



The Bulldog Bulletin

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Principal's Pen

Dear Families,

We are well into our school routine at WZES and the students are working hard! I am very excited about my promotion to Principal at WZES and look forward to working with you all! ☺ I am also thrilled that our new Assistant Principal, Liz Boeger has joined our staff! Look for her blog in this newsletter!

Mrs. Boeger and I would like to let you know that our primary goal is to insure that quality instruction and maximum learning is taking 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. Boeger and I want to let you know 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.

Thank you so much for your understanding!

Warmest Regards,

Charlene Tidd
Principal, WZES

Upcoming Events

October

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| 10/5 | "Stomp Out Bullying" Awareness Day:
Wear Blue Today! ☺ |
| 10/9 | All Pro Dad Breakfast 8:30-9:15 a.m.
Cafeteria |
| 10/20 | Volunteer Orientation: 10:00 a.m.-
11:00 a.m. Media Center |
| 10/23 | Bulldog of Honor Celebration (Media) |
| 10/26 | Teacher Planning Day-No School |
| 10/29 | Health Screenings K, 1, 2 (Media) |
| 10/30 | Red Ribbon Week Costume Parade |
| 10/30 | PTA Dance 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Cafeteria) |

Bulldog Spotlight

September Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Month:
Larence Graham

Bulldog Of Honor

Our first Bulldog of Honor Celebration is to be held on October 23rd at 8:30 a.m. in the Media Center. WZES will be honoring a bulldog from each grade who has exemplified the Seven Habits of the Leadership Skills or a bulldog who has made the most positive change regarding the Seven Habits. Parents will be invited and a small celebration will occur. We look forward to honoring our students along with several business partners in the Zephyrhills Community. If your child is being honored, you will receive an invite. ☺

School Advisory Council

We are still looking for community members, parents, and/or business partners to join our School Advisory Council. Meetings are one Friday a month from 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Call Mrs. Bishop at 794-6307 if interested.

WZES PTA News

Thank you to those families who joined our WZES PTA! We would like to encourage more families to join & become active in YOUR school PTA. The cost is \$6.00 for the school year, most of it staying at our school to help with many projects throughout the year. We are actively seeking parents who would like to be part of this great organization by helping with dances, fundraisers, AR celebrations, etc. or serving on the Board. WZES PTA likes to be a big part of the school and is always looking for new & fresh ideas for student rewards & incentives. Please call the school at 813-794-6332 to get more information; we really want to hear from some excited and involved parents of WZES.

The first dance of the school year is October 30, 2015 from 6:30-8:30. Character costumes will be optional for the dance. The cost is \$2.00 at the door. Remember, parents MUST stay with their children. Fall Fundraiser delivery is estimated to be Mid-Late October.

Parent Reminders

*Please remember that flower/helium balloon deliveries are not permitted on campus for students. Thank you!

*Bus riders may only ride the bus that they are registered to. (Based on your selection when your child was registered). ☺

*Pasco County LEA Parent Involvement Plan, WZES PIP, and the WZES School Improvement Plan are housed in the front office and are available for viewing upon request after October 31st. ☺

Volunteers

Welcome back to a new school year! If you are interested in volunteering at West Zephyrhills Elementary or any school in Pasco County you must be approved by the Pasco County District Office. Registration applications are available online on our school website as well as the Pasco County website. Approval takes about 2-3 weeks. Our school volunteer training orientation will be Tuesday, October 20th at 10:00 am. Please sign in at the front office. Due to parking issues volunteers are welcome to assist teachers beginning at 10:00 a.m. Parking for volunteers is located in the front of the school and on 14th Avenue. All volunteers will need to provide ID before signing in. For more information please call our Volunteer Coordinator, Mrs. Bishop, at 813-794-6307.

Guidance Corner at WZES

October is many things for Guidance, our students and staff! October is **Bully Awareness Month** and we encourage staff and students to **wear blue on the 5th**.

If you were able to purchase a **"Stomp Out Bully Behavior"** t-shirt then a sea of blue will be seen and by following the theme of **"STOMP OUT BULLY BEHAVIOR"** it is hopeful this will resonate with our kids. Blue Wrist bands with the same logo will be given

to each student via the graciousness of our fabulous PTA!

