



The Bulldog Bulletin

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Wendy Lane-Principal

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Principal's Pen

It is hard to believe that it's almost the end of the second quarter! We are half way through the school year! The students' academic achievement continues to be our primary focus. Our 2012-2013 School Improvement Plan is complete and is available for parents to view. If you are interested in seeing this document we have a copy available in the front office.

Families, I want you to be aware that as part of our SIP process, our faculty collaboratively identified three prioritized practices for this school year. We believe that a focus on these areas, will help our students make great strides! Here are the three areas:

- 1) Writing across content areas
- 2) Differentiation
- 3) Engagement in meaningful experiences.

I also would like to take a moment to say how very appreciative we are of our community partners and their generous spirit toward our school and families, especially during the holidays. Many of our business/community partners donate food, clothing, and gifts to families in need. We are so grateful for their thoughtfulness!

We are also grateful for our hard working staff, students, and families at WZES. Thank you for supporting our efforts in ensuring our students achieve great things! We hope you and your family have a happy winter holiday!
Warmest Regards,

Wendy Lane
Principal

November Students of the Month

Madison Long, Gianna Dennis,
Jose Castro, Mirani Alvarez,
Nathan Carter, Jaelyn Yeomans,
Jose Quintana, Madison Watson

December Students of the Month

Daniel Alabaugh, Christian Mejia,
McKenzie Cruz, Brittany Sanborn,
Madeline Phinney, Taila McCullough

November Kiwanis Superkids:

Abigail Dotson, Quinlan Fleitz,
Destiny Folds, Graham Guthrie,
Dev Patel, Jamauri Sallie.

November Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Month:

Rowan Richards

Florida Hospital Annual

Christmas Tree Trimming

This year, WZES will decorate the state tree of Ohio in the 28th Annual Tree Trimming/Lighting Ceremony at Florida Hospital in Zephyrhills. The tree trimming is on **Sunday, December 2nd.**

Santa Claus will arrive on the front lawn at the Circle of Trees at 3:00pm. The Christmas program will begin at 5:30pm at the staging area on the front lawn, with fireworks afterwards! We hope you have an opportunity to enjoy this annual community event.

Primary Winter Concert

Please plan on attending our upcoming Primary Winter Concert at Zephyrhills High School Activity Center for **December 10, 2012** at 7pm. The theme is "Discovering the World through Music." All students in grades **Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade** are invited to sing in the concert. Our **Intermediate** Winter Concert will be rescheduled. It will NOT occur at December 17th. The NEW date has not yet been determined. It will occur sometime in April or May. :)

WZES December Upcoming Events



Nov 28-Dec 6 The Student Council is sponsoring a **holiday food collection** to help our Zephyrhills senior citizen's Meals on Wheels Program and our ABC food pantry. Students may bring food items to school between November 26 to December 6 to help the student council meet their goal of 2000 food items! Debbie Hower, the Meals on Wheels supervisor, talked to the student council members recently about the importance of helping our Zephyrhills community seniors. Seventy volunteers visit the homebound seniors each weekday and bring each one a well balanced meal thanks to the donations of our community. Please help our students reach their goal!

Dec 10 Domino's Pizza Week-Purchase items from Domino's any night this week and a portion of the proceeds will be given to WZES.

Dec 10 Primary Winter Concert, 7:00-7:45 p.m. at Zephyrhills High School Auditorium. All primary students are invited to participate.

Dec 13 WZES Reading Rally, Media Center, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Students are invited to come read and take AR tests. Cocoa and Cookies provided.

Dec 14 Relay For Life, Parents' Night Out, WZES Cafeteria, 6:00-10:00 p.m. See more information in this newsletter.

Dec 21 Winter Break for students begins.

Jan 7 Teacher Planning Day.

Jan 8 Students' first day back after Winter Break.

