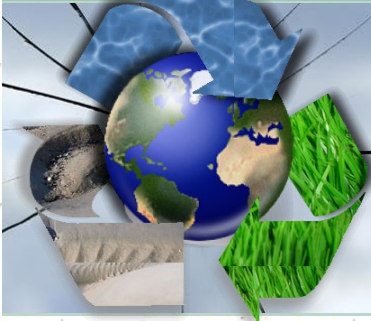


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### CALENDAR of EVENTS

10/23 Storybook Pumpkin Patch (guidelines on page 2) 

10/23-10/27 Character Counts! Week (see attached schedule page 5)

10/26 Character Counts Celebration 9am - Fairness & Responsibility

10/31 Report Cards go home

11/07 **LAST DAY to RSVP for Veterans; Day Celebration** (see pages 3 and 4)

11/10 Hurricane Make-Up Day (NORMAL student workday)

11/14 Gifted Parent Advisory Meeting & Training Night at Ponte Vedra High School Media Center 6:30 p.m.



## Ms. Miller's Message



Happy Fall Durbin Families!

I hope that this finds everyone well and ready to welcome in some cooler temperatures. It's hard to believe that we are half-way to November and into the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of school already! Before we know it, Winter Break will be knocking at our door.

Due to Hurricane Irma, report cards will be issued Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please be on the lookout for this important piece of communication from your child's teacher.

Farmer Ostrowsky is looking for some clever and creative Pumpkins for his Storybook Pumpkin Patch. This is such a fun way to illustrate your favorite storybook character. Students and parents can bring in their decorated pumpkin Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> to showcase in the Oasis.

Monday also kicks off the beginning of Character Counts! Week! See the attached schedule to see how we will be celebrating each day next week!

Calling All Veterans! WE WANT TO HONOR YOU! Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, is Durbin Creek's Annual Veteran's Day Program. All DCES families who have served or are currently serving in any Military Branch, we would like to invite you to be honored. Please complete and send in the Veteran's Day RSVP (*sent home today, and attached to this newsletter*) by November 7th for this special event. We look forward to seeing you and Thank You for Your Service!

There are many other activities taking place here at DCES. Make sure you take a look at the calendar to the left of this message to get the latest news on upcoming events.

Educationally Yours,

*Kimberly Miller*



## OASIS NEWS

**Ice Cream  
On FRIDAYS!**

**Our Mission:  
Making positive  
contributions to  
society by  
expanding minds  
to  
explore our  
expanding world.**

## Gifted Advisory Meetings

The Gifted Parent Advisory Council meets four times per year to inform the school district about ways in which we can improve our efforts in serving our gifted students. Parents of K-12 gifted students from throughout the district are encouraged to come to all of the meetings. The remaining trainings are on the following Tuesdays:

November 14 PVHS 6:30-8:30 p.m.

February 15 BTHS 6:30-8:30 p.m.

February 17 NHS 6:30-8:30 p.m.

*Meetings/Trainings take place in Media Center of each location.*

## CLINIC NEEDS

**Gentle reminder: if your child has borrowed clothes from our clinic, please launder and return. Your help with this is appreciated!**

Also, the clinic is still in need of smaller-sized bottoms for boys and girls (gently-used pants and shorts in sizes 5, 6, 6X, 7, and 8). If you are cleaning out closets or drawers, please consider donating them.

**Thank you!**

# DCEs Storybook Pumpkin Patch!



Dear Parents, Students, and Teachers:

Durbin Creek Elementary School is growing a storybook pumpkin patch and we need your help! All DCEs students, staff, and parents are invited to decorate a pumpkin to look like their favorite book character. It's easy and fun for everyone! Bring in a decorated pumpkin on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Rules and Guidelines:

