



The Bulldog Bulletin

West Zephyrhills Elementary

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Charlene Tidd, Principal ♦ **Liz Boeger, Assistant Principal**

Principal's Pen

Hello Families! FCAT/FSA testing continues in fifth grade at the writing of this newsletter. The students have been working hard and putting forth their best efforts! We are very proud of them all! Scores will be available sometime this summer (if not by the end of the school year). Once we receive this information, we will mail your child's results to you.

As always, we encourage you to make sure students arrive to school on time and remain at school until the final bell. Students who are frequently tardy or who are often checked out early miss out on valuable learning opportunities.

Meet The Teacher Day for next school year will be held on **August 11, 2016**. Please also feel free to stop by WZES anytime during the summer to update your child's registration information /Emergency Card, etc.

Mrs. Boeger and I want you to know how very much we have enjoyed working alongside you this school year to ensure your child has had the best learning environment possible! We appreciate your support and your involvement so much! Please refer to our school Facebook page for additional notices and information.

Enjoy the rest of the school year and have a wonderful, relaxing summer! Encourage your child to read, read, read this summer to keep skills sharp!

Warmest Regards,
Charlene Tidd

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

April 27, 2016

Bulldog of Honor Recipients For the Third Quarter!



K-Jocelyn Walker, 1-Amelia Peeples, 2-Jackson Muns, 3-Drake Dubowik, 4-Emily Rice-Childress, and 5-Victoria Perez

Chamber of Commerce Citizens of the Month for February- March-April



Shane Diaz Valenzuela, Daniel Welty, Caitlyn Eudy

February Super Kiwanis Kids

Hosted monthly by the Zephyrhills Kiwanis Club.



WZES February Super Kiwanis Kids are Arianna Taylor, Halee Harzinski, Kyle Koda, Tyler Hitchner, Joel Paul, and (not pictured) Hannah Ashmore

March Super Kiwanis Kids

Hosted monthly by the Zephyrhills Kiwanis Club.



WZES March Super Kiwanis kids are Sophia Johnston, Callie Carter, Dustin Holbrooks, Savannah Best, and Kaitlyn Carlisle.

April Super Kiwanis Kids

Hosted monthly by the Zephyrhills Kiwanis Club.



WZES April Super Kiwanis kids are Stardriana Gonzalez, Lauren Langford, Lexy Santiago, Madison Leibmann, Kaden Abercrombie, and (not pictured) Torrie Barnes

Welcome to West!

You've probably noticed a new face in the front office or heard a new voice on the phone. Next time you're up here, please stop by to say hello and to welcome our new part time secretary, Meghan McNaull. If you haven't noticed her yet, it may be because she and Bella look A LOT alike.



Box Tops Update



JANUARY Box Tops = 3,009

Winning Class = Ms. O'Connell's class brought in 333 Box Tops!

2nd place was Mrs. Arnew with 228.

3rd place was Mrs. Barrentine with 209.

FEBRUARY Box Tops = 2,276.

Winning Class = Mrs. Blount's class brought in 239 Box Tops!

2nd place was Ms. O'Connell with 200.

3rd place was Ms. Knox/Ms. Harris with 154.

Year to date total = 15,199.

Book Challenge Update

I Read, YOU Read, WE All Read for Ice Cream! We did it—we have reached our goal of reading 50,000 books! Very soon Mrs. Tidd and Mrs. Boeger will serve our students ice cream to recognize this great synergy!

Relay for Life-RECAP 2016

Our WZES Relay for Life team had a great year! We had several fundraisers throughout the year and collected over \$4,000 for the cause. We also helped to "Paint the Town Purple" with a door decorating contest. The winners were 3rd place



- Daughtery, 2nd place
- Rood, 1st place -



Kessler/Miller and our Grand prize winner was Ms. Prather's 5th grade class.

We dedicated our year to our beloved Mrs. Susie Burns. Mrs. Burns was a 2nd grade teacher here at WZES for many years. Sadly, she lost her battle with cancer last summer. Our campsite at the event was Burns' Barnyard in her memory.



The Relay for Life event took place on Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12. Our team won several awards at the event: 2nd place for the Best Campsite, 2nd place for Spirit Points and 1st place for Fundraising.

Leadership Spotlight!

