

# *Hickory Creek Elementary School*

## *HAWKS' NEST*

*"First we love them, then we teach them"*

Dr. Paul Goricki, Principal

Marcela Knight, Asst. Principal



### **From the Principal's Desk**

**February 28, 2014**

#### **Sounds from the Aerie**

#### **Final Opportunity to respond to 2014 Parent Needs Assessment Survey**

Hickory Creek's School Advisory Council is grateful to the 321 parents who have responded to this year's school survey. Our parents' thoughts and ideas will be a primary focus as we develop the school improvement plan for the coming year. If you have not yet completed the survey, there is still time. Just click <http://www-hce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> now! The needs assessment will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Thank you, parents for your continued active involvement in the life of your children at school. Your participation makes a difference!

#### **2014 Battle of the Books Team prepares for Championship Trophy**

Congratulations to the members of Hickory Creek's 2014 Battle of the Books team, who earned this privilege by demonstrating an aptitude for reading and remembering specific content information from the Florida Sunshine State Readers. Under the direction of Media Specialist Michaeleen Chalut, these students will compete with other school teams from St. Johns County in the coming Battle of the Books contest. Hickory Creek's teams have performed very well in the past, recently winning three times in succession, the only school to ever do so. We are very proud of these avid readers and we know they will compete well!

Sydney Sylvester 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Amelia Werle 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Kaitlin Hayes 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sammy Preffer 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Manos Gandepelli 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Emily Steinkamp 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (alternate)

Maggie Bennett 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (alternate)

#### **First Graders successful in portraying Famous Americans & Symbols**

Recently, Hickory's seven 1<sup>st</sup> Grade classes delighted and informed students, parents and guests by portraying famous Americans and American symbols. The many historical figures and symbols the audience met included G. Washington, A. Lincoln, MLK Jr, Betsy Ross, the American flag and the U.S. dollar and quarter.

Congratulations to our first graders for their achievements in learning so much about our national culture. Thank you, teachers and students for sharing your learning with us!

### **Did you know..**

that 11 eighth graders from Switzerland Point Middle School work as aides with Hickory Creek classroom and resource teachers every week? This service elective is a new collaborative initiative between HCE and SPMS. It's great to see the leadership and service these young people are contributing to others!

### **Coming Up!**

March 4th and 6th are HCE Book Fair Family Nights from 4-7, make plans to join us!

### **St. Johns County School District Media Release January 27, 2014**

The St. Johns County School District (SJCS D) will hold pre-registration for children entering kindergarten and students new to St. Johns County and/or public schools on Wednesday, March 12 from 1-5 p.m.; Thursday, April 17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; and Tuesday, May 6 from 1-5 p.m.

To be eligible for public kindergarten in St. Johns County, children must be 5 years old on or before September 1 and must reside in St. Johns County. To register for first grade, children must be 6 years old on or before September 1 and have documentation of successful completion of kindergarten.

Parents must register children at the school where they are zoned for the 2014-2015 school year. Three proofs of residency must be provided such as a current mortgage statement, lease or rent agreement and two other forms of residency documentation such as a current electric bill, car registration and/or driver's license. Additional information on residency and guardianship as well as a link to the Attendance Zone Locator can be found on the website at [www.stjohns.k12.fl.us](http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us) under "Featured Links."

Florida law requires any student entering a Florida school for the first time to show proof of required immunizations documented on the HRS Form 680. Proof of a physical examination that has been obtained within one year prior to enrollment in school is also required. Physical examinations can be performed by either a private physician or by the county health department.

Voluntary Pre-kindergarten (VPK) pre-registration will also take place at select schools on the above dates and times. Children applying for the VPK program must be 4 years old on or before September 1. The SJCS D offers full day VPK at the following locations: The Webster School, John A. Crookshank, Cunningham Creek, Ketterlinus, Otis Mason, Mill Creek, Ocean Palms, Osceola, PVPV/Rawlings, South Woods, Timberlin Creek and Wards Creek elementary schools. For additional information on the SJCS D VPK program, please contact Early Childhood Services at 547-4899.

Students can be registered during the spring and summer for the 2014-2015 school year, however; parents are encouraged to register during the designated dates above so that schools can adequately prepare for the new school year. Additional information regarding registration and school attendance zones may be obtained from the Student Services Office at 547-7598.

