



Week at the Creek

September 29, 2025

Hawk families,

This week was a busy week at the creek! Our PTO hosted our first Donuts with Grownups, our kindergarten hosted Apple Fest, and Mrs. Yar hosted our first Character Counts celebration! Thank you to all that came out and supported our students and teachers! If your student missed Picture Day, our picture makeup/retake day is scheduled for November 14th.

Our students are blessed to have amazing staff members working with them daily. We would like to congratulate the following staff members:

L'Erin Standley → Teacher of the Year

Catherine Silva → Rookie Teacher of the Year

EdieMarie Lupo-Tuttle → Employee of the Year

All three staff members will represent Hickory Creek Elementary at the district level!

Please make sure that you continue to visit our website for the most up-to-date information regarding our school: <https://www-hce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>.

Spirit Day EVERY Friday!

Wear your HCE spirit wear



September

9/15-10/15 Hispanic Heritage Month

9/30 Chorus Auditions

October

10/1 Percussion Auditions

10/2 Chamber Choir

10/7 SAC Monthly Meeting @ 4PM

10/10 First Quarter Ends

10/13 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Planning Day

10/14 PTO Monthly Meeting @ 8:30AM

10/20-10/24 Red Ribbon Week

10/22 Report Cards Issued

10/24 PTO Sponsored: Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat @ 6PM

10/30 Character Counts Celebration: Responsibility

November

11/4 SAC Monthly Meeting @ 4PM

11/7 PTO Sponsored: Tailgate Lunch for Staff

TBD Veterans Day Concert

11/11 NO SCHOOL: Veterans Day

Lunch Menu for Week of 9/29

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Nuggets
- Philly Steak Sandwich
- Papa Johns Pizza

Tuesday

- Mini Corndogs
- Mac and Cheese

Wednesday

- BBQ Chicken Quesadilla
- Chicken Sandwich

Thursday

- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
- Hot Dog

Friday

- Hamburger
- Cheeseburger
- Max Cheese Sticks



To purchase a la cart items, your student **MUST** have a positive lunch account.

HCE Lunch Visits

October Lunch Visit Sign Ups

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 follow the directions on the HCE Lunch Visit sign up on the link above. Younger siblings should not attend.

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/>.

We look forward to your visit.

Hispanic Heritage Month

(September 15-October 15)

Hispanic Heritage Month takes place September 15 to October 15 every year as a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the American Latino community. Our teachers are incorporating read alouds focused on Hispanic characters or traditional narratives, mini lessons, research projects, and we have a hallway decorating activity school wide! Our classrooms will focus on one Hispanic country and represent that country with a display in our halls. In addition, we will read a quote from a famous Hispanic American all month long.



CHORUS, CHAMBER CHOIR, AND PERCUSSION Auditions

Chorus, Chamber, & Percussion Ensemble auditions will take place during the week of September 29th. Chorus auditions will take place Tuesday, Sept 30th, Percussion

Ensemble auditions will take place on Wednesday, October 1st, and Chamber Choir auditions will take place on Thursday, October 2nd. Students must bring their registration forms to the auditions. ALL audition results will be posted on Friday, October 3rd.

More information regarding chorus can be found on the Parent Square that Mr. Woodbine shared!



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.

Story Book Character Day: PK-5

On Friday, October 31st students are welcome to wear a costume based on a

storybook character. Students MUST

bring the book with them. Costumes may be store bought or homemade; get creative! All costumes MUST follow SJCSD dress code. NO MASKS or FULL-FACE PAINT ALLOWED. Please note that students will still participate in recess and PE, costumes should be comfortable and appropriate for a full, active school day.



Congratulations!

Teacher of the Year: L'Erin Standley

Rookie Teacher of the Year: Catherine Silva

Employee of the Year: EdieMarie Lupo-Tuttle



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](#).

Cell Phones and Other Wireless Devices*

Pages 25-26 of the [Student Code of Conduct](#) state-

Students are permitted to possess cellular phones and other wireless communication devices on school grounds, school buses, and at school-sponsored events. However, all devices must remain powered off and securely stored in a student's backpack, purse, locker, or vehicle during the school day. In accordance with House Bill 1105, the use of wireless communication devices by elementary and middle school students is strictly prohibited during the school day. *Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in the confiscation of the device. Repeated violations will be treated as defiance of school rules and may lead to disciplinary consequences.*



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

MEDIA CENTER CORNER

To access our SSYRA Books and Information 25-26: [SSYRA](#)

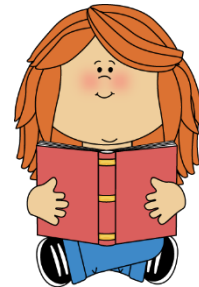
Search library
catalog here:



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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.*

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 IPads to sign in.

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