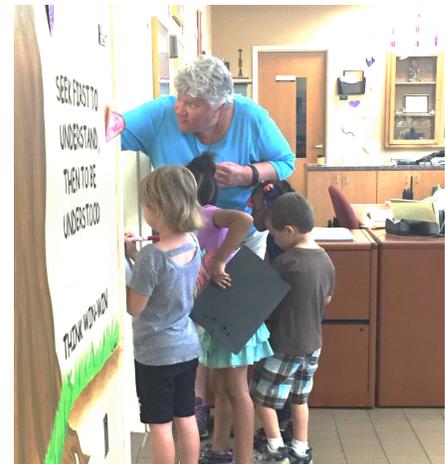
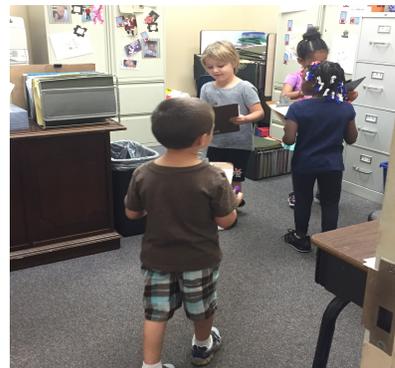
I cannot say enough good about Plant Manager, Herb Roshell and his entire staff. Recently, I asked to borrow box cutters as I had many boxes stacking up in my classroom. Instead of receiving the tool to do what needed to be done, I walked in the next morning to a clear pathway to my desk. Boxes were actually piled on the side. But nonetheless, I received, as always, more than I asked for and cannot thank them enough for their diligence and overall care for each and every one of us as well as the school grounds and needs. Thank you Herb and Staff and huge hugs and kuddos!



Susan Larkin, School Counselor

PreKindergarten Investigators

Some of Ms. Jamison's students take a learning walk in the front office.



SCHOOL NURSE NEWS

"Elementary School Immunization Requirements

Immunizations protect our children from many childhood diseases. These immunizations are free at the Health Department, or you can get them through your child's Pediatrician. In the past, many childhood diseases took a terrible toll on the children of our community, but that has changed dramatically as a direct result of childhood immunizations. Immunizations are not just a good idea - they are **required by Florida law** for all students attending school. Be sure your child's shots are current and that the school has the updated shot records (blue card). It is also a good idea to keep a copy in your records.

If your child is in Pre-K and will be going to Kindergarten in the fall, make an appointment with your Pediatrician. Your child will need a new physical (dated less than one year from the first day of Kindergarten) and all immunizations must be up-to-date. There are more shots required for Kindergarten. Please bring or send the new physical (yellow card) and updated shot records (blue card) to school. Kindergarten Round-up is right around the corner on Monday, May 2nd!"

Mobile Dental Van Visit a Success!

Our school was visited by the Mobile Dental Bus "Smile Care A Van," on March 7. This was a joint effort of the Florida Department of Health in Pasco County and Pasco County Schools to provide dental services for students at Title I schools. The Mobile Dental Bus "Smile Care A Van" provided Kindergarten and first grade students with a dental screening, exam, cleaning and fluoride varnish. Second grade students will receive dental sealants and fluoride varnish if needed.

Jessica Cronk Pippin, RN

POND BEAUTIFICATION

On March 6, we synergized, we weeded, we cleaned, it was a good day! Thank you Robin Burke, Alex Correia, Ginger Polley, and Lynda and Julia Miller for a very productive morning! Your efforts will be appreciated each time we stroll past the pond! We have three maps to update, some pressure washing and rain barrels to install, and we can rest. A big thank you to Tom and Brenda Dougherty for all your help, as well! Thanks to Craig Tidd for the water seal.

SAFER-SMARTER-KIDS

The Guidance department has been offering the district approved curriculum program titled, "Safer, Smarter, Kids". Initially, lessons were offered to grades K, 1, 2, and 3. The 4th and 5th grade curriculum was completed and delivered to West Zephyrhills for implementation to those grades as well.