1. **NO CARVED PUMPKINS!** Carved pumpkins rot, attract bugs, and smell. Pumpkins may be painted, hot glued, colored and decorated. Acrylic paints and permanent markers work well. Watercolors tend to run. Other options include yarn, buttons, googly eyes, etc. Gourds and other pumpkin-like squash may also be used. Carved/cut pumpkins will be sent home or discarded!
2. Pumpkins should represent a favorite book character. On the entry form, write the title and author of the book and include a copy of the book (or a printout of the book's cover) to display with the pumpkin character. (Do an online search for "storybook pumpkins" for ideas! Pinterest has TONS of great examples!)
3. You can make your own storybook pumpkin, or you can team up with a friend, neighbor, classmate, or sibling! Even better, get your parents involved and make it a family project!
4. Write your full name(s) on the **BOTTOM** of your pumpkin **AND** on your entry form!
5. Pumpkins will be on display on the Oasis stage from Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> until Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. All pumpkins must be brought home on or before Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Pumpkins that are not picked up will be disposed of.

Have fun and be creative!! If you have any questions, please see Mr. O in the Media Center or email him at [Matt.Ostrowsky@stjohns.k12-fl.us](mailto:Matt.Ostrowsky@stjohns.k12-fl.us).

Bring in Pumpkins and Entry Forms	Pick Up Pumpkins and Entry Forms From Oasis Stage
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	No later than Friday, October 31 <sup>st</sup> .



## You're Invited!

- Who?* Veterans from all branches of the military, including those currently serving.
- What?* A Veterans Day celebration to thank you for your service
- Where?* Durbin Creek Elementary School, 4100 Racetrack Rd,  
St. Johns, FL, 32259
- When?* Thursday, November 9, 2017 beginning at 9:00 AM
- How?* Students will show appreciation for your service throughout our school. We hope to make you feel extra special! Please arrive to Durbin from 8:35 - 8:55 in order to check in and enjoy light refreshments.
- RSVP* Please fill out the attached RSVP form and return to school with the child to whom you are related.



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# Veterans Day RSVP

Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.  
Durbin Creek Elementary School

***PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN BY Tuesday, November 7, 2017.***

Name of student(s) at Durbin Creek Elementary School: (On the lines below list each child and their classroom teacher)

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Name of Veteran: -----

Veteran's Relationship to the student(s) above: -----

**Branch of Service – please circle:**

*Army*      *Navy*      *Air Force*      *Marines*      *Coast Guard*

Other: -----

**Circle one:**      Active      No longer active      Retired

Do you have any needs?

\_\_\_\_ Wheelchair/crutches

\_\_\_\_ Hearing impaired

\_\_\_\_ Other (Please describe how we may assist you.) -----

Will someone be escorting the veteran to our celebration? Name -----







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The Veterans Day Celebration on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> will begin at 9:00 a.m. Veterans should arrive between 8:35-8:55 a.m. You will enter the building through the double doors at the east end of the building closest to the fields. You are welcome to wear your uniform. ☺

*Your service to our country is appreciated!*

*Return a hard copy to the school by Tuesday, November 7, 2017.*

# CHARACTER COUNTS! WEEK!

Monday Oct. 23	Tuesday Oct. 24	
<p>VOTE FOR GOOD CHARACTER by letting your <u>CITIZENSHIP</u> show!</p>  <p>Dress "Patriotic"</p> <p>Wear your "Red, White and Blue" from head to toe! Shirt? Pants? Shoes? Socks? Hair Ribbons? Hats? Presidential look?</p>	<p>*CRAZY* about <u>CARING!</u></p>   <p>Wear your CRAZIEST SOCKS to show how much you CARE about CARING!!</p>	
Wednesday Oct. 25	Thursday Oct. 26	Friday Oct. 27
<p><u>RESPECT</u> each other's differences because we're all unique! Show it by being <u>TRUSTWORTHY</u> And a "true Blue" friend!</p>  <p>Wear "uniquely, wacky, different" <b>HAIR</b> and "true" BLUE colors!</p>	<p><u>RESPONSIBLE</u> choices can make your DREAMS come true!</p>  <p>Wear Pajama's and bring your favorite stuffed animal!</p>	<p><u>FAIRNESS</u> is a team sport!</p>  <p>Dress in your favorite sports wear: team jersey, karate, football player, cheerleader, etc....</p>