Also, October 23rd-30th is Red Ribbon Week. This is the last year for the **ELKS LODGE MEMBERS** to so graciously participate and therefore would like to continue this year with what they are accustomed to offering our school, as tradition has been for many great years. The theme for **Red Ribbon Week** this year is **"RESPECT YOURSELF AND BE DRUG FREE"**. Tradition will therefore continue with the door contest following this theme, a stream of red butcher paper will be hung for students to sign agreeing to the theme, and there will be dress up days as follows:

October 26th (since the 23rd is a Friday)

Sock it to Drugs Day-Wear and show off your craziest socks.

October 27th, Tuesday

Buddy Up Against Drugs Day- Teachers and students should Buddy up with someone and dress like twins or triplets.

October 28th, Wednesday

Team Up Against Drugs- Wear your favorite Team Jersey or shirt.

October 29th Thursday

Red Outfitters Day-Wear all red

October 30th Friday

Respect yourself Day-Wear your favorite super hero outfit or dressing as a character or famous person that you respect; this is also the day that the doors will be judged following the theme for the year.

Lets give a warm thank you to the Elks Lodge for all they have done for **WZES** by signing a card that I will send around to the Teachers.



Bulldog Blog September 2015

By Mrs. Boeger,
WZES Assistant Principal

It has been a busy two weeks in the Assistant Principal's office at West Zephyrhills Elementary. Thanks to a warm welcome and many helpers I have been able to move in, unpack, and nest, so that I could get to work. I am very excited to be part of such a great adventure in learning! This BLOG is one way to contribute to the **Leading and Learning here at WZES**. Along the way I hope to help you get to know me a little better. My door is always open, so please do not hesitate to stop by.

First, I must tell you that I grew up in Tampa and started teaching in the late 1980's, in Wimauma, Florida. I have taught students in grades Pre-Kg through adult learners, including dropout prevention programs and in a summer job training program for high schoolers. In all of these great experiences, elementary students have always been my favorite group to work with. I joined Pasco Schools in 2000. I have worked at Denham Oaks, Chester Taylor, District Office, Watergrass, and now West. This is my ninth year as an Assistant Principal. I enjoy every opportunity to work with students, staff, parents, and community partners, especially if I can sneak in some teaching while I am at it!

One of the first things our **principal, Mrs. Tidd**, told me was that I had some homework to do. She had a big smile on her face and handed me a copy of *The Leader in Me*, by Stephen Covey. I have been reading it slowly, underlining some things, stopping and thinking more about other things. Now I have a big smile on my face too because I am already seeing the connections between the ideas in the book and great activities and behaviors here on campus. In the first chapter I learned a new idea I'd like to tell you about.

"Primary Greatness" is something we can all have. In fact, I have seen it already in some students and staff at West. *It has to do with how a person acts on any given day.* If you work hard, are honest, and treat others with care and respect, you are showing your primary greatness. If you build your character, use your talents and creativity to help others, and are humble, you are showing your primary greatness. Think about that! *Every one of us can do this everyday.* And if we practice these habits daily, as we grow, they will become good habits. Let's try it together. Show your PRIMARY GREATNESS TODAY!

Community Spotlight

First Congregation Church, Our Savior Lutheran Church, First United Methodist Church, Elks Lodge, Moose Lodges, the Angel Ladies of the Masonic Lodge #198 of Zephyrhills, Betmar, Sundance, Casa del Sol Mobile Home Parks, 1st National Bank of Pasco County, Kiwanis Greater Pasco, Women's Club of Zephyrhills, Direct Auto Insurance, Chalet Florist, Norm & Sons Tire & Auto, Pining #4 U, Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, Five Guys, Jersey Mike's, Suncoast Credit Union, Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce, Historehouse, and our many unsung donors and volunteers who provide educational materials and learning opportunities for our students. "Thank you for being a "partner in education!"

NOTICE TO BUILDING OCCUPANTS AND PARENTS

NOTIFICATION OF INSPECTION FOR ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a final rule, 40 CFR Part 763, Asbestos Containing Material in schools, commonly referred to as AHERA. This rule requires all Local Education Agencies (LEA's) to identify asbestos containing materials (ACM) in their school buildings and to take appropriate actions to control the release of asbestos fibers.

All inspections for West Zephyrhills Elementary have been completed and a Management Plan describing the results of the inspection and the action plan to control any asbestos found during the inspection, where applicable, has been submitted to the governor for approval. A copy of this plan is located in the administrative office of this school and at the Pasco County Schools Maintenance & Facility Services Department and is available for review upon request.

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. For example, 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. West Zephyrhills Elementary's current Out of Field teachers: Carole Vaccaro, Janice Holland, and Therese Patterson.



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