### **Gifted Parent Advisory**

The Gifted Parent Advisory Council meets four times per year to inform the school district about ways in which we can improve our efforts in serving our gifted students.

The next Gifted Parent Advisory Council meeting will take place March 25th from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Media Center of Ocean Palms Elementary School.

## JANUARY 2014 RESPECT

### KINDERGARTEN

Deliazard	Kaley Farhat	Kate Gullison
Densmore	Samantha Davies	Patrick Michael
Goselin	Kyriaki Carr	Andrew O'Connell
Kruse/Fillingane	Addie Netzley	Grant Manassaram
Stephens	Tyler Halstead	Alexis Feldman
Williams/Howes	Cohan Stryke	Beckam Stryke

### FIRST GRADE

Andreoni	Nicholas Kelly	Harrison Woodcock
Eads	Austin Pankey	Parker Morton
Lewis	Andrew Barrett	Advaita Pollepalli
McGill	Abigail Brown	Dylan Murray
Tees	Kaiya Borgert	Joshua Saunders
Watters	Elle Hatcher	Nicky Fields
Young	Wyatt Dean	Mikala Jewett

### SECOND GRADE

Connelly/Littlefield	Max Ciric	Jackie Rebeor
Culbreth	Allison Salter	Nicholas Cardenas
Ford	Charlie Solloway	Taylor Smith
Hawkins	Gracie Caldwell	Audrey Hollobaugh
Miller	Madilyn Lewis	Will McGonagle
Naft	Landon Madden	Daniel Skraba
Skinner	Landen Rauch	Rebecca Butler

### THIRD GRADE

Begley/Guthmiller	Sophia Moyer	Sarah Samples
Bowden	Cullen LeCalsey	Lily Oliver
Itner	Julian Tyler	John Hermann
Lee/Chris	Gwyn Williams	Haley Evans
Slate	Abby Bell	Manas Gandepalli
Vara	Caleb Feng	Hunter Lewis
Wood/Hall/Mecke	Robert Goodman	Melania Carrigan

### FOURTH GRADE

Davis	Alexa Rodriguez	Sully Brown
Love	Michaela Brown	Anuraag Gandepalli
Moody	Jake Murphy	Natalia Zablah
Neel	Alec Alt	Sydney Everett
Olson/Libers	Landon Creamer	Vanessa Guiel
Valentin	Sunnie Weiss	Jessica Tanner

### FIFTH GRADE

Benes/Bean	Logan Howard	Brooke Arnold
Campbell	Peter Goricki	Whitney Norris
Cowherd	Katie Kelsey	Joey Frisch
Dimon	Jaden McBride	Connor LeCalsey
Grainger	Harper Yarkovich	Joshua Pantano
Rice	Sydney Herbst	Keegan Bedell

### EXTENDED DAY

Bright	Tanner Hendrix	Alex Nieto-Thrift
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## PTO News

**Spring Carnival is March 28th, 4-7 pm.** Come join us for fun, food and prizes to support this wonderful PTO fundraiser!

Admission for adults and children under 2-years-old is free. Wristbands entitle children to unlimited bounce houses and games. Wristbands available for \$10/each until spring break. Pre-order sales will continue until March 27th for \$12/each, \$15 at the door. Food certificates and raffle tickets are available at extra cost. Please log onto the PTO website: <http://hcepto.org> to reserve your tickets.

We really need your support and can't do this without your help. Volunteers are needed to help donate items and to help set up. The most CRUCIAL NEED is for volunteers to work an hour shift at the carnival. We will have many games, booths, bounce houses, concession stand, etc.. and need adults at each station for the entire carnival. Middle and High School students can also volunteer and earn hours. Flyers with more information on the carnival will be sent home soon. You can access the volunteer sign ups now by clicking on the following links:

Adult Volunteer Sign Up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448A5AA2BA64-20142>

Student Volunteer Sign Up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448A5AA2BA64-20143>

Items Needed for Carnival: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448A5AA2BA64-items>

## Congratulations to our Top Winners

Ms. Deliazard Kindergarten	901
Ms McGill 1st Grade	378
Ms Miller 2nd Grade	2534
Ms Wood and Ms Itner (same amount per class) 3rd Grade:	792
Ms Davis 4th Grade	817
Ms Turnipseed 5th Grade	1080

