



Week at the Creek

February 16, 2026

Hawk Families,

We need your input regarding school improvements. Please take a moment to complete our [Needs Assessment Survey](#). The information collected will be used to plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

Our School Advisory Committee has developed the following incentives:

- 150 completed surveys = HAT DAY
- 250 completed surveys = PJ DAY
- 350 completed surveys = 15 minutes of extra recess

All feedback is anonymous and we welcome families to share positive experiences as well as suggestions for improvement.

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



February

- 2/15 School Resource Officer Appreciation Day
- 2/16 NO SCHOOL: President's Day
- 2/17 SPMS Rising 6th Grade Night
- 2/25 PTO Sponsored: Donuts w/Grownups @ 7:30AM
- 2/25 SPIRIT NIGHT at Firehouse Subs! 2PM-9PM
- 2/27 Denim and Diamonds Soiree @ 5:30PM
- 2/27 Character Counts Celebration: Caring @ 9:00AM

March

- 3/1-3/31 Women's History Month
- 3/3 SAC Monthly Meeting @ 4:00PM
- 3/1-3/10 Book Fair
- 3/6 Night of the Arts @ 5PM
- 3/10 SUPER Fun Run (Schedule TBD)
- 3/10 PTO Monthly Meeting @ 3:30PM
- 3/12 Third Quarter Ends
- 3/13 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Planning Day
- 3/16-3/20 NO SCHOOL: Spring Break
- 3/26 Report Cards Issued
- 3/26 Spring Portraits

Lunch Menu for Week of 2/16

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- NO SCHOOL

Tuesday

- Mac and Cheese
- Mini Corn Dogs

Wednesday

- Grilled Cheese
- BBQ Chicken Quesadilla

Thursday

- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
- Hot Dog

Friday

- Hamburger
- Cheeseburger
- Pizza Cheese Sticks



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

HCE Lunch Visits

February 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 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.

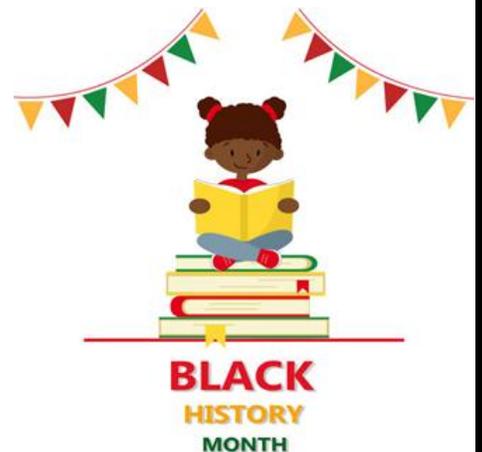
2025-26 Hickory Creek Parent SAC Survey



Black History Month

In addition to our State Standards and curriculum materials, Hickory Creek will celebrate Black History Month throughout the month of February.

- **Door contest:** Each classroom will identify a Black American that has contributed to the area(s) of science, arts, literature, technology, and/or invention. Students will do the research, and classroom doors will be decorated with student work.
- **Black History Month Morning Announcements:** Every day we will read a quote regarding resiliency, respect, and/or achievement.
- **Chorus Concert:** Our chorus is organizing a concert, *Heart and Soul vol. 2*. All songs performed are composed/performed by a Black artist.
- **Media Center:** Our Media Specialist showcases and reads books written by black authors all month long!





GET READY FOR A FUN
FILLED NIGHT AT HCE



DENIM & DIAMONDS



SOIRÉE

February 27

AT 5:30 PM



This inclusive, school-wide event is open to all Hickory Creek Elementary students (PK-5) and their families.

Enjoy music, dancing, a photo booth, light snacks, and refreshments. Denim and sparkle are encouraged but not required.



Tickets are limited and available while supplies last. Proceeds support pto-funded programs and enrichment throughout the school year.

 LINK



HICKORY
CREEK
ELEMENTARY
PTO



4TH & 5TH GRADE
**DONUTS
WITH
GROWNUPS**

WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 25TH
7:30AM



Register by
2/23

FOR MORE INFO
www.hcepto.org

Register Bit.ly/HCEDonuts4and5

**PLEASE LIST ALL ADULT ATTENDEES' FIRST
AND LAST NAMES ON YOUR REGISTRATION.**

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/>

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MEDIA CENTER CORNER

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

Search library
catalog here:



View Instructional
Materials 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.*

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](#).

Birthday Celebrations at Hickory Creek Elementary

We constantly monitor allergy needs and concerns throughout our building. We LOVE celebrating our students, but to ensure the safety and well-being of all, food items to celebrate birthdays will not be allowed effective January 5, 2026. We encourage non-food items such as small party favors, bookmarks, pencils, etc. If a food item is sent in, we will hold it in the front office for pick up. Please reach out to your child's teacher for additional ideas on how to celebrate your child's birthday at school! The safety and health of all students is a priority.



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.



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.

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.*