

Adventure 13 Log 5

October 6, 2015



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 10/08 Individual Photos
- 10/09 Family Night Out
Movie Night 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- 10/19 Planning Day-NO SCHOOL
- 10/20 SAC Meeting
School Improvement Plan
Presentation

OASIS NEWS

Ice Cream
On FRIDAYS!

Breakfast and Lunch
menus rotate every two
weeks.

To view menus,
go to
www.stjohns.nutrislice.com

Variety of healthy snacks
available for purchase each
day!

Our Mission:
Making positive
contributions to
society by expanding
minds to explore our
expanding world.

Ms. McMandon's Message

Greetings Durbin Creek Families,

We are quickly approaching the end of the first quarter of fun in learning here at DCES. I want to continue to send my gratitude and thanks for all of the support that the students and teachers receive daily from parents for all of the hard work they are putting forth.

Please mark your calendar for a couple of upcoming events. Durbin Creek's Family Night Out will take place this Friday, October 9th from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. The Book Fair will be open from 6:00-8:30 that evening in the Media Center, as well as the opportunity for families to get fit together with a fitness obstacle course sponsored by DCES' Girls on the Run. The evening will conclude with a showing of "Hotel Transylvania" beginning at 7:30. Please join me and other DCES families for this worthwhile event.

Teacher Planning Day is coming up on October 19th. Parents of 3rd-5th grade students, please take a look at your child's Home Access Center for the latest updates to their grades. If you are in need of HAC access, please contact Sue Gould, DCES Data Operator.

Our next SAC meeting will be held October 20th at 3:30 in the Oasis. I will be presenting our school's School Improvement Plan (SIP) at this meeting. If you are interested in learning about the goals we have set for Durbin this school year, please feel free to join us for this meeting.

Lastly, I wanted to touch base with families in regard to joining students in the Oasis for lunch. We have experienced several occasions where parents are joining their children and wanting other children to join them at the "overflow" tables, as well as parents taking pictures with their phones in the Oasis. Please help me ensure the safety and well-being of all of our students by not inviting additional students to eat with you and your child, or taking photographs in the Oasis. The Oasis is a "phone-free" environment with the exception of special events. This will undoubtedly increase the safety of all students here at Durbin.

Again, many thanks for everything you do to make DCES the best!

Sincerely,
Sandra McMandon, Principal

SPECIAL ELECTION November 3rd

Please go to the following link to view Dr. Joyner's video addressing the district's finances and the Special Election regarding the Half Cent Sales Tax.

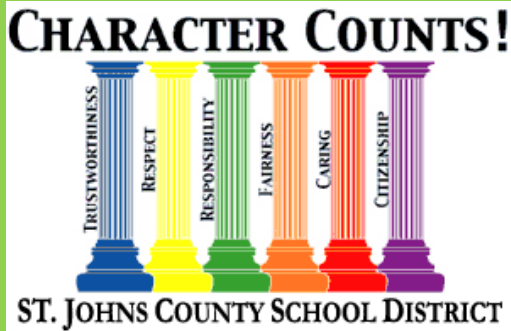
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PENUT AWARE!

LIVE SAFE

SEVERAL STUDENTS HERE AT DURBIN CREEK ELEMENTARY HAVE ALLERGIES TO PEANUTS AND OR TREE NUTS. REACTIONS CAN RANGE FROM MILD TO SEVERE AND MAY EVEN BECOME FATAL. WE NEED YOUR HELP IN PROVIDING THE SAFEST ENVIRONMENT POSSIBLE FOR THESE CHILDREN. PLEASE BE MINDFUL AS YOU PLAN LUNCHES, SNACKS AND TREATS.

October
Pillar of Character
RESPONSIBILITY



Pillars of Fairness for September

5th Grade

Ava Barrow
Joshua Fleck
Skylar Jones
Taylor Getzan

Karney
Bostic
Sallas
Reynolds

2nd Grade

Gavin Cole
Rachel Ball
Jordan Allen
Christian Barrow
Jayden Weatherly

Pounder
Jones
Rickerson
Thomas
Ortagus

4th Grade

Christian Obregon
Dominic Bolzau
Ashley Butler
Avery Robinson
Brady Clark

Bird
Couch
Atwood
Doughtry
Bowen

1st Grade

Tyler Blumberg
Caroline Edwards
Zoe Henzler
Emmett Brough

Campbell
Wheeler
Roberts
Painter

3rd Grade

Jeremy Delos Reyes
Allison Walker
Ayden Mazzoni
Max Askew
Tanner Holtz

Hart
Williams
Morrison
Paget
Larese

Kindergarten

Ella Davis
Charli DeHaven
Peyton Harpel
Marc Therrien
Dawn Speer

Stanton
Draper
Kaye
Candamio
Markle

Helping Your Child Succeed on Florida Standard Assessments

Plan to attend an informational meeting
for families of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students

