



# The Bulldog Bulletin

## West Zephyrhills Elementary

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**January 11, 2016**

### Principal's Pen

Welcome back! I sincerely hope that all of you had a wonderful winter break and that you will enjoy a wonderful 2016! Our faculty and staff are revving up for a productive rest of the school year! As usual, many exciting learning opportunities are taking place on campus for students!

State assessments are just around the corner. As you know, the State of Florida requires that all public elementary schools administer the FSA/FCAT each year to children in grades 3-5. Subjects tested include Reading (Grades 3-5), Math (Grades 3-5), Writing (Grade 4 & 5), and Science (Grade 5). The data from these tests are used to make decisions about student placement and promotion, and to identify students' areas of strength and/or need. More information will be coming home soon about these very important assessments.

Warmest Regards,  
Charlene Tidd  
Principal, WZES

### IMPORTANT DATES:

01/14 End of Quarter 2  
01/14 Bulldog of Honor  
01/15 Teacher Planning Day-no school  
01/18 Dr. ML King Jr., Holiday-no school  
01/20 Five Guys Night 5-8PM  
01/25 Quarter 2 Report Cards  
01/27 WZES STEM FAIR  
01/28 Watch Dog Dads 6:30PM  
01/29 SAC Meeting  
02/15 President's Day-no school

### Bulldog Spotlight December

Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Month:

Christian Clemens

### December Super Kiwanis Kids:

December honorees were nominated by their teachers for this recognition, which is hosted each month by the Zephyrhills Kiwanis Club.



Bailey Graham, Nicholas Purcell, Giovanna Puntos, Kylie Thurlby, Chelsea Peace, and Kaitlyn Urban

THIS SIGN SAYS IT ALL!!



## Guidance Resources

We all know that parenting is the most important job in the world. Since kids don't come with their own owner's manuals at birth, sometimes we have to look to others for ideas and guidance. School Counselor, Ms. Larkin, has found a great resource with some of those answers. Offered in *Responsible Parenting Newsletters*, by Robert Kline, PH.D & Julie E. Kline, M.A.A., here a few of the topics available:

- . Demands
- . Interruptions
- . Talking Back
- . Tardiness
- . Bed-Wetting
- . Hyperactivity
- . Lying
- . Temper Tantrums
- . Stealing
- . Leaving Toys Out of Place

Please feel free to contact Ms. Larkin, at her school email, [slarkin@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:slarkin@pasco.k12.fl.us), for a free copy of any of these topics.

## Snip & Clip News:



The following classes who met the 500 Box Tops goal by December 11: Mrs. Nally, Mrs. Bacot, Mrs. Adamson, Mrs. Rood, and Mrs. Williamson.

Way to go!

Congratulations to Mrs. Vaccaro's class. They were the December winner bringing in 214 Box Tops. Coming in second place was Mrs. Gleaton's class with 191 and in third place was Mrs. Adamson's class with 120! We brought in a total of 1,382 Box Tops. Thank you!

Unfortunately, we have fallen way behind our average for this time of the year. So far we have brought in 9,924 but we have usually received over 18,000 by this point in the year. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated. We are working on an incentive for January. Stay tuned. As always, thank you for your help!

Cammie Wilkinson  
Principal's Secretary



## Clinic Updates

With 850 students on campus our clinic gets very busy during the school day. We want to be able to give every student in the clinic our full attention. We have had many "accidents" or clothing spills lately so we need your help. Send a full change of clothing with your K-2 grade student for those occasional spills. Keeping this set in the backpack or classroom saves a student a trip to the clinic.

## School Advisory Council

ARE YOU THE ONE? We are still looking for community members, parents, and/or business partners to join our School Advisory Council. Meetings are one Friday, each month from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Please call Mrs. Sutton at 794-6300 if interested.

## Watch Dog Dads.

The Kick Off will be held on January 28, from 6:30-7:30 PM. Drinks and cake will be served to all our great Dads, Grandpas, Uncles, Cousins, and Brothers for our New Year Kick off. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Meranda Sutton  
Parent Involvement Coordinator

## Five Guys-YUM!

Five Guys Burgers Night  
Wednesday, Jan. 20th  
5pm-8pm

Our school gets 10%  
We will have a drawing for a prize if you  
attend and put your name in the box.

