



Week at the Creek

April 27, 2026

Hawk Families,

This week our 5th grade students had an amazing time at our annual Glow Party. Our students came out in their 90s best and danced the afternoon away. Mrs. Larson and staff learned how to “do the sea lion”. Very interesting.

At HCE we are very blessed to work with amazing staff! Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is coming up! Please refer to page two on this newsletter regarding how you can support PTO as they prepare for the week. There are also themed days scheduled for students to show their appreciation!

As we continue our Progress Monitoring 3 assessments, please know when your child tests. *We will not release students if they begin testing.* Testing information can be found on our [website](#).

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



April

- 4/28 Interim Reports Issued
- 4/30 Kindergarten Field Trip

May

- 5/1 Kindergarten Field Trip
- 5/1 School Principal Appreciation Day
- 5/1 Food Service Appreciation Day
- 5/4-5/8 Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/12 Kindergarten Signing Day
- 5/13 Third Grade Flea Market
- TBD Chorus Concert 6PM
- 5/20 Fifth Grade to Sea World
- 5/22 VPK Promotion Ceremony @ 9AM
- 5/25 NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day
- 5/26 Fifth Grade Promotion @ SPMS
- 5/29 Report Cards Issued
- 5/29 Last Day of School: Early Release @ 1:45PM

Lunch Menu for Week of 4/27

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Slider Biscuit
- French Toast
- Papa Johns Pizza*

Tuesday

- Penne Pasta w/Meatballs
- Penne Pasta w/Marinera Sauce
- Pepperoni Calzone

Wednesday

- Homestyle Chicken Sandwich
- Chicken Nuggets

Thursday

- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
- Hot Dog

Friday

- Hamburger
- Cheeseburger
- Cheese Filled Pizza Snacks



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

HCE Lunch Visits

April 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.

Hickory Creek Elementary
TEACHER APPRECIATION
WEEK MAY 4-8



CRUISE *into Summer*

**MONDAY
TOURIST DAY**

Dress like you just got off the boat and hand out high fives and fist pumps like souvenirs.

**TUESDAY
PIRATE DAY**

Full pirate gear plus a thank-you note. X marks the spot in your teacher's heart.

**WEDNESDAY
WEAR WHITE**

Bring a single flower, a small plant, or a succulent for your teacher.

**THURSDAY
COZY PJ DAY**

Wear your cozy pjs and bring your teacher their favorite snack.

**FRIDAY
HAWAIIAN DAY**

Aloha vibes. Grab something from your teacher's Amazon wish list and finish the week strong.

We can't set sail without you. Donations and volunteers make Teacher Appreciation Week happen. Can **YOU** help?

Volunteer



Donate



Send gift card donations in a sealed envelope addressed to the PTO

BARTRAM TRAIL



JUNE 15-18

8:30-11:30

For Incoming 5th-8th grade girls

- Skill Development
- Technical Training
- Competitive Games

Led by Bartram Trail Coaches and
Players

Location: Back practice fields

QUESTIONS? TEXT COACH RODRIGUEZ

(904) 657-8687



Car Line Dismissal Reminders

Although we are entering the second half of our last quarter for the 25-26 school year, we ask that we continue the same dismissal expectations set on day one of the school year:

Please have your car tag clearly visible. Please drive all the way down to the cul-de-sac and back up into the property gates. **Please make sure the car tag is visible to all staff members helping load students in cars.** **PLEASE BE PATIENT** as load our students, especially our littlest Hawks. **PLEASE DO NOT SKIP IN LINE OR DRIVE AROUND** a stopped car, unless directed to do so by one of our car line staff members.

Please do not park in the Swiss Point Parking Lot to pick up a student. This lot is not our property, and we need permission to use it. Please note parking in this location is considered trespassing.



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/>



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.

MEDIA CENTER CORNER

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

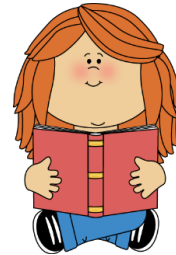
Search library catalog here:



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.*

Absence Excusals

NOW ON PARENTSQUARE

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).

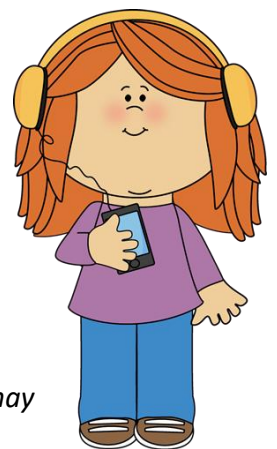
EARLY CHECK-OUTS (for any reason) must be completed by 2:10 (M, T, TH, F) and 1:10 p.m. (W).

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 and ParentSquare.

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.*