



The Bulldog Bulletin

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Principal's Pen

It is hard to believe that the end of third quarter and Spring Break are just around the corner! After a nice relaxing week off, the intermediate students will come back and begin gearing up for the FCAT! The students have been working hard in preparation for this yearly assessment!

Assessment dates are as follows:

April 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th: Grades 3, 4, 5.

April 22nd, 23rd Grade 5.

On April 23rd, our 2nd grade students will also take the SAT Reading assessment.

Please make sure that students get a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast on testing days. Remember to have your child at school by 8:40 a.m. We also encourage you to talk with your child about just doing his or her best on the test. We want students to view these assessments not as something to be stressed about but simply as an opportunity to "show what they know"!

Have a wonderful Spring Break!

MRS LANE,

Principal

Calendar at a Glance:

3/5	Read Across America at Zephyrhills McDonald's 5:00-7:00 p.m.
3/5, 3/12, & 3/19	Positive Solutions Parenting Skills 4:00-6:00 p.m.
3/7	Dr. Seuss's Birthday Bash WZES Cafeteria/Media 5:30-7:00 p.m.
3/14	Math Parent Night WZES Media Center 6:00-7:00 p.m.
3/11-3/15	Domino's Pizza Week
3/15	All Pro Dad's Breakfast WZES Cafeteria 7:30 a.m.
3/22	WZES Field Day!
3/22	Quarter 3 Ends
3/25-3/29	Spring Break! ☺
4/1	Teacher Planning Day No School For Students
4/8	Report Cards Go Home
4/15-4/19	FCAT Testing-Grades 3, 4, 5
4/22-4/24	FCAT Testing-Grade 5
4/23	SAT Reading Test-Grade 2

Student Spotlight

February Students of the Month:

Lillian Crawford, Chelsea Thomas, Jalysa Garza, Emily Culp, Devin Liebbe, Khloe Cribbs, Matthew Woods, and Markas Kielhorn.

"Best In Show" Art Award

Congratulations to Manny Garcia in Mrs. John's class. His chalk pastel still life drawing of a fruit bowl was awarded the "Best In Show" Ribbon at the 2013 Pasco County Fair in the Elementary Art Exhibit! Kaylee Altman, in Mrs. Cohen's class, received "Outstanding Exhibit" in the Youth Art Exhibit at Pasco County Fair for her "Birch Tree" painting. Three students in Ms. Buckler's class received recognition at the Fair as well. Judson Hancock got Grand Champion for his honeysuckle plant, first place for his chicken poster, and showmanship. Jillian Gray won first place on her various rabbit projects, and Christian Clemens got first place on his rabbit record book. Great job WZES students! ☺

WZES 4th Graders Rock!

Our 4th grade students took the Florida Writes assessment on Tuesday, February 26th! We are so excited to announce that we had **100% attendance** for this important assessment!!! That means every 4th grade student was present for the test!! Way to go 4th graders!!! We plan to do something very special to recognize this wonderful achievement! ☺

Grant Recipients

Congratulations to Robin Carter, Emily Hancock, and Leanne John for being Grant Recipients of the CF Industries Math and Science Grants. Each teacher received

\$500.00 dollars to fund special projects with students! ☺ Way to go!

Counselor's Corner

Testing Tips

It's that time of year again when the discussion of standardized tests become a staple at the family dinner table. Below are some Testing Tips that you can help your child with. Remember tip #1. Just relax and don't forget to breath!

Help your elementary schooler succeed on standardized tests

The results of standardized tests have big implications, such as determining school funding. The results show how schools and students are doing. Remember though, that one test doesn't represent a child's total abilities. A student may get high grades, for example, but be too anxious on test day to think clearly.

To prevent problems and help your child succeed:

- Make school a priority. Children who do well on tests tend to be the ones who study and finish homework on time. They also miss less school than other kids. These are habits you can encourage.
- Develop healthy routines. Your child needs plenty of sleep and a nutritious breakfast every day before school.
- Communicate with teachers. In addition to knowing how your child is doing throughout the year, pay attention to test details. "Which skills do the tests measure?" "How should my child prepare?"
- Promote reading. Many tests require reading, so make sure your child reads often. Then ask questions that stimulate thinking. "Why do you think the main character did that?"
- Reduce anxiety. Some kids like to take timed practice tests at home. But as test day approaches, focus on relaxation. Stay positive and calm. If your child is worried, she can take deep breaths and think confident thoughts, knowing she has your support no matter what.

