

Hickory Creek Elementary School

HAWKS' NEST

"First we love them, then we teach them"

Dr. Paul Goricki, Principal



From the Principal's Desk

Hickory Creek Students perform very well on 3rd Grade FCAT Assessments

Congratulations, third grade students and teachers, on your great performance on this year's FCAT Reading and Math Assessments: Ninety-two percent (92%) of Hickory Creek's Third Graders scored at Level 3 and Above in Reading, twenty (20) points above the state average of 72 and seven (7) points above the district average of 85. Corinne Albano and Julia Goricki earned perfect reading scores.

Eighty-nine percent (89%) of Hickory Creek's Third Graders scored at Level 3 and Above in Math, eleven (11) points above the state average of 78 and two (2) points above the district average of 87. Ten students earned perfect FCAT Math scores:

Corinne Albano	Ralph Eubanks	Andrew Goldsmith
Alyssa Goodyear	Tarynn Kaelin	Jacob Saarela
Nicole Sowell	Sophia Stachowiak	Sean Trawick
Rachel Turner		

We thank our talented teachers and supportive parents for the tremendous job they are doing everyday in helping our students reach their fullest learning and social potential. Coming soon... 4th Grade FL Writes and the 4th and 5th Grade FCAT Reading and Math scores!

Third Grade Shakespeare and Band & Chorus Performances sparkle;

See the Stars shine at Wednesday's 2010 Variety Show

Third Grade Shakespearean actors delivered powerful performances in Mrs. Love's recent class production of Shakespeare's romantic comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream". The student players did a great job of immersing themselves in their roles. It was great seeing them appreciate the timeless gift of the Bard of Avon.

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Upcoming Events

June 2nd 7:00-9:00pm
Variety Show Performance

June 3rd 9:30am Sally
Industries
Ms. Lurz & Ms. Giuliani

June 4th 9:00am
Flea Market

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Please Remember
Hickory Creek Elementary
is a Peanut Allergy
Awareness School.

Last Thursday night, Mrs. Gauger's Hickory Creek's Chorus and Band members presented an exciting program of songs they have learned this year. The high-energy performance was stirring because the children sang from their hearts.

School Board Member Bev Slough said the HCE Band and Chorus is "awesome".

Hickory Creek is proud to have developed the finest elementary school band in St. Johns County and we are grateful to Director Bob Gauger for his selfless volunteer efforts in making this possible. We love Bob and Rhonda Gauger!

Make plans to see Hickory's stars shine at the 2010 Variety Show at 7 p.m. on Wednesday! The following students will sing, dance, play musical instruments and perform amazing routines:

Alexandria Ausher John and Jake Bennett
Libby Camp

Noelle Carpenter, Cassidy Copeland & Hannah McGonagle, Olivia Glass and Elle Wolcott
Alyssa Goodyear and Julia Goricki
Peter Goricki, Theresa Lee & Landon Luttrell,
Alexa Grubowski, Rose Blumenfeld & Arielle Wajzman, Samantha and Katie Luttrell

Mrs. Moody's and Ms. Contreras Dancers
Chloe Moseley, Anoushka Patel, Blair Register & Julianna Trinkle, Allison Rosch, Shelby Page and Emma Samuels, Charles Scotcher, Anna Warren Smith, Hannah Kelly, Amelia Werle & Emily Williams, Madelyn and Mikayla Thompson, Olivia VanPetten, Ciara Whitchurch, Gracie Walker & Kate Woodruff

I congratulate all of the boys and girls who auditioned for this year's variety show. Time and space limitations determined the number of acts we were able to select. However, all of the acts were impressive. I'll look forward to seeing you on Wednesday night!

Yearbook Dedication

The yearbook dedication to Brandon Jackson, a fifth grader in Mrs. Benes' class, was inadvertently left out of this year's yearbook. Our apologies go out to the Jackson family. Below is the lovely message Brandon's family wrote to him:

Congratulations, Brandon!

We are all so proud of you and only want the best for you. Believe in yourself and you can do anything you set your mind to!

Love you,

Mom, Dad, Ryan, Gavin, and Sandy too.....

Enroll Now for K thru 6th Extended Day

Enrollment for the Hickory Creek Extended Day program is now open to all students. There are a variety of enrichment programs offered to the after school students and special time set aside for homework on a daily basis. Extended Day is offered both before and after school from 6:30am to 6:30pm. Students are permitted in the building any time after 8:10am if they are not in Extended Day. Please contact Cathy Bright, Extended Day Coordinator at 547-7458 or email at brightc@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Yearbooks Are Here!

The yearbook looks great—all color and loaded with cameos, group photos, and pictures of many HCE activities! If you have not yet placed your order, but would like to have this book of memories for your student, you may send a check in the amount of \$25.00 made payable to HCE. When the inventory of yearbooks has been sold, we will not be placing additional orders—get yours now!