Overall school total for Labels for Education 3332 = 3332 points

Overall school total for Box Tops: 15869 = \$1586.90

Overall school total for Tyson Labels: 139 = \$33.36

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH:

The PTO would like to recognize Tammy Woodcock as the February Volunteer of the Month. Tammy is one of the hardest working volunteers at Hickory and helps out in so many ways. Tammy is always willing to give her time to help and has stepped up to chair several events this year. She was in charge of the Math Night and Spaghetti dinner last fall, she ran the recent Chili Cook Off, and is one of the co-chairs for the upcoming Spring Carnival. You will see Tammy's name on almost every volunteer sign up. She helps with the book fairs, serves as a proctor, and helps with many other school and PTO functions. In addition, she volunteers every Monday and Tuesday in Ms. Andreoni and Ms. Culbreth's classrooms. Tammy also owns her own wedding business that provides wedding planning and florals. Thank you Tammy for all you do!!!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The book fair will run from [2/28-3/11](#). If you can volunteer to work a shift, please sign follow this link to sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448A5AA2BA64-book1>

\*\*\*Remember, you can view all active volunteer sign ups under the volunteer tab at [hcepto.org](http://hcepto.org)

## **School News**

### **Café Price Changes**

There will be a few new prices in the café beginning March 3, 2014. The prices have changed for the following products.

Baked Fries	\$1.00
Cookie	\$ .35
Baked Chips	\$ .95
Fruit Roll-ups	\$ .75
Individual Entrée Items	\$2.10

### **Lost and Found**

The lost and found in the café is overflowing. If you are in the building for any reason, please take a minute and look for items your student may be missing.

### **Hardship Out-of-Zone Transfers**

A student may be granted a "hardship" transfer when a condition or situation exists that creates an adverse or compelling circumstance or a state of misfortune unique to the student's life or a family's life situation. Relevant documentation must be attached to the Out of Zone Transfer Request. For additional information visit the district website at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/depts/schoolserv/transfers>.

## **Community News**

### **Summer Marine Science Program**

Again this summer, the Marine Science Camp will be held at Pedro Menendez High School with bus transportation to and from the school. Applications can be downloaded from the website prior to April 15th at <http://www.grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us> and click on the Marine Science link. For more information about the program email John Gordon at [gordonj2@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:gordonj2@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

### **Free Smoke Alarms**

The Saint Johns County Fire & Rescue received a grant to install smoke detectors in residential homes in Saint Johns County that are in need of them. The only qualification is that you are a Saint Johns County resident, there are no other qualifications. For further information contact Mike Gallatin at 904-209-1704.

# HICKORY CREEK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

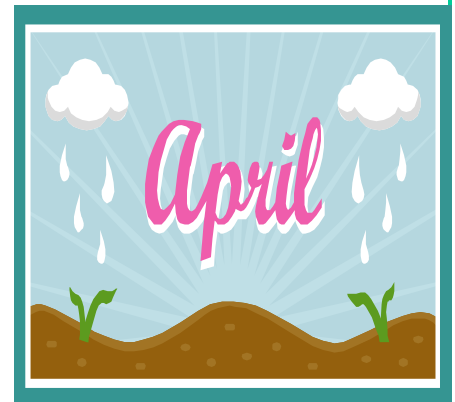
## MARCH

- 4th Book Fair Family Night
- 5th K & 1st Field Day
- 6th 2nd & 3rd Field Day  
Book Fair Family Night
- 7th Character Counts 1:45  
4th & 5th Field Day
- 12th World Market  
Kindergarten Pre-Registration 1-5
- 14th Planning Day No School
- 17th Spring Break
- 24th Classes Resume
- 28th Spring Carnival



## APRIL

- 4th Character Counts 1:45
- 15th & 16th Spring Concert
- 17th Kindergarten Pre-Registration 9-1
- 18th No School
- 29th Play Eads & Watters



## MAY

- 2nd HCE 500 9AM
- 6th Kindergarten Registration 1-5  
Class Pictures
- 9th Character Counts 1:45
- 13th 2nd Grade Play 6:30
- 14th FCAT Party 1:45
- 15th Art Show & Ice Cream Social 6:00
- 19th 6th Grade FCMS Parents Night
- 20th 3rd Grade Regions Play
- 30th 3rd Grade Flea Market

