



The Bulldog Bulletin

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Hello Families!

Mrs. Tidd and I would like to let you know that our primary goal for all students at West Zephyrhills Elementary is to insure that quality instruction and maximum learning take place in every classroom every day for every child. In order for us to accomplish this critical function of our jobs, we must visit classrooms, observe teaching and learning, and interact with students and teachers. As you can imagine, this requires us to be out and about on campus a lot during student contact time. Mrs. Tidd and I are therefore informing you that we will not always be available for conferences or phone calls during the school day. We will be glad to schedule conferences, and will always return phone calls after students are dismissed. Please understand that if you do not make an appointment or schedule a conference, there is a good chance we will not be available because we are out in classrooms.

Additionally, if you need to conference with your child's teacher, please schedule an appointment. This will help us avoid interrupting instruction and learning while school is in session. All grade levels have times available every day for conferences. Those times will vary from team to team so please contact your child's teacher for available dates and times.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation in scheduling conferences with your child's teacher and/or with WZES administrators.

Warmest Regards,
WENDY LANE

Upcoming Events

11/9	PTA Fall Festival 4-7 P.M. PE Field
11/14	Picture Re-Takes
11/15	Pre-K Parenting Class 9:30-11 a.m.
11/12-11/16	Great American Teach In
11-16	All Pro Dads 7:15 a.m. Cafeteria
11/19-11/23	Thanksgiving Holidays-No School
11/28	Progress Reports Go Home
11/29	Science Fair Night 6-7 p.m.
11/26-12/6	Student Canned Food Drive
11/30	School Advisory Council Meeting 7:30 a.m. Science Lab

Bulldog Spotlight

Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce October Citizen Of The Month: **Pranjal Patel**

October Students Of The Month: **Dean Carter, Darwin Diaz, Derico Quiles, Rowan Richards, Jazmin Soares-Llanos**

Exciting News!

WZES is proud to announce that our **Teacher and School Related Personnel Of The Year** for the 2012-2013 school year are..... Kindergarten Teacher, **Robin Carter** and Guidance Secretary, **Karen Winner-Holmes!** Congratulations to both of these wonderful ladies for all they do for the students at WZES!! Look for more information about them in a later newsletter.

PTA News

This year our Fall Festival will be held on Friday, November 9th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be lots of games and activities for everyone. We will also have food for sale so come hungry. A flier will be coming home soon with more information. Please continue to send in Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels. We are doing a great job of collecting these items this year.

Recycling News

Reminder: We have been selected to represent the district in the "Recycle Bowl" sponsored by Nestle Waters North America beginning October 15th and ending November 9th. We have a chance at winning \$2500.00 through recycling efforts! Please help us by bringing the following **Recycle Bowl items** to the big dumpsters at the back of the school:

aluminum beverage containers, glass bottles and jars, milk and juice cartons, steel food cans, cereal boxes, cardboard, magazines, newspapers, office paper, phone books, #1 through #7 plastic bottles.

We are able to accept these donations Monday through Friday 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Only the items listed above will count toward the Recycle Bowl. ☺

If you have any questions, please call our Plant Manger, Herb Roshell at 813-794-6379 or check out our school website at www.wzes.pasco.k12.fl.us

Volunteers

Much appreciation to the volunteers who assisted with the Health Screenings in October! A special "high-five" to volunteer, Lisa Poole, for assisting both days. Also, "kudos" to the volunteers who helped out on School Picture Day! We could not have done it without your help!

Business/Community Partners

Thank you to the **Elks Lodge** for donating ice cream for every child during our Say No To Drugs festivities! The **Elks Lodge** also provided our 148 third graders with their very own dictionaries! Lodge members Robert Cherry and Phil Dahlinger presented the students with their dictionaries during an assembly. The students looked up the word "gratitude" in their new dictionaries and then expressed their appreciation by saying a big "THANK YOU" to the gentlemen! ☺

Special thanks goes out to business partner, **Chalet Florist**, for extending a helping hand and assisting our administration with beautiful bouquets for our Teacher of the Year, and School Related Personnel nominees!

What a wonderful gift to give to our outstanding faculty and staff winners. grade are invited to sing in this concert.

Music Department News

Our WZES **Primary Winter Concert** will be held on Dec. 10th at 7pm at Zephyrhills High School in the Activity Center (gymnasium). The theme is "Discovering the World Through Music." All children in grades kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades are invited to sing in this concert.

Our WZES **Intermediate Winter Concert** will be held on Dec. 17th at 7pm at Zephyrhills High School in the Activity Center (gymnasium). The theme is "A Night on Broadway." All children in grades 3, 4, and 5 are invited to sing in this concert.

Guidance Corner

Staying Safe is our topic in Guidance for November and December. I always feel that this is a great time to teach our children all about safety interventions that they can use during this busy upcoming holiday season. As parents, we all want to protect our children from everything but we can't always be there to make sure that they are safe. There are many things you can do to prepare your child for emergencies. Below is a parent question (and answer) about what to teach on safety.

Q: I always worry about my child staying safe in so many ways. It seems the older he gets the more and more I worry. How can I help him be safe at home and at school? What should I be covering when talking to him about being safe, without him thinking I'm being a worry wart?

A: Children are safer in school than in any other place except their homes. Today, schools are taking extra measures to make sure children are safe. And children who feel secure and safe are ready to focus on school and learning. You can do your part by teaching your child some common-sense safety rules. Being ready to handle an emergency will give your child self-confidence. Review family emergency procedures with your child. Make sure he knows how and when to use 911. Discuss the safety procedures published by your school. Emphasize the importance of following directions in the event of a school emergency. If you have questions, be sure to talk to a teacher, counselor or school principal.

Mrs. Crews
Guidance Counselor

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