Week at the Creek

November 2, 2026

Hawk families,

We continue to have fun here at the creek! This week we had pumpkin experiments, planted pumpkins, had a scientist visit, had fall centers, and had our annual Character Parade! The gloomy weather didn't keep us from having fun!

This month we will celebrate our Veterans. If you, or a loved one, have served, or are currently serving our military please come out on Friday, November 13th for a Veterans Day ceremony. We will begin will a flag ceremony and then our chorus will perform in the cafeteria. Please review the attachment for more information on how to RSVP for this event!

Our annual musical has been announced and audition information will be shared shortly. This year our Hawks will perform Disney's The Little Mermaid!

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/.

HCE Administration



November

11/3 PTO Meeting @ 3:30PM
11/11 NO SCHOOL: Veterans Day
11/12 Interim Reports Issues
11/13 Veterans Day Flag Ceremony/Chorus at 8:45AM
TBD Picture Retakes
TBD Auditions for The Little Mermaid
11/18-11/20 Field Day: Gobble Games
11/20 Character Counts Celebration: Citizenship 9AM
11/20 PTO Sponsored: Popcorn/Caramel Apples for Staff
11/23-11/27 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break

December

12/1 PTO Monthly Meeting @ 3:30PM
12/8 SAC Meeting Quarterly Meeting @ 3:30PM
12/8 Chik Fil A Spirit Night: Holiday Tree
12/14-12/18 PTO Holiday Shoppe
12/17 Winter Concert 6PM
12/18 PTO Sponsored: Staff Cookie Exchange
12/18 Second Quarter Ends
12/18 EARLY RELEASE
12/21-1/1 Winter Break

January

1/1-1/4 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break
1/5 Classes Resume

Lunch Menu for Week of 11/2

Breakfast is $1.75; Lunch $3.25

Monday
- Crispy Chicken Nuggets
- Pepperoni Calzone
- Papa Johns

Tuesday
- Mac and Cheese
- Hot Dog

Wednesday
- Chicken Sandwich
- Grilled Cheese

Thursday
- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
- Mini Corn Dogs

Friday
- Hamburger or Cheeseburger
- Cheese Pizza Sticks



Please visit our cafeteria's site for more information regarding our Café Policies.

HCE Lunch Visits

November Lunch Visits

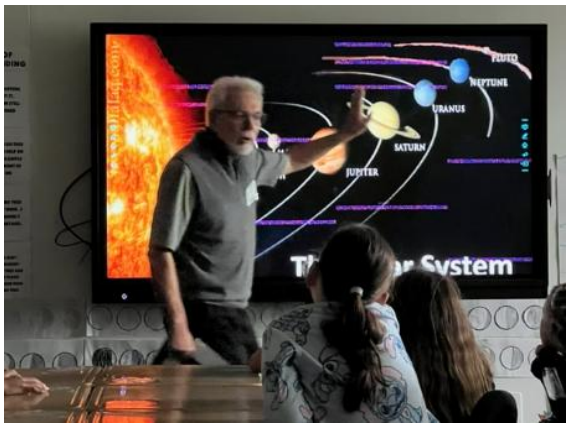
Please note that there are NO photos or videotaping allowed in our cafeteria. Some students are on a do not photograph list. Please honor this request. Additionally, you will sit with your student(s) at the guest table.

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/ .

Please follow the directions on the HCE Lunch Visit sign up.

We look forward to your visit.

Scientist Visit!



Scientist Bo Gustafson, from the University of Florida Astronomy Department visited some of our fourth graders this week! The students were very engaged as our guest scientist went into more depth on their current science unit: The Earth in Space.

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 Friday, November 13 at 9AM. Prior to the concert our students will pledge allegiance to our flag by our flagpole and then cheer our guests through our halls as we parade our service men and women!



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.

Hickory Creek Elementary

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A limited number of yearbooks have been ordered and may not be available later, so please reserve your copy today.
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No cash, checks, or money orders will be accepted at the school. / *¡Pedidos en línea solamente! No se aceptarán efectivo, cheques ni giros postales en la escuela.*

Parents, please note the proceeds from yearbooks may be used towards students, faculty, staff, volunteers, incentives, supplies, rewards and other items. A portion of these proceeds benefits your child's school.
Padres, por favor, tenga en cuenta que los ingresos de los anuarios pueden usarse hacia estudiantes, profesores, personal y incentivos yo recompensas. Una parte de las ganancias beneficia la escuela de su hijo.

Leonard's

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Fiona, Donkey, and Pinocchio will visit HCE on Wednesday, 11/4!



Communication with Teachers

Please avoid emailing our teachers during instructional time. Our teachers are not checking email during this time, because they're focused on teaching. If you need help immediately, please call our front desk reception (904)547-7451. If it is not an emergency, please note that your student's teacher will get back as soon as possible. Please note it can take up to 48 hours for a response, especially on weekends. We ask that all transportation changes be reported to our front desk via our DISMISSAL CHANGE FORM. Our reception keeps a list and calls all classrooms beginning at 2pm with transportation changes. Please follow the HCE Parent Communication Flowchart for all other communication needs.





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 2:00 (M, T, TH, F) and 1:00 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.

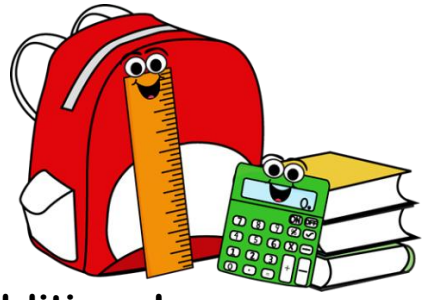
Absences

A note is needed within 48 hours of returning to school stating the cause of the absence. Please use the form on our website.

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.

For a complete list of excused and unexcused absences, refer to the Student Code of Conduct.

Lost and Found



If your student misplaces any clothing item, lunch box, or water bottle the item will be placed at lost and found. We have a lost and found located in our main hallway for clothing items. We have an additional lost and found in the cafeteria for water bottles and lunch boxes. When our lost and found gets crowded, we donate all items to the foster closet. We let you know ahead of time, before donating.

Please note, in order to access our school, you must sign-in to our lobby Raptor System 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. Michelle, our receptionist, can also help.

Please visit the link below regarding school access:
SCHOOL ACCESS/VOLUNTEER APPLICATION



FortifyFL

FortifyFL is a mobile app and web-based tool that allows students, parents, and community members in Florida to anonymously report suspicious activities, potential threats, or safety concerns related to schools. The app immediately forwards these reports to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials for rapid response.

Cell Phones and Other Wireless Devices*

Student Use: 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.*