



Week at the Creek

October 27, 2025

Hawk families,

It has been a very busy, but exciting week at the creek! Our students participated in Red Ribbon week. Students and staff followed our Spirit Week schedule. Throughout the week Mrs. Yar, our school counselor read inspirational message about living a healthy lifestyle throughout the week.

Our fourth grade had a visit from TheatreWorks and our kindergarten students visited the pumpkin patch! Deputy Sally had helpers in the garden. This week our PK students helped her water the gardens.

Our Grande Finale this week was our Fall Fest! Thank you to our PTO and all the families that helped make this event a memorable one for our students!

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



October

10/30 Character Counts Celebration: Responsibility

10/31 Dress as a Storybook Character!

November

11/4 SAC Monthly Meeting @ 4PM

11/7 PTO Sponsored: Tailgate Lunch for Staff

11/11 NO SCHOOL: Veterans Day

11/12 Veterans Day Concert and Parade

11/14 Pictures Retakes

11/17 Fifth Grade Spelling Bee

11/18 PTO Monthly Meeting @ 3:30PM

11/19 PTO Sponsored: Donuts w/Grownups 2nd-3rd @ 7:30AM

11/21 PTO Sponsored: Nothing Bundt Cakes for Staff

11/21 Character Counts Celebration: Citizenship @ 9AM

11/24-28 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break

Lunch Menu for Week of 10/27

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Nuggets
- Philly Steak Sandwich
- Papa Johns

Tuesday

- Homestyle Mac and Cheese
- Mini Corn Dogs

Wednesday

- Grilled Cheese
- BBQ Chicken Quesadilla

Thursday

- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
- Hot Dog

Friday

- Hamburger
- Cheeseburger
- Cheese Filled Pizza 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.

Veterans Day

Wall of Honor and Concert

HCE is honored to recognize Veterans and active military family members. Please use the template attached to the Week at the Creek post. Once completed, please return the template to your child's teacher. We will create a Wall of Honor in our main hallway.

Our music department is also producing a concert to celebrate our Veterans and active military. Military families are welcome to attend on Wednesday, November 12 at 9AM. Prior to the concert our students will lead our guests through our halls as we parade our service men and women!



ART TO REMEMBER

The yearly Art to Remember fundraiser is here! Students have been working hard on their projects and are ready to show them off! You can visit this link to see our school's art show, and to search by name for a student's work. <https://arttoremember.com/artshow/y6unn5>

These make great personalized holiday gifts! All proceeds go towards our ceramics program and other art supplies for the art classroom! Any orders placed before Wednesday, November 5th will receive free shipping to the school.



Congratulations!

During **Hispanic Heritage Month** HCE held a poster contest! Each classroom researched a country and created a poster to showcase student learning. Our Related Arts teachers judged all of our posters.

Our three winning classes were:
Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Standley!
Winning classes will receive a pizza party!



The HCE garden is growing...

This school year,
Deputy Sally has
partnered with
our PTO and

Liberty Landscape to
create a garden here at HCE. Our PK
students and HawkStars will assist in
keeping this garden. At this time, we have
sunflowers, banana, and strawberries
growing. Throughout additional crops will be
planted and harvested!



The Florida Theatre visits Hickory Creek!

The Florida Theatre, *Theatreworks*, visited Hickory Creek this week! They performed a play that focused on the history of Florida. Our fourth grade students were engaged and enjoyed watching their Social Studies curriculum come alive!



Thank you to the ~~HCE~~ PTO for funding this experience!



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.

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.

Please visit our site regarding school access:
<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>



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 SJCS

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.



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](#).

You're invited to a Halloween event

TRUNK OR TREAT

HOSTED BY SENIOR WOMEN AND JUNIOR LADIES



WEDNESDAY **OCTOBER 29TH** 5:30 - 7:30 PM

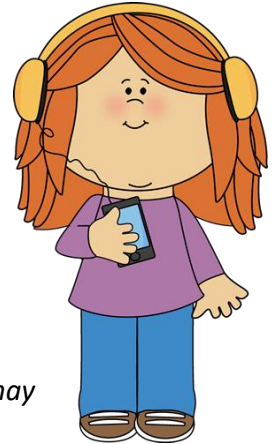
BARTRAM TRAIL AUDITORIUM PARKING LOT
7399 LONGLEAF PINE PKWY



DRESS UP IN YOUR BEST COSTUME AND JOIN US FOR TREATS, GAMES,
AND A NIGHT OF SPOOKY FUN!

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](#)

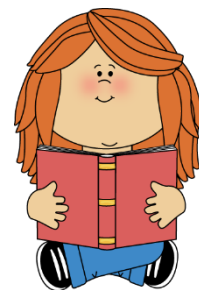
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