

# Hickory Creek 2016 - 2017

Welcome to Hickory Creek Elementary School!

First, we love them, then we teach them!

# Hickory Creek's Mission Statement

- ▶ Hickory Creek Elementary School will inspire our students to become confident, motivated, creative, compassionate, responsible learners who persevere and accept new challenges with a heart of character.

# About Hickory Creek Elementary

- ▶ Approx. 650 students
- ▶ Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- ▶ Opened in 2005
- ▶ 45 Instructional Teachers
- ▶ 30 Additional Support Staff
- ▶ 2 Administrators
- ▶ Integrated Visual Arts Program
- ▶ Band
- ▶ Chorus
- ▶ Student Leadership Opportunities



31<sup>st</sup> out of 7,000 Scholastic's world-wide

Reading Under the Stars program

Hickory was named a "Support Music

Merit School" in 2015; only

3 schools in Florida; 150 nation

Regularly Conducts Community Service


Activities - \$982.13 Coins for a Cure;

\$800.00 and pet supplies to S.A.F.E;

100% school contributed to Goodwill's

"Bag It Up"; Children's Hospital

over \$1700.00



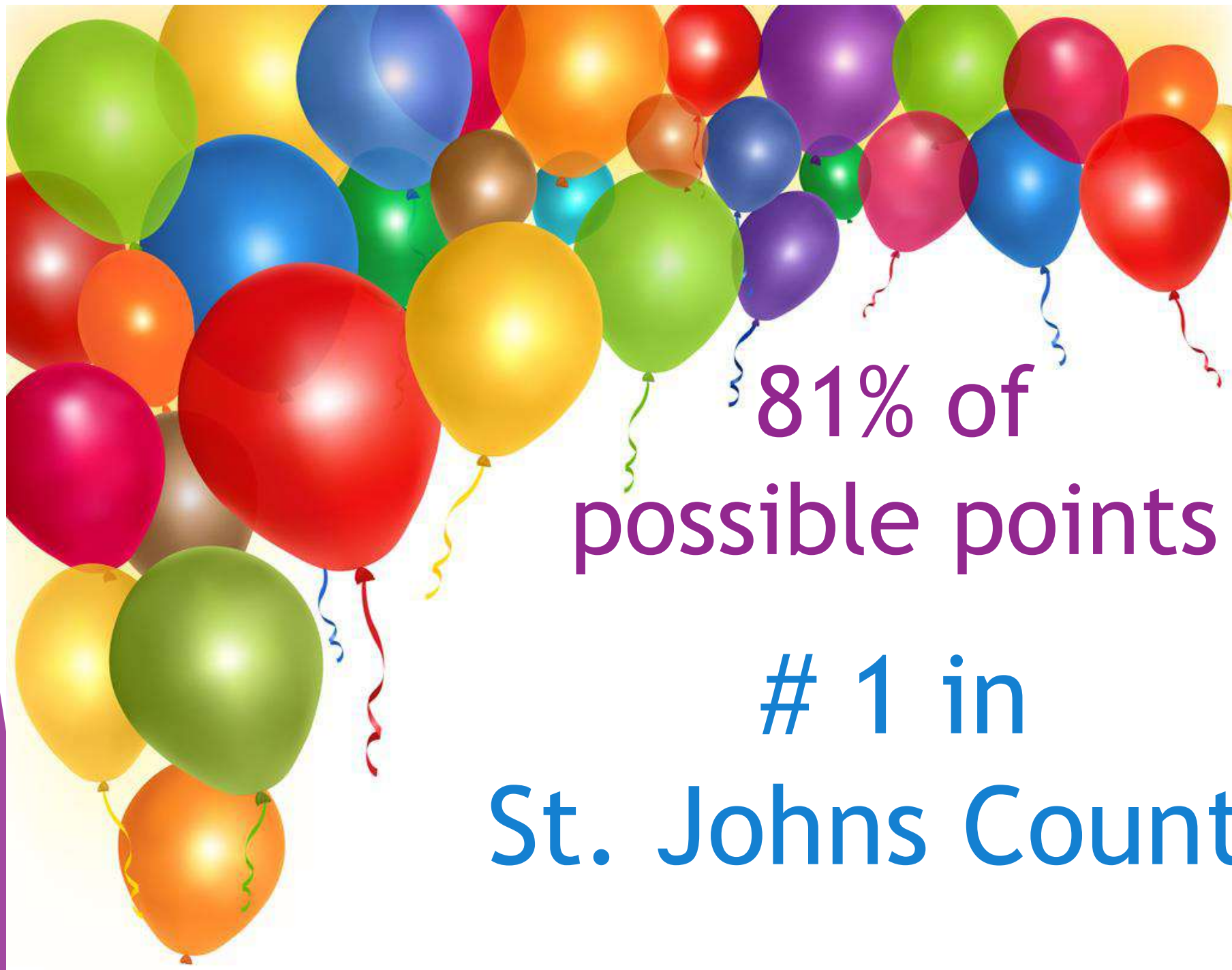
Jill Hillier - Assistant Principal  
Amie Miller - Literacy Coach  
Chris Parker - Cafeteria Manager  
Chris Southworth - Extended Day Coordinator  
John Doolittle - Maintenance Manager  
Kay, Sherry, Ruth - Office Staff  
Coach Mecke, Mrs. Jones, Mrs Gauger, Mrs Chalut, Mrs  
Bloominfeld - Resource Teachers  
Mrs. Palmer - Guidance Counselor  
Michelle Bedell - PTO President