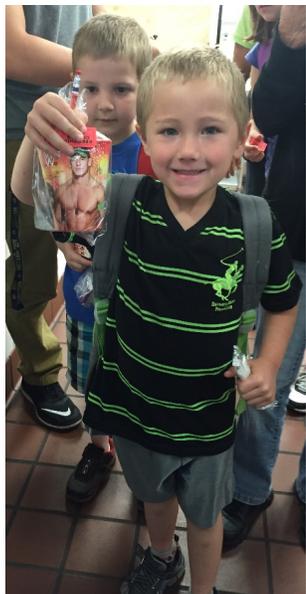
The program's author, Lauren Book, created a pretend "Safety Tool Belt" for each student. Stickers are earned after each classroom lesson, which includes journal entries and sharing. Journal entries are sent home with the parent letter following each lesson. The purpose of this letter is to keep the lines of communication open with parents and/or caregivers to assist in understanding what was taught. We encourage you to continue the conversation at home☺

Students are feeling empowered by the lessons they are learning and are using the language of the lessons in their daily conversation to be "Safer and Smarter." Teachers are on board as well, and they allow the students to work in their journals if time permits during the day.

"Safer, Smarter Kids" posters are placed in the classroom with the same safety tool belt stickers the students are familiar with. It is a daily reminder of what it means to be a "Safer, Smarter Kid."

Thank you for the positive feedback we have received from not only your children but also from many of the parents. Our goal is to keep all WZES students safe and smart!

Ms. Larkin and Dr. Kelly



“Wrestle up School Breakfast” was the theme of our National School Breakfast Week March 7-11. The ZHS Wrestling Team & Coach were present daily to help during breakfast. Each morning the first fifty

students in line were given a prize. (a pencil, sticker, etc.) At the end of the week there was a grand prize drawing for 2 tickets to Legoland!

The promotion helped increase WZES breakfast participation by **314** for the week with an **additional 110** adult breakfast meals served. Thank you to our great FNS staff for keeping us all fed, healthy, and happy!



Jacob Saravia winner of the Legoland tickets.

Take Your Daughters & Sons to Work Day

The national Take Your Sons & Daughters to Work Day is scheduled for Thursday, April 28. A principal has the discretion to allow a parent to take his or her son or daughter out of school to participate in the national event if the student does not have a scheduled EOC on Thursday, April 28, AND the parent has prearranged the student’s absence with his or her principal and teacher(s).

District employees who wish to bring their son or daughter to work with them may do so on Friday, May 27. Employees also must prearrange their children’s absence with their principals and teachers if they plan to participate on May 27.



ALL County Chorus 2016



Madeline Starnes, Mackenzie Herndon, and Victoria (Tori) Perez represented WZES at the All County Chorus Concert on March 12



C.A.M.P. Night 2016

Celebrating Art, Music and P.E.

Our 2nd Annual CAMP Night was a huge success thanks to the many people who helped and volunteered their time. We had over HALF of our families here during this amazing event. WOW!! Thank you, parents for turning out. The weather was beautiful and the campus was alive with excitement and decorations.



We appreciate the ENTIRE Specials Team for synergizing and making it a reality. Thank you Becky Brown, Regina Hoyt, Mandy Collison, Robin Wilkes, Shannon Anderson, Semion Williams, Becky Hines, and Steve Walke. You are a creative, energetic, helpful and supportive team!!



The Specials team also wants to thank Charlene Tidd and Liz Boeger for supporting our efforts, for making our ConnectEd call, being visible administrators (and for participating) during our event. Meranda Sutton gathered great door prizes and collected the “tickets”.

Donors:

Sonny’s BBQ—Pin Chasers—Cinema 10

WZES Art Dept.—Music Dept.—P.E. Dept.

Thank you Robin Burke, Brenda Dougherty, Kathy Arnew, Tammy Hanlon, and Kristie Whitehead for overseeing Leadership Notebooks. Therese Patterson, Rhiannon Gray, and Morgan Williamson made and sold the refreshments. Shannon Daughtery and Christie Rood did a fine job managing the crowd at the

dance rooms. And our great IAs Kristin Adams and Fabiola Destefano made the music classrooms more fun. Thanks for taking photos, Fabiola. Jennifer Clemens was a great help with the tickets.

Fifth grade students from Mrs. Williamson’s class who were “CAMP Ambassadors”



leading events and helping the families around campus: Christian C.,

Luke P., Chance W., Avrie F., Mackenzie H., Destiny F., and Suzanna M. Thank you to Shyannah S. (4th grader) for more ticket help. Kevin H. and Avery (H.S. Volunteers) for cutting and putting pink advertisements in teachers’ mailboxes.