Great American Teach-In Update

Thank you to our Great American Teach-In visitors and community/business partners for coming to WZES and sharing their profession and hobbies with our students. We very much appreciate the time and effort you put into making this event special for our students! A BIG THANK YOU to:
Zephyrhills Fire Department,
Zephyrhills Sanitation Department,
Withlatchoochee Electric Company,
Florida Traditions Bank/Melissa Thompson, Zephyrhills Police Department/Mrs. Kirk, Zephyrhills High School FFA Chapter, Dade City Animal Clinic, Florida Medical Clinic/Mrs. Stinnette, Pasco County Detention Center/Chris Wick, Lays Potato Truck/Mr. Seekins, Chalet Florist/Kim Sanders, Gary Hernandez, Tanner McKendree, Jeremy Hester, Billy Poe, and Dr. MJ Price. Many thanks to our Great American Teach In Committee (LeAnne John, DeAnn, Ainsworth, Mimi Bridges, Georgia Madagan, and Emily Hancock) for all of their hard work orchestrating this wonderful event!

Out of Field Notification

Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in at least one area and are qualified to teach but are required to take additional course-work or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. The state also requires a teacher to take coursework/in-service towards an English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, when the teacher is the primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher of an ESOL student.

The following teachers have agreed to teach out-of-field while working towards ESOL endorsement: Mimi Bridges, Kathy Knox, Lisa Mazza, Amanda McCoy, Chasity Vento, and Patricia Dunbar (long term sub).

The Counselor's Corner

The holiday season is my favorite time of the year, but it is also the time of year when we need to be on alert for our children. In November and December I counsel our students on how to be aware of their surroundings, stranger danger and what to do if they get lost. There are a few safety steps parents should practice as well during the hustle and bustle of the season. Below are some good tips on how to keep our children safe.

1. Use the rule that I love, and that is the "two giant steps" rule. Make sure that your kids are never more than two giant steps away. This is a fun way for your kids to remember to stay close.

2. Always remind your children that if they become separated from you in a public place they need to look for an employee behind the store counter or register to help them reunite with you again. Also let them know that they should never leave the store to look for you.

3. Kids who dress in brightly colored clothes are more easily to spot when lost. Always be aware of what your child is wearing in case you have to give a description of your child to the authorities. And never forget to carry an updated photo of your child so that others can easily identify them when looking.

4. Always have your older children check with you first before going anywhere in a store. This way you have an idea of where they are at when you need to find them.

5. Predators hang out in public facilities like video arcades, toy or technology sections and food courts, so it is a good idea not to use these places as a hang out for your child while you are shopping.

6. Children have been followed into the restroom by predators before so always go into the restroom with your child.

Statistically, the men's room is not the safest place for a child to use alone. So it is a good idea to stand outside the restroom and wait. You can always call to your child or enter if they don't answer you. This will deter any potential predators if they think they may get caught.

7. Make sure your children know that some bad strangers may look like nice people, but a stranger is a stranger no matter what they look like or how nice they may seem. It's better to be safe than sorry!

8. Lastly make sure your child memorizes your cell phone number, address and their parent's full names. This way if they become lost they can give someone the most important information that will help them find you again.

Most importantly, it is not necessary to scare your children with these tips just make sure they have the tools they need to stay safe.

Your School Counselor, Bridgett Crews



Superintendent: Kurt Browning

School Board Members:

Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong,

Alison Crumbley, Joanne Hurley,

Steve Luikart

Parent's Night Out!



What: Holiday entertainment for WZES K–5th graders, including pizza and popcorn! Parents get to have a night out to prepare for the holidays!

When: Friday, December 14 from 6–10 p.m.

Where: WZES Cafeteria/Media Center

\$10 donation per child goes to the American Cancer Society.

****Space is limited so please return the bottom portion by December 7. Call Ms. Buckler for more information at 794-6388.****

You can also e-mail us to reserve your child's spot at ebuckler@pasco.k12.fl.us. Please include the same info as below.



I would like to reserve a spot for Parent's Night Out!
I understand there is a \$10 donation per child and that my child must be picked up by 10:00 p.m.

Child's Name _____ Grade _____
Parents _____ Phone _____