People You May Need to Know  
at Hickory Creek

# Our Data Report Card

## An “A” School since opening in 2005

- ▶ 2014 - 2015 - 247/300 points = 82%
- ▶ 84% Reading    86% Math    77% Science
- ▶ 11% FRL        10% Min
  
- ▶ 2015 - 2016 - 564/700 = 81%
- ▶ 84% Reading    88% Math    79% Science
- ▶ 13% FRL        13% Min
- ▶ 73% LG Reading    64% Low 25 LG Reading
- ▶ 92% LG Math    84% Low 25 LG Math



81% of  
possible points

# 1 in  
St. Johns County

# Testing Bristen's Theory

- ▶ All 7 Reporting Categories for Elementary Schools
- ▶ % of possible Points
  
- ▶ 1. JACKSONVILLE BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- ▶ 2. FREEDOM 7 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
- ▶ 3. MADISON STREET ACADEMY OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS
- ▶ 4. ROBERT L. STEVENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- ▶ 5. MORIKAMI PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- ▶ 6. DR N H JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- ▶ 7. SOMERSET ACADEMY DAVIE CHARTER
- ▶ 8. LINCOLN AVENUE ACADEMY
- ▶ 9. HENRY S. WEST LABORATORY SCHOOL
- ▶ 10. MANATEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- ▶ 11. ARCHIMEDEAN ACADEMY
- ▶ 12. SOMERSET GABLES ACADEMY
- ▶ 13. CURTIS FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTARY
- ▶ **14. HICKORY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

# Of the Top 13...

- ▶ 3 charters
- ▶ 4 choice
- ▶ 6 magnets

## This Means...





2015 - 2016

**#1 PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

# Great Things Continue to Happen

## Last Year

Replaced 3 computer labs full of computers

Added A new reading and writing curriculum K - 5

Added A new playground

Painted the hallways, commons, cafeteria and office area

Added ipad centers in all Kindergarten and First Grade Classes

Expanded Computer Centers in intermediate Classrooms

Added the Quiet Space of our Memorial Garden

## This Year

Finishing our sun sails in the amphitheater

Adding A New Character Counts/Achievement Recognition program called Brag Tags

Adding Friendly Schools Plus which supports students in developing healthy social/emotional relationships at school, raises empathy and decreases bullying

Expanding opportunities for students to receive enrichment and extra instruction through NEST

Added ipad centers to all Second Grade Classes

Expanding Student Community Service Opportunities



# Important Dates to Remember

- ▶ August 30 - Open House for Grades 3 - 5
- ▶ September 1 - Open House for Grades K - 2
- ▶ September 5 - No School
- ▶ September 6 - PTO 1 PM
- ▶ September 12 - Principal's Chat 8:30 and Evening Chat, Dinner & PTO at 6 PM (Topic - School Improvement Plan; Year's Goals)
- ▶ September 12 - Interims Available
- ▶ September 19 - 30 - Readathon
- ▶ September 20 - SAC - 4 PM
- ▶ September 16 - 27 - Book Fair
- ▶ October 21 - Fall Festival 4 - 7 PM



# Ways to Be an AWESOME HAWK Parent

## ► Stay Connected

- Regularly check the school website
- Regularly check Home Access Center (HAC)
- Read school newsletters via email
- Attend as many as you can: PTO meetings and functions, Principal's Chats, SAC (1 hour/month)
- Check you child's planner daily
- Sign up for reminders from Remind.com - hickoryc

## ► Support Hickory

- Box Tops for Education
- Campbell's Labels for Education
- Join PTO (FREE)
- Schoola.com
- Shoparoo App
- Business Partners
- Support PTO Fundarisers and activities



# Important Reminders

## ▶ When Visiting...

- ▶ Application through Keep-n-Track
- ▶ Complete ahead of time
- ▶ Applies to working in classrooms as well as lunch visits, parties and field trips
- ▶ When visiting, we ask you not to drop into other parts of building or drop in unexpectedly into classrooms
- ▶ If need a conference, please just schedule one ahead of time.

## ▶ Arrival and Dismissal

- ▶ Remember to use the far right side for car traffic. Please do not use the overflow parking lot or bus loop of Hickory or Swiss for arrival or pick-up
- ▶ Our learning day begins promptly at 8:30 AM, doors open at 8:05 AM
- ▶ Learning extends all the way through the end of the day, but when early dismissals need to occur, please notify the office no later than 2 PM.

Tonight - First classroom session  
Second Child's classroom

7:00 - 7:30 PM  
7:30 - 8:00 PM

- ▶ Please reach out if I can support your child or your family
  - ▶ 547-7453 office
  - ▶ [Bethany.groves@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Bethany.groves@stjohns.k12.fl.us)
- ▶ We look forward to partnering with
  - ▶ You to help your child be their very best!
- ▶ THANK YOU FOR COMING!
- ▶ Have an AWESOME YEAR!