## **Congratulations, Friends!**

- ✓ Teacher, Becky Brown, received a \$500 grant from the Pasco Education Foundation!
- ✓ Instructional Assistant, Karen Winner-Holmes, retired on January 6, after serving WZES for nearly a dozen years. Thank you for everything! We look forward to your visits in the future.
- ✓ We wish Coach Robin Maltenfort the best in her new endeavors. She contributed much to our school these past few years. Her last day was January 5.
- ✓ WZES recently earned the distinction of having the highest staff engagement rating of ALL K-12 schools in the district. This important rating is an indicator of a strong culture of caring by our staff under the leadership of Principal Tidd.

## **Parent Reminders**

- ✓ Please remember that flowers and helium balloon deliveries are not permitted on campus for students.
- ✓ Do let the school know when your phone number or address changes.
- ✓ Pasco County LEA Parent Involvement Plan, WZES PIP, and the WZES School Improvement Plan are housed in the front office and are available for your review.

## **WZES PTA News**

**THANK YOU PTA for sponsoring our annual Winter Break Movie and Cocoa Day!**

If you would like to join or be more involved in our PTA, you may contact Jessica Boydston, President, at 813-794-6300.

## **690 lbs Of Batteries Recycled From WZES since July!**



WZES is the TOP collector of used household batteries in the district's recycling effort so far this fiscal year. The top ten schools that collect the most

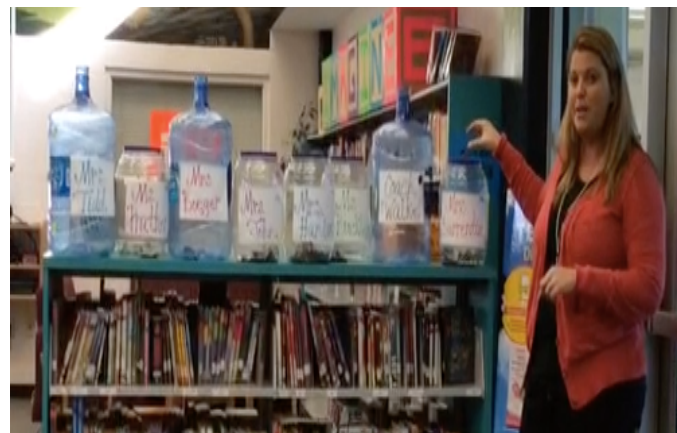
batteries by the end of the school year will share prize money from the Pasco County Utilities contest sponsors. Please help keep us on top by sending in only household size batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, and Button Cell only). Thank you!

## **COIN DRIVE CHALLENGE**

Mrs. John was on the news show recently reminding us of the coin drive to DUNK A LEADER that will continue for two more weeks. Who will win and what will we have the winners do besides pouring water all over them?



Will the winner be Mrs. Tidd, Mrs. Boeger, Ms. Barrentine, Coach Walke, Ms. Buckler, Ms. Hanlon, Ms. John, or Ms. Prather? Will they Read on the roof—Sing karaoke in costume—or Kiss a pig?? Keep those pennies coming😊





## Bus Stop Safety Reminder



Thank you, parents, for helping us teach our students about safety at the bus stop before and after school. We would like to clarify a policy about the afternoon bus drop off routine that can sometimes be confusing.

Q>I always meet my kindergartener at the bus stop after school. One day I was running late and missed the drop off. Because I was not there, the driver took my child back to school for me to pickup there. Will that always be the plan?

A>No. It may be that your child was afraid because you were not there and dispatch was unable to contact you. Returning a child to school is not always an option, depending on the time of day or whether or not we can reach the parent by phone. Here are the general guidelines our conscientious drivers follow to ensure the well being of our students:

*If a student, regardless of age, is normally met at the bus stop and no one is there when it's time to release the student, the driver will notify dispatch to help determine what steps to take; If a student regardless of age, is frightened or unsure about getting off at his or her assigned stop, the driver will not release the child. The driver will contact dispatch and relay the student's concerns, and dispatch will help determine what steps to take.*

This is another reason why it is important to keep the school notified of your current telephone numbers. We hope this helps to clarify this type of situation.

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**Superintendent: Kurt Browning**

**School Board Members:**

**Allen Altman      Cynthia Armstrong**  
**Alison Crumbly      Joanne Hurley**  
**Steve Luikart**



## BUS BEHAVIOR CONTEST!


Bus riders and their drivers are working on improving our bus behavior by earning a GOLDEN TICKET each day the students ride safely and responsibly in the morning and afternoon.

Every time a bus earns 10 tickets all the riders of that bus earn the mystery reward? Which bus will be the first winner?



Mrs. Rodgers updates the bus board in the cafeteria every morning at breakfast as the tickets roll in!