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Superintendent: Kurt Browning

School Board Members: Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, Alison Crumbley, Joanne Hurley, Steve Luikart

Volunteer News

West Zephyrhills Elementary School's Volunteer/Community/Business Appreciation Luncheon was held Friday, February 22, 2013. Retired senior, Walt Haskins, was honored as the school's Outstanding Retired School Volunteer. Mrs. Nally's kindergarten class surprised Mr. Haskins with a handmade quilt along with lots of hugs. He has volunteered with Mrs. Nally's and Mrs. Carroll's kindergarten classes for several years. Mr. Haskins will be honored by the Pasco County School Volunteer Program on March 22nd at the Tampa Bay Golf and Country Club.

At the luncheon, Principal Wendy Lane and Assistant Principal Charlene Tidd, along with Volunteer Coordinator Becky Bishop, thanked those in attendance for their dedication and services provided to our students. Among those in attendance were: WZES School Advisory Council Community/Business partners, Jodi Fardella (Merrill-Lynch), Melissa Thompson (Traditions Bank), Kim Sanders (Chalet Florist), as well as Joan Paulos, (Lion's Club), Sara Lawson, Connie Soule and Linda Mimmeth (Sundance Mobile Home Park), Mike Mira (Noon Rotary), and Debbie Hower (Meals on Wheels). West Zephyrhills Elementary volunteers have logged over 3100 hours of service so far this school year! The faculty and staff at WZES are indeed grateful to our school volunteers and the community for supporting the students by giving their time, talents, and monetary gifts. We salute YOU!

PE News

March and April are very exciting months in the PE department! March 22nd is our annual **Field Day** Event! This year's theme is "Sports Teams." Students are permitted to bring their own water bottle. Please send your child to school in weather-appropriate attire including sunscreen. Hats may also be worn on Field Day. In April, each grade level team will attend a field trip to **Pin Chasers Bowling Center** in Zephyrhills. Additional information will be sent home with your child about this wonderful event after Spring Break.

Teacher Requests For The 2013-2014 School Year

Please know that the social, emotional, and academic needs of each student will be carefully considered when creating class lists for next year. Our priority is to provide each student with the best learning environment possible. ☺ However, many factors will come in to play next year when assigning students to classrooms. Class Size mandates, changes in teaching assignments, and other circumstances will impact student placement. We are unable to accept parent requests for specific teachers. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Media Center News

In February, many students gathered in the Media Center for a Sunshine State Young Readers Book Event as well as a Bingo Breakfast. Students who read three or more books came early in the morning and ate donuts/played Bingo. Students were thrilled to receive door prizes and Bingo prizes. The prizes were made possible through profits from our Book Fair. The following students attended the party: Shlok Patel, Kade Schafer, Shreena Patel, Juan Contreras, Kennedy Stinnette, Riley Taylor, Alyssa Perez, Madison Prickett, Erick Contreras, Cassidy Mark, Zachary Martin, Alexis Rawlins, Christian Mendoza, Gloria Harrison, Malachi Darough, Derico Quiles, Abby Boyko, Pranjal Patel, Andrea Garcia, Emily Kirk, Skylar McCuistion, Abby Wilder, Katelynn Taylor, Danny Wade, Dalton Davis, and Jordan Alexander.

WZES Relay For Life Team News

Relay for Life starts on Friday, March 15th at 6:00 p.m. and goes all night until Saturday, March 16th @ 12:00. The event will be held at Zephyrhills High School on the football field. There will be many activities for kids Friday night and food to enjoy. There will be a Pirate and Princess parade Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. Children are encouraged to wear costumes and bring pennies to donate. We hope to see many West families at the Relay supporting our community.

Cafeteria News

March Happiness Cafeteria Promotion: During the month of March, if students purchase a school lunch when certain menu items are being offered, their names will go into a drawing for prizes. Those menu items (with sports team names) are as follows: Seminole Spicy Sliders, Gator Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Bulls BBQ Meatball Subs. Be on the look out! ☺

Other Information

Cookie Dough Fundraiser Pick Up: March 6th, 3:00-6:00 p.m. WZES Cafeteria.

WZES PTA Officers nominations for the 2013-2014 school year are now being accepted. If you are interested in serving as a PTA Officer next year, please submit your name to Kathy Kessler (current President). Information about voting for officers, etc.. will be available in the coming months.

Yearbooks will be on sale from April 1st to April 19th at school. Please make checks payable to: WZES. All checks must include a physical address and phone number. The cost of the yearbook is \$15.00. Yearbooks can be ordered on-line for \$15.00 plus a \$1 processing fee. The yearbooks will be available May!