Hawks Café Winners for May 28th

Kindergarten: Mrs. Kruse

First Grade: Mrs. Eads

Second Grade: Mrs. Tees

Third Grade: Mrs. Skinner

Fourth Grade: Ms. Ford

Fifth Grade: Mrs. Stephens/ Mrs. Brown

News from the Cafeteria

Starting May 17th your child **MUST** have \$2.00 for lunch and money in their account if they want to purchase any extras. There will be no more charging this year. They will have a soy peanut butter & jelly sandwich for lunch if they do not have lunch money. Just a reminder that any balances left in your student's account will rollover to the next school year. If your child is going to middle school in St Johns County, their balance will go to their middle school. Thank you.

School Supplies for the 2010-11 School Year

Approximately a quarter of our students have elected to purchase next years' school supplies through HCE. This is not a fundraiser for the school. The prices we receive from our vendors are passed on to parents.

Please keep in mind, the cost of the supplies will not include planners or any additional supplemental items teachers may choose to utilize in their classroom. The cost will be as follows:

Kindergarten	\$43.00	Third Grade	\$42.00
First Grade	\$52.00	Fourth Grade	\$66.00
Second Grade	\$45.00	Fifth Grade	\$42.00

Please use the form below to order your school supplies. Orders must be received by Friday, June 18, 2010.

SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDER FORM, 2010-11

Student Name _____

2010-11 Grade Level _____

Please circle grade level packet of your choice

Kindergarten	\$43.00	Third Grade	\$42.00
First Grade	\$52.00	Fourth Grade	\$66.00
Second Grade	\$45.00	Fifth Grade	\$42.00

Make check or money order payable to Hickory Creek Elementary and return to your child's teacher or the front office.

Parents of Rising 6th Graders Zoned to SPMS

This summer please visit the SPMS website at www-raider.stjohns.k12.fl.us for all of the up to date information regarding our summer office location, release of FCAT paper scores to parents, updated Option Verification Letter information, Back to School days, Summer Reading information, School Supplies, etc. Thank you and have a great summer!

PTO News

At the end of the year, Hickory Creek will be collecting & recycling gently used field trip shirts from those who would like to recycle at HCE. In the fall, as we return to school, PTO will have them organized by color and size to be chosen by those who wish to participate in the recycling drive. Of course those who wish to purchase new shirts in the identical style from our supplier may do so online! Just a small effort to be good stewards at HCE!

All students wishing to participate in the Summer Reading Program at Hickory Creek can log on to the HCE website and access the PTO page. Summer Reading record pages can be printed and filled out through the summer. Students should return record pages to their teacher in the fall no later than September 10th. All readers with a completed form will be recognized with a lanyard pin, with additional rewards for top readers.

Community News

2010 Shamrock Soccer Camps

Shamrock Soccer Camps at Flagler College, John Lynch will hold the 10th Annual soccer camps at Flagler Field located on Old Moultrie Road for ages 5 - 14 on June 21 - 25 and June 27 - July 1st and July 4th - 8th for ages 8 - 18. Camps are $\frac{1}{2}$ day, full day and residential. Players will be divided by skill level and age. For more information, contact Coach Lynch at (904) 819-6254 or visit: www.flaglerathletics.com and click on camps or email: lynchj@flagler.edu.

Summer Tutoring Club

Just as continuous practice in sports is critical for an athlete to improve and succeed, continuous practice of reading and math skills over the summer is vital to students' academic success in the next school year. **Tutoring Club** programs begin with a simple assessment and are individualized to meet the specific needs of each student based on the results of that assessment. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Loeser at the Tutoring Club at 230-2855 or stjohnsfl@tutoringclub.com.

High Hoops Basketball Academy Camps at Flagler College

Residential/Commuter Camp

June 10th- 13th

Residential-\$290 Commuter-\$300

Girls entering Grades 5th-12th

Day Camp

July 19th -23rd \$180

Boys and Girls entering Grades K-12 9am-4pm

To register and for more information, please call Coach E at 904-819-6388 or go online to www.flaglerathletics.com for a camp brochure.

2010 Palencia Summer Camps

Free Kids Clinic followed by a pizza party!!!

Call to register by June 4th at 825-4012

All ages welcome!!!

Camp includes video, match play critique, and pool. Campers need to bring a light lunch each day.

Sibling discount: 10% off for 2+ children

CONTACT INFORMATION: PALENCIA PRO

SHOP : 904-825-4012

625-B PALENCIA CLUB DRIVE

ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32095

"Join us in the Centennial Celebration of 40 Orange Street"

On Sunday, October 3, 2010, the St. Johns County School District will celebrate the 100th birthday of the School Board building located at 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida. All past students, employees and community members are invited to be a part of the *"Remembering the Past by Paving the Way to the Future"* Commemorative Brick Walk. The Brick Walk is a great way for you to honor someone who has attended school or worked in this historic building. Current employees and community members are also welcome to be a part of the Brick Walk as they represent the future of excellence in education in St. Johns County.

The bricks are 4" x 8" and are engraved using state-of-the-art laser technology. This tax-deductible donation is \$75. Three lines of 18 characters and spaces are included, or you may add your choice of artwork for an additional \$10. Order now as bricks are limited, and the deadline for orders is July 31, 2010. You will also receive a free miniature replica brick as a keepsake. It makes a great gift! For more information, please call 547-7510 or go to www.stjohns.k12.fl.us.