## Bulldog Blog: January 2016

By Mrs. Boeger, WZES AP 

I hope your holidays were a relaxing and refreshing time for your family. As we get back into the swing of our daily learning we continue to look for ways to help our students build their leadership skills. All across campus our students are caught helping, setting good examples, and volunteering. What a great bunch of young people there are at West. There is one more group I am excited to tell you about.

I am pleased to welcome and introduce our new writing team of fifth graders to the Bulldog News. Naz Bennefield, Jenny Delcastillo, Mackenzie Herndon, KJ Stewart, and Kaitlyn Urban, have been chosen by their teachers to be contributing writers to our school newsletter.

This month they collaborated on the article on New Year's Resolutions you will read at the end of this edition of the Bulldog News. In future editions we will enjoy their individual articles and photography contributions. Enjoy!

## **It's Called SPECIALS for a Reason!**



Learning Bicycle Safety> hand turn signals with Coach Anderson.



Painting with water colors in Mrs. Brown's Art classroom. Beautiful!



Testing our music knowledge in Mrs. Hine's class.

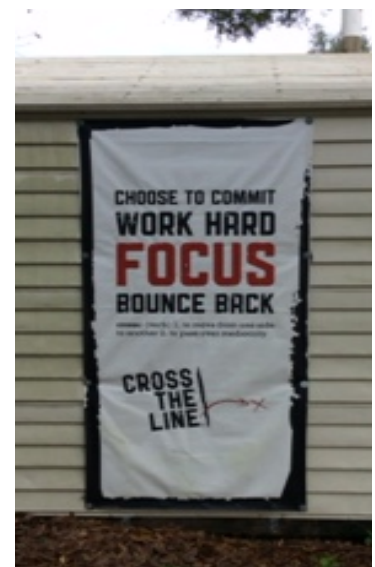


Coach Williams and Ms. Boydston bring technology outside!



Staying Active and Fit at PE under the direction of Coach Walke.

Reminders about our purpose wherever you look!





## New Year's RESOLUTIONS!

Written by KJ Stewart, Kaitlyn Urban, Jenny Delcastillo, Naz Bennefield, and Mackenzie Herndon.

When things go wrong or get distracting at school, some students stay in their lane. They focus on their own business—because school is important to them. These students have resolve! They got us thinking about that word...resolve...resolution! Hey, Happy New Year, let's talk New Year's Resolutions.

Before the Winter Break, we interviewed people on campus, in the café, at recess, and asked them questions about their New Year's Resolutions. What were the goals they wanted to work on or get better at in 2016? Many did not have a resolution yet, but hopefully the question got them thinking too.

We saw some patterns in the many different resolutions we were told about by kids and adults. Some kids wanted to focus on academics while others wanted to improve in sports. Still others had goals about being kinder to others. Timnesha, Sierra, Bailey H., Lexy, Lariah G., Marian S., Nyshonna, Nadialee, and Thomoshe all wanted to be better readers. Other students wanted to be better in math, science, or overall in their learning. They were Chloe E., Aubrey G., Kassidy P., Victoria M., Brice D., Melody H., Alex F., Syia, Ayden, and Justin. Noah even wanted to do more homework!

Sports and physical fitness were on the minds of students and grown ups too. Arielisse wants to learn to do a handspring and Emilie will learn to skate. Getting strong through swimming, dance, basketball, or football were goals for Daniel, Amelia, and Emily, and Malik and Noah, are planning to get to the NFL one day. Xander is going to exercise more than usual. Mrs. John is training for Rugged Mania with Mrs. Ritter and Mrs. Carroll. Mrs. McDonough and Mrs. Campbell are planning to lose weight. So are Mrs. Boeger and some other teachers who are resolved to start a walking club together. But we also heard some other more unique resolutions.

Kymani wants to stop flirting with girls☺ Mrs. Keene wants to volunteer more—we like that! Nate will be more independent and Kaze

will be sugar-free three days a week. Justin is sure to play less video games in 2016. Calob, Daniel, Robin, and Bobby are all going to get along better with their brothers and sisters and friends. Ms. Williamson hopes to be more involved with charity and to eat fewer gummy bears! Chelsea resolves to be a better student leader, be proactive, and to synergize—all great goals. But best of all, Mrs. Ana plans to be happy all year.

How about you? Set some goals and resolve to achieve them. Happy 2016 from the Bulldog Writing Team.



Kaitlyn, Jenny, KJ, Naz, and Mackenzie



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