



Week at the Creek

Week of March 27, 2023

Hawk Families,

This week's edition of Week at the Creek is full of information! First, we would like to thank our wonderful PTO for the donation to upgrade our HCE marquee. The digital sign looks fantastic and provides another opportunity to communicate with our community...THANK YOU!

This week we kick off our Spring Book Fair. Please go to page 3 of this newsletter for more information. Speaking of books... this week our Battle of the Books team competes against other elementary schools in St. Johns County. If you would like to tune in and cheer them on from home, please review page 7 for information on how you can participate.

This week we will also share ticket information for Aladdin, Kids! Our cast is working so hard...we can't wait to share their talent with you!

Looking forward to another week at the creek!

Yvette Cubero-Gonzalez



March

- 3/13-3/17 NO SCHOOL: Spring Break*
- 3/28 Report Cards Issued
- 3/28 Battle of the Books
- 3/29 Family Shopping Night at our Book Fair 3:30PM-6:00PM
- 3/29-4/5 Spring Book Fair
- 3/31 Spring Individual Pictures
- 3/31 Character Counts Celebration: Trustworthiness

April

- 4/7 NO SCHOOL
- 4/10 NO SCHOOL
- 4/12-4/14 Aladdin, Kids Show Week

* Spring Break Office Hours: M-Th 8:00AM-3:15PM

LUNCH MENU

Breakfast is \$1.25, and Lunch is \$2.80

Monday

- Chicken Biscuit OR
- French Toast

Tuesday

- Pasta with Meatballs OR
- Chicken Nuggets

Wednesday

- Chicken Sandwich OR
- Pepperoni Calzone

Thursday

- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza OR
- Mini Corndogs

Friday

- Hamburger OR
- Cheese Sticks



HCE Lunch Visits

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Please know that to participate you **MUST** be a cleared volunteer. If you have not had a chance to fill out our access form, please do so now at:

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>.

Please follow the directions on the HCE Lunch Visit sign up. Re-enter the building through the glass doors once you are ready to have your student join their class. Once your student has joined their class, please sign out in the front office.

We look forward to your visit.



HCE PTO NEWS



CALLING ALL

**HCE
FAMILY OWNED
BUSINESSES!**

The Hickory Creek Elementary
PTO Partners in Education
Program is an amazing way to
support our students while
offering a smart advertising
opportunity for your business.

[HCEPTO.ORG/PARTNERS](https://hcepto.org/partners)

Without our donors, parents & volunteers, it would be impossible for the PTO to continue to offer support to HCE students & staff. Thank you!



GO HAWKS!

*Not a business owner?
You can still be a
Family Sponsor!*

Scholastic Spring Book Fair

Our **Spring Book Fair** is scheduled to open March 29th and will run through April 5th! Please visit the link to our Book Fair: [HCE Spring Book Fair](#). Here you can set up your students e-wallet, browse books, and shop online! We will have a family shopping night on Wednesday, March 29th from 3:30PM-6:00PM.

Our Book Fair needs Volunteers!

If you are interested, please sign up today: [Volunteer Sign Up](#)
Please note you must be a cleared volunteer to participate.



DISMISSAL CHANGES

Any dismissal change should be communicated in one of the following ways:

- Written note to the teacher.
- Call to the front reception area (904) 547-7541. The receptionist will communicate with the homeroom teacher directly about the change.

Teachers **do not** check their email regularly throughout the day. They check email during their related arts time, before school, and after school.

**Please communicate all changes
BEFORE 2PM (1PM on Wednesdays).**

Needs Assessment Survey

Please scan the QR code to complete the Hickory Creek Needs Assessment Survey presented by our School Advisory Council (SAC). Your feedback is anonymous and valued deeply by the school. The survey will only take about 5-10 minutes of your time, and we ask that you answer ALL questions. Once completed, send a screenshot showing completion to your child's teacher.



Only one survey completion per household is needed.

Let your voice be heard!

Don't forget, feedback can be positive too!

Arrival and Dismissal Reminders

Car Line Protocol for Arrival

Students will exit the car on the passenger side only. This is very important to ensure the safety of everyone. Car line student vehicles need to travel all the way down Hickory Creek Trail, go around the cul-de-sac and back up into the school entrance gate. There will be safety cones set out to assist with this traffic pattern. Please **STAY IN THE LINE** and once your child(ren) has/have safely exited the vehicle, continue to stay in line until you are through the car loop and out the other gate. Please do not skip in line or drive around another vehicle unless instructed to do so by a staff member.

Car Line Protocol for Dismissal

Please have your car tag clearly visible. Please drive all the way down to the cul-de-sac and back up into the property. Students will be at the car line holding area. Please make sure the car tag is visible to staff members helping load students in cars. **PLEASE BE PATIENT. PLEASE DO NOT SKIP IN LINE OR DRIVE AROUND a stopped car, unless directed to do so by one of our car line staff members.** These directions also pertain to PreK and Kindergarten students. Please do not park in the Swiss Point Parking Lot to pick a student up. This lot is not our property, and we need permission to use it. Please note parking in this location is considered trespassing.

SCHOOL CALENDAR INPUT NEEDED

Our SJCS D Calendar Committee has been meeting to draft the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 School Year Calendars. They are seeking community input on two given drafts for each year and would appreciate your feedback. Please take a few minutes to first read the "Frequently Asked Questions" that will provide background information /calendar guidelines used when creating each of the draft calendars and then complete the survey for each school year's calendars. Click on the attached link to view and provide input to the proposed calendars.

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/calendar/feedback/>

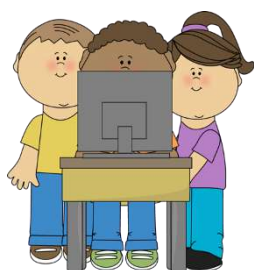
HEALTH REMINDERS

With flu season upon us and COVID still lingering, please remember the following:

- Encourage hand washing
- Encourage your child to cover their cough
- If your child shows symptoms such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or fever please keep them home
- Your child should be fever free for 24 hours BEFORE returning to school (this is without the help of a fever reducer)
- Should you test positive for Flu or COVID, please follow the guidelines of your physician



With the help of the community, we can stay healthy and minimize illness within our school community.



SCHOOL ACCESS

This is just a reminder that anyone (parent, guardian, friend, neighbor, aunt, uncle) must have school access to attend any event at Hickory Creek, have lunch with a student and/or attend an awards assembly. If you have not already done so, please complete the [School Access Form](#). The process for approval may take up to 4 weeks, so please fill out the application sooner than later for any guests that would like to have school access. Once the application is approved, school access will be valid for three years.

HOME ACCESS CENTER (HAC)

[Home Access Center](#) (HAC) allows students and parents to view their child's educational information via a secure, password protected website, Android app, or iPhone app.

Please familiarize yourself with HAC. HAC is where you can track your student's grades/progress and access information such as Schoology access codes, bus transportation, state testing data, district testing data, and attendance.



The PTO is thrilled to show everyone our BIG gift to the school!
PTO funds paid for this new digital sign outside Hickory Creek. Thank
you to all the families who give to our PTO to make special requests
like this possible.



THANK YOU TO OUR PTO FOR
OUR NEW DIGITAL SIGN



SJCSD Battle of the Books for 2022-2023

Join us live!

Please click this link to join us:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCILgcV6E0wrHXpQszRB1pRg>

District Battle of the Books

Date:

Elementary School:

- March 23rd: South 9AM-11AM
- March 28th: North 9AM-11AM

Middle School: March 30th
9AM-11AM

