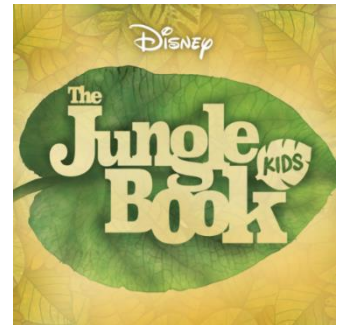
EARLY CHECK-OUTS (for any reason) must be completed by 2:10 (M, T, TH, F) and 1:10 p.m. (W).

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.

Auditions for Disney's The Jungle Book

We had an amazing turnout for our musical! We still have a few students that we need to audition. We will have callbacks on Wednesday, December 11th at 3:45PM. If your student receives a callback, we will share specific songs and lines we would like to see them perform. If your student does not receive a call back it is not telling if they are in the cast. Please know that we had about 60 students audition, and our show will need 35-40 students.



HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK

December 16-20

Monday → **Holiday Headgear**: Wear holiday hats, headbands, or silly hair

Tuesday → **Christmas Spirit Day**: Wear your festive attire or ugly sweaters

Wednesday → **Cozy Holiday Socks**: Wear your favorite/silly holiday socks

Thursday → **Grinch Day**: Dress as your favorite Whoville citizen

Friday → **Long Winter's Nap**: Wear your favorite holiday cozy PJs

Reindeer Lane Gift Shop[®] is coming to Hickory Creek.

Dear Parents,

Reindeer Lane Gift Shop[®] 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[®]. 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

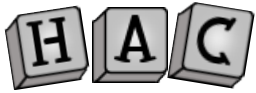
Your student's time will be set by their teacher.



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](#)

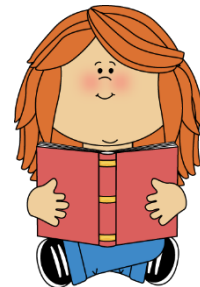
Search library catalog here:



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/>

