



THE TORCH

Monday	2-15	No School – President’s Day Holiday
Tuesday	2-16	Day A in the Related Arts Schedule
Wednesday	2-17	Take-Out at Tanks Sushi from 5:00-8:00 pm. Wear School Spirit Attire. Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 1:45. Day B in the Related Arts Schedule
Thursday	2-18	Day C in the Related Arts Schedule
Friday	2-19	Dress Patriotic in Honor of George Washington’s Birthday. Day D in the Related Arts Schedule

Hello Wards Creek Family! There have been questions regarding how the FSA assessment will look this year for our distance learning students. The following is the message from the St. Johns County School District: Florida Department of Education does not allow districts to provide a virtual testing option for the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA), Florida Standards Alternative Assessment (FSAA), or EOC’s for the 2020-2021 school year. According to the state Department of Education, “We are not considering remote proctoring or at-home testing for any of Florida’s K-12 summative or postsecondary assessments in 2020-21”. The Florida Department of Education has in the past stated that by statute, “Participation in the assessment program is mandatory for all school districts and all students attending public schools...”. St. Johns County School District does not have the statutory authority to exempt any student from required, state developed assessments, except as specified in Section 1008.212, F.S. which primarily addresses students with physical impairment or children who have a medical complexity as defined in Section 1008.22(9) F.S.

With the following information regarding the FSA, we would love to have all of our students back in the brick and mortar setting soon.

Spotlight on 2nd Grade:

Second grade is off to a busy start in the third quarter! We are diligently working on counting money, telling time, and math fact fluency. (At home, please remember that flashcards, as well as various online sites, are excellent ways to practice and memorize the necessary addition and subtraction math facts.) Additionally, second graders will be studying weather, rocks, and the U.S. in science and social studies this quarter. In reading, we will be focusing on “wondering” for the next several weeks during our daily and nightly time spent reading. (Please ensure that your child, in preparation for third grade, is reading for a minimum of 20 minutes at home every evening.) As always, the second grade teachers greatly appreciate all that you do at home to help reinforce, practice, and continue the ongoing learning that occurs in the classroom. After all, a strong and consistent bridge between the home and school is required for optimal student success!