



THE TORCH

Monday	5-6	FSA Math for 3 rd -5 th Grade. Related Arts Day D
Tuesday	5-7	FSA Math for 3 rd -5 th Grade. Bookshelf open until 6:00 pm. Related Arts Day E
Wednesday	5-8	Leaders with Character Celebration. Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 1:50. Related Arts Day F
Thursday	5-9	FCAT Science for 5 th Grade. Related Arts Day A
Friday	5-10	FCAT Science for 5 th Grade. Dress Like Your Favorite Animal. Related Arts Day B

Hello Wards Creek Family! This week is our 3rd-5th Grade students will be taking FSA Math. In addition, our 5th grade student will take the FACT Science. We ask for your help in limiting visitors to the school on testing days. We are requesting that no outside volunteers come to the school on these dates to create the best possible testing environment for our students. Thank you for your understanding, as we strive to follow testing guidelines and security measures on these dates.

We are beginning to build classes for next school year. Please complete the parent survey for your input into the placement decision. The link will become live on May 1st and remain until May 20th.

<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=11J8673&Preview=true>

The PTO would like to express how grateful they were for all the donations in creating amazing Spring Baskets. The SLAM Fest/Art Show/Basket drawing was a great success! The Spring event was different from years past. We welcome feedback in the difference and ways to continue to make this a great family event.

Message from the Art Teacher, Julie Stimson: Thank you for helping to make SLAMfest and the Artome Framed Art Showcase a success! This was my first year organizing a framed art show and I never anticipated that we would have such an amazing turn out of volunteers and families. I want to thank Ms. Hinman, our media specialist and our PTO for allowing me to collaborate with them on this event. I also want to thank administration, the front office staff, the maintenance team, and teachers for their support preparing for and promoting the show. A special thanks goes out to my parent, staff, and student volunteers who walked into a very busy cafe the night of May 2nd intending to work a 30 minute shift and ended up staying nearly the entire evening to help. Words cannot express my gratitude. And most importantly, I want to thank the students for sharing their art with us. Seeing their excitement and love for their art makes me very happy and proud. **You can still order your child's framed art online up until May 10th.** www.schoolpay.com/link/httpswwwschoolpaycomlinkArt (entering your child's name, homeroom teacher, and grade are required to order). Julie.Stimson@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Time to order your school supplies for next year. This helps you save time and money when back-to-school shopping. Parents that use EPI school packs save up to 40% compared to the same supplies from a national retailer. Order deadline is June 11th. To order online: www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks
Enter our school code: WAR132
Supplies will be delivered before school starts.
EPI Page:
<http://promotion.educationalproducts.com/packsvideo>

Salaam and Greeting to you! We are taking a trip to Agra-bah this year for our 4th grade production of Aladdin! Tickets are on sale now for both May 16th and May 17th performances. Shows are at 4:30 and 6pm each evening! Tickets are only \$3 each and no tickets will be sold at the door! Please see the attached links on the flier for school pay as that is the only way to purchase tickets. Get them quick as there is only a limited number and be ready to fly away with us on our magic carpet! We hope to see you there!

It's time for yearbook sales to start. We are accepting orders ONLINE ONLY. Please see the attached flyer for more information on how to order. The ONLINE ordering system will be available through May 15th. After that time, yearbooks will not be available. Yearbooks will be delivered the last week of school.

We are extremely excited to announce that many of our K-4th grade students accomplished the Wildly Important Goal of making their individual growth goal in Reading and Math for the I-Ready Assessment. We have a few more make-ups remaining, in addition to all 5th grade students. We couldn't be more proud of the diligent efforts of the students and teachers.

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. See attached for the "Road Trip" our teachers are taking on behalf of the PTO.

Seven Habits Focus: Habit 6: Synergize
Synergy is when two or more people work together to create a better solution than either would have thought of alone.

Spotlight on First Grade:

First grade has finished up our iReady Reading and Math diagnostic tests strong. We did our best and focused so we can show how much we learned this year. We are very excited for our end of the year activities that are coming up, including our last field trip to the Fountain of Youth, STEM activities during the last 2 weeks of school, and our "Living Zoo", in which we will present our animal projects and reports that we have been working on. Most of us have been working hard to earn enough Torch Card points to go to the pool party at the end of the year. We cannot believe that first grade is almost over!

Spotlight on Second Grade:

Second graders are busy this quarter! Students are enjoying our study of life cycles in Science. We are anxiously awaiting the emergence of our butterflies! They are now in the pupa stage. For SLAM, second graders are all coloring a "quilt piece" in response to the book we read, The Keeping Quilt by Patricia Polacco. We are also looking forward to our year-end celebration trip to Bowl America!