



Week at the Creek

May 4, 2026

Hawk Families,

This week we celebrate *Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week* with our staff! Please review ways you can show your appreciation on page two of this newsletter. Our students are blessed to have the best staff working with them! Huge thank you to our PTO as they have scheduled themed days and activities for our staff. This year our appreciation week is "Cruise Into Summer".

Speaking of cruising, our kindergarteners went on their annual cruise this week! They came back excited to report how many dolphins they saw!

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



May

- 5/4-5/8 Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/12 Kindergarten Signing Day
- TBD Third Grade Flea Market
- 5/18 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

August

- 8/6 Meet the Tacher 5:00PM-7:00PM
- 8/7 Meet the Teacher 8:00AM-11:00AM
- 8/10 First Day of School
- 8/10-8/13 Kindergarten Staggered Start
- 8/14 All Kindergarten Students report to class

Lunch Menu for Week of 5/4

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Nuggets
- Loaded Philly Tots
- Papa Johns Pizza*

Tuesday

- Beef Taco
- Chicken Taco
- Grilled Cheese

Wednesday

- Homestyle Mac and Cheese
- Hot Dogs

Thursday

- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
- Mini Corn Dogs

Friday

- Hamburger
- Cheeseburger
- Cheese Filled Pizza Snacks



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

HCE Lunch Visits

May 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

STARS STRIPES and STORIES



The St. Johns County Public Library System (SJCPLS) is excited to announce its "Stars, Stripes, and Stories" 2026 Summer Reading Program beginning May 31 through July 25. Designed to promote educational and family-friendly summer fun, SJCPLS invites the community to visit the library and participate in this year's reading adventure.

Please go to the SJCPLS [website](#) for more information.

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/>



FORTIFYFL
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

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GETFORTIFYFL.COM

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google play

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
fldoe.org

The advertisement features a smartphone displaying the FortifyFL app interface with buttons for 'Report a Tip', 'Call 911', 'My Tips', 'About', and 'Settings'. Logos for St. Johns County, Florida Department of Education, and the app itself are also present.

HAC

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](#)

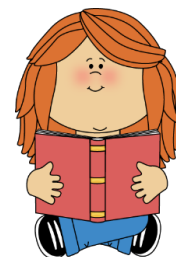
Search library catalog here:



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

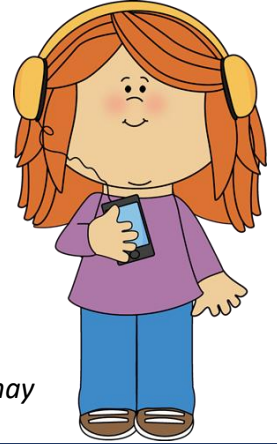
by 2:10 (M, T, TH, F) and 1:10 p.m. (W).

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.*