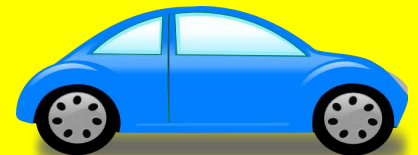
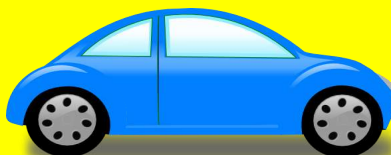
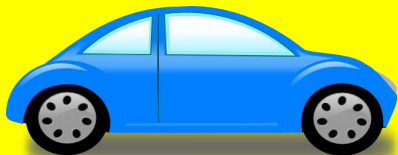
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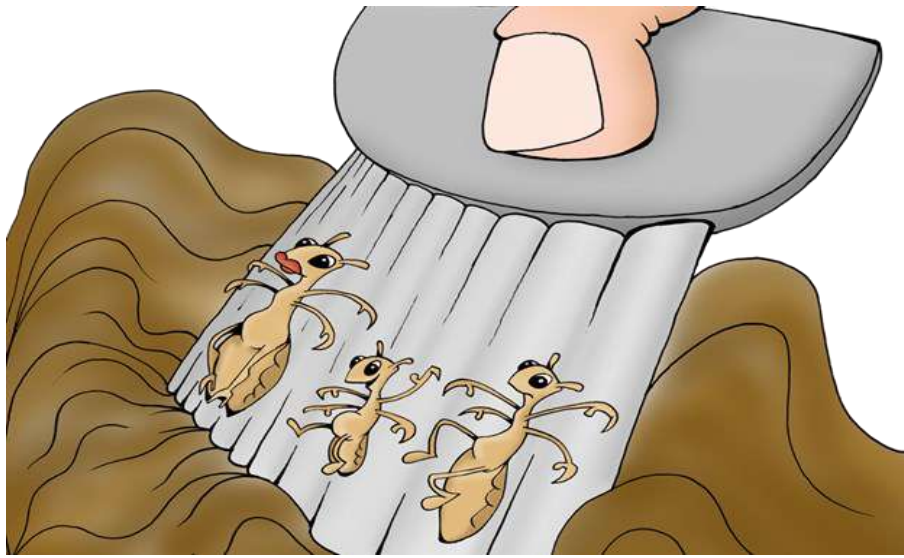
Thursday, October 15th, Osceola Elementary School
Tuesday, October 20th, Ocean Palms Elementary School
Thursday, October 22, Southwoods Elementary School
Tuesday, October 27, Mill Creek Elementary School
Thursday, October 29th, Timberlin Creek Elementary School
Thursday, November 5, Patriot Oaks Academy

Dismissal Changes

If your child will be going home from school a different way than usual, please send an email to: dcesnotifications@stjohns.k12.fl.us BEFORE 2:15 p.m. (1:15 p.m. on Wednesdays).

Please be sure to copy the teacher on your email. **We cannot accept verbal changes from students, nor changes from a parent by phone.**





ALL OUT COMB OUT!!!

Head Lice-If you don't get'em out, you still got'em!

A head louse is a tiny, wingless insect that can attach to a person's hair, where it feeds on tiny amounts of blood drawn from the scalp. Lice, while creepy, aren't dangerous and they don't spread disease. Anyone and everyone can get them. They are super annoying but with a positive attitude, an effective treatment and comb out, they aren't really a big deal.

Think Prevention! Check your child's head weekly!! Early detection makes the whole process easier. Make sure you talk to your kids about preventing lice and help them understand that it can happen to anyone.

Avoid head-to-head contact with others.

Do not share combs, brushes, hair ties, hats, etc.

Do not lie on bedding, pillows, or carpets that have RECENTLY been used someone with lice.

St. John's County School District has a NO NIT POLICY. After the anti-lice treatment be sure to comb out all nits. This is very important to ensure that treatment is effective. Combing the nits out can be a time consuming process but it's worth the time spent. Also continue to check your child's head and comb throughout the hair for nits for the next 10 days. We can work together on this issue. YOU GOT THIS! Contact Nurse Tabitha with any questions or concerns at 904-547-8552.

Some Facts!!

Head lice are about the size of a sesame seed.

They feed on human blood.

Head lice do not live on your pets.

They can only live 24 hours off of the human host.

They leave an itchy feeling like a mosquito bite.

Each head louse can lay up to 10 nits (eggs) a day.

NOTICE

St. Johns County School District prohibits discrimination against students, employees and applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, ethnicity, national origin, marital status, disability, political or religious beliefs, national or ethnic origin and political beliefs.

In accordance with the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act 20 U.S.C. § 7905, the School Board shall not deny equal access to District facilities or discriminate against the Boy Scouts of America or any youth group listed in Title 36A patriotic society.

The St. Johns County School District Board Policy 2.16 contains the grievance procedure related to harassment and discrimination for employees, students, and applicants.

If you believe that you have been harassed or discriminated against contact the
School Administration

Or

A member of the Equity Committee

Equity Committee Members

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A copy of Policy 2.16 can be found at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us Rules and Policies or at each school location including the District Office at 40 Orange Street

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