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The Ultimate Guide for Explorers

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 12 WOW 2nd grade
- Feb 17 President's Day  
Student/Teacher Holiday  
Jump Rope for Heart
- Feb 18 4th grade field trip  
McLaughlin/Bowen  
SAC 3:30pm
- Feb 19 WOW 1st grade
- Feb 20 2nd grade field trip  
In-house
- Feb 21 2nd grade field trip  
in-house
- Feb 25 4th grade FCAT Writes
- Feb 26 WOW Kg
- Feb 28 Dental Health  
Presentation
- Mar 2 PTO Family Day  
1:00pm-5:00pm

### A La Carte Menu

- Mon. Red Baron Pizza  
Ice cream
- Tues. Spicy Chicken  
Sandwich  
Curly fries  
Cookies
- Wed. Cookies  
Tater tots or Potato  
triangles
- Thurs. Papa Johns  
Cookies
- Fri. Ice Cream



### Our Mission:

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

## Ms.Slater's Journal

Happy February to all! Hopefully everyone is staying well through the crazy weather changes we have been experiencing. It is our pleasure to introduce to you our new nurse, Laurie Frost. Nurse Laurie started with us today! She comes to us with experience in nursing and is looking forward to getting to know all about Durbin Creek. If you are in the office, please extend her a warm welcome to the DCES family.

February 25, 2014, we will be administering the FCAT Writes! to our fourth grade students. The rest of the students will be participating in school-wide writing that morning as well. Because of the assessment taking place, we will be observing a "Testing Environment" until 11:00 am. No visitors or volunteers will be allowed to visit us until 11:00 am that morning. Thanks so much for your understanding and cooperation.

As you may know, we are participating in Jump Rope for Heart again this year. Students are learning all about the heart, jumping rope and the health benefits of jumping rope! Next week, students are jumping to raise money for the American Heart Association. Thanks for your support of this worthy cause!

The safety of our students is a top priority for us at Durbin Creek. We have a large number of students who are parent drop off and pick up each day. Please keep this in mind as you are going through the car line. Please also remember that the car line is a "CELL PHONE FREE ZONE". Thanks for your cooperation and patience.

Have a wonderful week!

## Resource Record

### Recognizing the American Heart Association In Your Community

- We led the fight for clean indoor air in public places like bowling alleys, restaurants, pubs, workplaces, etc.
- We advocated ensuring food labels include appropriate nutritional information to promote healthy choices.
- We worked to lower the amount of calories consumed by your children at school.
- We established guidelines and promoted CPR skills among people of all ages.
- We advocated placing automated external defibrillators in public places, including airports, golf courses and malls.
- We help hospitals implement a process to improve cardiac and stroke patient outcomes.
- We advance surgical techniques, developed the artificial valve, pacemakers and cardiac stents.

**Be A Hero Take Part in Jump Rope For Heart!!**

## Labaw's Log

### D-E-A-R time can strengthen your family's reading habits

In some families, saying, "Oh, DEAR!" doesn't mean something is broken. Instead, it means it's time for family reading.

D-E-A-R stands for Drop Everything And Read. During DEAR time, everyone in the family sits down for some uninterrupted reading time. The TV goes off. The telephone goes unanswered. The computer is shut down. The cell phones are turned off.

If you'd like to have some DEAR time with your family, follow these suggestions:

- Be prepared. Make sure everyone has something to read. You may want to plan a trip to the library. You may also want to keep some interesting magazines or books on hand.
- Let everyone know. You might want to hold a family meeting to schedule your initial DEAR time. If you have a family calendar, be sure to write DEAR time on it. This helps your kids see that reading time is just as important as a medical appointment or athletic practice.
- Start small. Many families start with a once-weekly, half-hour session. As family members get into the reading habit, DEAR time becomes more frequent.

Take part. DEAR time only works if everyone in the family reads. So grab a mystery novel or the latest best-seller and curl up for a few minutes of reading yourself.

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### Parents of 4th grade students,

You should have received the (Information about FCAT Writes) letter from your 4th grade child's teacher regarding the upcoming FCAT Writes. Please review and let us know if you have any questions.



## The Redirecting Children's Behavior Course

The Redirecting Children's Behavior course presents non-violent strategies that foster appropriate behavior in children. The following topics are explored: assessing and building relationships, styles of interaction and results to expect, handling emotions during heat-of-the-moment exchange, diagnosing motivations that lead to misbehavior, appropriate redirection strategies, improving self-esteem, fine-tuning communication skills, and creating problem solvers.

The 15-hour course is divided into a series of five 3-hour classes (one night per week). Participants **must attend the first class** to be eligible for the remaining classes. The course will be taught at Crookshank Elementary School (1455 N. Whitney Street, St. Augustine FL 32084).

To register, please **contact Student Services at 904.547.7598**

### Course Dates

Class 1.....	530p-830p, Tuesday, Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Class 2.....	530p-830p, Tuesday, March 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Class 3.....	530p-830p, Tuesday, March 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Class 4.....	530p-830p, Tuesday, March 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Class 5.....	530p-830p, Tuesday, April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2014

\*No classes the week of spring break March 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

**The Rotary Club of Bartram Trail presents – Community, Family & Fun Day.** This event celebrates 10 years of "Service above Self" in St. Johns. Festivities begin on Saturday, February 22 from 1-5 p.m. at the Creekside High School stadium. This family fun day will include a laser maze, hamster balls, entertainment arena and more. Funds raised support Rotary community service projects such as Teacher of the Quarter recognition, Creeks Athletic Field of Dreams, St. Augustine Youth Services Boys Home, Rotary Youth Leadership programs among many others.

### Florida's 2013-2014 ESE Parent Survey Feb 1—May 31

Each year, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) surveys parents of children with an individual educational plan (IEP) to determine how well your child's school is partnering with you and promoting your involvement in your child's education. All states must collect this data as part of their State Performance Plan, as required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

The web-based survey will open Feb 1, survey is available online at <https://www.esesurvey.com> or request a paper survey from your child's school.

### Would you be interested in becoming a surrogate parent for an ESE student?

A surrogate parent is a person who acts in the interests of an exceptional student in the ESE process. You do not have to be an expert to be a great surrogate parent. The role of the surrogate is to participate in the ESE process, help make decisions, make sure the student's educational needs are met and to make sure the student's rights are protected. A surrogate parent is appointed for a student if the child's parent is unknown or cannot be located or if the child is a ward of the state. Please consider being a surrogate parent. The training will be Feb. 27, 2014, at 9:00 A.M. at the school board office at 40 Orange Street. Please contact Sarah Coffin at 547-7712 if you are interested in attending.