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November 18, 2014

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 11/26-11/28** NO SCHOOL  
Thanksgiving Holiday
- 12/5** Character Counts Celebration-Citizenship 9:30
- 12/12** Chorus field trip to airport
- 12/15** Spelling Bee 9:30
- 12/18** Chorus performance at DCE
- 12/19** End of 2nd quarter
- 12/22-01/02** Winter Break
- 01/05** NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (Teacher Planning Day)

## OASIS NEWS

New a la carte menu beginning in November !

### "A La Carte"

Monday: Papa John' Pizza

Wednesday: Chicken Tenders with French Fries

Friday: Ice Cream

Tuesday: Friday: Salad

### "Snacks"

Variety available daily.

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

## Ms. McMandon's Message

Dear Durbin Creek Families,

On November 10th, Durbin Creek celebrated our local heroes by inviting our veterans to participate in our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Veterans Day ceremony. An estimated sixty service members were honored with songs of gratitude and showered with letters, poetry, and cards made by the hands of our youngest citizens. We extend a warm thank you to all of the men, women, and their families that make sacrifices every day to protect our freedom.

Last Friday night, the Durbin Creek PTO put on an amazing Family Night Out event, definitely a memorable occasion for all attendees. Families enjoyed an evening that included a chorus performance, games, storytelling, and a movie under the stars. Thank you to everyone who supported our PTO and attended this event. A great time was had by all!

As we head into the holidays, please remember even our holiday guests must be approved to volunteer at Durbin Creek functions or to have lunch with a student. The approval process can take days or even weeks, so please help communicate to your family members the importance of filling out the application. In addition, those picking up students from school at dismissal must be on the student's pick-up list. Please verify the names on your child's pick-up list before sending a friend or relative. Our goal is to ensure student safety at all times. Using the Parent Pick-up sign provided by PTO is another great tool in ensuring the dismissal process is smooth. Thank you for your continued support. On behalf of the Durbin Family, we hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. As a reminder, school is closed from November 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving. We will see all of our students back on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Make it a great week!!  
Sandra McMandon



## Medication Policy Reminder

Please DO NOT send in any medications to school with your child. All medications must be brought to clinic by parent and have a Medication Authorization Form signed by parent and MD. If needed, it can be faxed to MD office from school. Thank You!

*Lauri Frost, R.N.*



# eBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE!

Did you know that DCES now has a collection of over **115 eBooks** and **30 Audio-books**? Visit [www.MackinVIA.com](http://www.MackinVIA.com) or download the free MackinVIA app (available for Apple and Android). Your student's User ID is his/her 6-digit student number and the password is "dces." Our eBooks may be read online on your computer, or you can download them to your phone/tablet for offline enjoyment! If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Mr. Ostrowsky at: [ostrowm@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:ostrowm@stjohns.k12.fl.us). Happy eReading!!!!



## Boxes of Love

Anyone interested in receiving a Thanksgiving meal, also known as "Boxes of Love," from one of our local churches, please contact Ms. Labaw, the school counselor, at [Renee.Labaw@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Renee.Labaw@stjohns.k12.fl.us) or 547-3888.

"Boxes of Love" are delivered straight to your home by the local church, so name and address will be required. All information is kept confidential.

### Changes in Dismissal

If your child will be going home from school a different way than usual, please send an email to: [dcesnotifications@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:dcesnotifications@stjohns.k12.fl.us) BEFORE 2:15 p.m. (1:15 p.m. on Wednesdays). **We cannot accept dismissal changes by phone.** Thank you.

## October Character Counts Winners

# Responsibility

### Kindergarten

Mikah Powers – Candamio  
Lyla Bacon – Markle  
Kaleb Mayberry – Draper  
Oliver Sarafin - Stanton

### First Grade

Christian Barrows – Campbell/Nichols  
Heidi Kemmerer – Painter  
Mikayla Kosier – Roberts  
Danielle Ruckh – Kaye

### Second Grade

Bryson Hughes – Ortagus  
Alexis Sarafin – Rickerson  
Tess Woodward – Wheeler/Shareff  
Tristann Smith – Thomas  
Mark Zuraikat – Jones

### Third Grade

Gavin Cooper – Freeman  
Isabella Rosario – Paget  
Sophie Flynt – Larese  
Ava Lunsford – Williams  
Christian Obregon – Hart  
Brianna Green - Morrison

### Fourth Grade

Alex Subotich – Bird  
Dakota Ellis – Doughtry  
Ellie Holtz – White  
Thomas Stevenson – Bowen  
Rose Puzzeni - Atwood

### Fifth Grade

Allison Geiger – Reynolds  
Yasmin Smith - Karney  
Brenna Robinson – Sallas  
Lindsey Butler – McNamara  
Roshni Shandilay - Rice

## FDLRS/FEFEC CHILD FIND

The Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) is a federal and state-funded program located at the North East Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC) in Palatka, FL. It provides:

- Information about programs for children with special needs
- Professional consultation for parents
- Screening in the areas of communication, motor development, vision, hearing, and preschool readiness skills
- Assistance in connecting children with unique needs to appropriate early intervention or exceptional student education services

Questions or concerns about a child birth-5 years of age, contact:

**FDLRS/NEFEC CHILD FIND**  
**(386)329-3811 or Toll Free 1-800-227-6036**

**Email: [ChildFind@nefec.org](mailto:ChildFind@nefec.org)**  
**Website: [www.nefec.org/fdlrs](http://www.nefec.org/fdlrs)**