Cammie Wilkinson (and ALL others in the front office) who had to fielded phone calls from parents are so appreciated.

Thank you to Herb Roshell and his crew for set-up and clean-up in various areas around campus.



Jessica Boydston and Phyllis Carroll (PTA) for the use of the popcorn machine and fund-raising assistance. And thank you to EVERYONE ELSE here at WZES who brought down Leadership Notebooks or helped in any capacity. You ALL make this a great place to work!!



CAMP Night Prize Winners:

Art Prize winners:

Nevaeh Hibbard-Buckler's class
Madison Leibman- Luckey's class
Hailey Southwick- Knox's class

Music Prize winner:

Brianna Preston- Adamson's class

P.E. Prize winner:

Natalie Sierra- Arnew's class

Sonny's BBQ \$10.00 gift cards:

Sophia Johnson- Whiteheads class
Vivana Farr-Nally's class

Cinema 10 movie tickets:

Anthony Butler- Prather's class

Pin Chaser's winners:

Nevaeh Hibbard-Buckler's class
Family Pack of bowling
Sierra Konomanyi-Daughtery's class
\$20.00 gift card
Tristen Trebour- Miller's class
Birthday Party Package



Artwork by Trace Danaher is on display at the Judicial Center in Dade City.

All American Youth Art Walk

In partnership with the District School Board of Pasco County, the Pasco County Clerk and Comptroller's Office is pleased to present the



first annual All American Youth Art Walk! WZES Students, LJ Graham and Trace Danaher had their artwork displayed at the Robert D. Sumner

Judicial Center in Dade City. A reception was held on April 6, and the students' artwork will be on display for a year. Congratulations LJ and Trace!



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ALL PRO DADS Events

By Mackenzie Herndon

Dads are not the only ones who attend the All Pro Dads events at WZES. Guess what? Mom's you can go too. Even grandpas, grandmas, aunts and uncles. At our All Pro Dad events the student and their family member get to have breakfast and have some fun together. After breakfast is served they do some activities together. **The next event is on May 6, at 8:20AM in the cafeteria.** Hope to see you there!

Reading Celebration News

By Mackenzie Herndon

Question Time! Who knows how to party? The students at WZES, that's who! On March 3 the primary classes partied and on March 4, third, fourth, and fifth graders enjoyed the same celebration in our cafeteria. Students were being congratulated for their reading efforts on the iReady and iRead computer programs. Keep up the good work.

IMPORTANT DATES

5/2—Kindergarten Pre-Registration
10:00am-1:00pm & 5:00-6:00pm

5/6—Quarter 4 Progress Reports Go Home
All Pro Dad's Breakfast 8:20 am

5/23—Book Fair Begins In Media Center

5/26—Fifth Grade Field Trip

5/27—Bulldog of Honor Celebration 8:30 am

PTA Dance 6:30-8:30 pm

Take Your Child To Work Day (District Staff)

5/30—No School-Memorial Day

6/8—Last Day of School☺

Bulldog Blog: Spring 2016

Mrs. Boeger, WZES AP



What a busy two months it has been on campus. With the important state testing sessions underway little time was available to publish the March or April newsletters. So in an effort to get everything back on track we have designed this End of the Year SPRING MEGA-ISSUE to include March, April and May campus news. Please check our Facebook page for info and news the rest of this year.

I want to thank some courageous fifth grade students for joining me on the WZES Writing Team this semester. They eagerly accepted story assignments and last month we had two illustrators join the crew. The art work of **Joel Paul and Trace Danaher** was originally scheduled to be in the March issue of the Bulldog Bulletin and I want to thank them for meeting the deadline. Their work is published here on page 10, and I know you will enjoy it.

Mackenzie Herndon interviewed Mrs. Boydston and Mrs. Ritter about the PTA's Reading Celebration and the All Pro Dad's Program. Her story is posted here too on page 8. Nice job, Mackenzie.



Jenny Delcastillo's article about the school recycling program field trip is posted above on page 9. Well done, Jenny!

Kyle "KJ" Stewart interviewed NFL hopeful, Roderick Byers, who is a family friend of second grade teacher, Mrs. Campbell. Mr. Byers came to school to talk to the second graders about focusing on school success. Great interview, KJ. You can link to KJ's video interview on the WZES Facebook page.

Join me in wishing these writers and illustrators the best in their future careers.

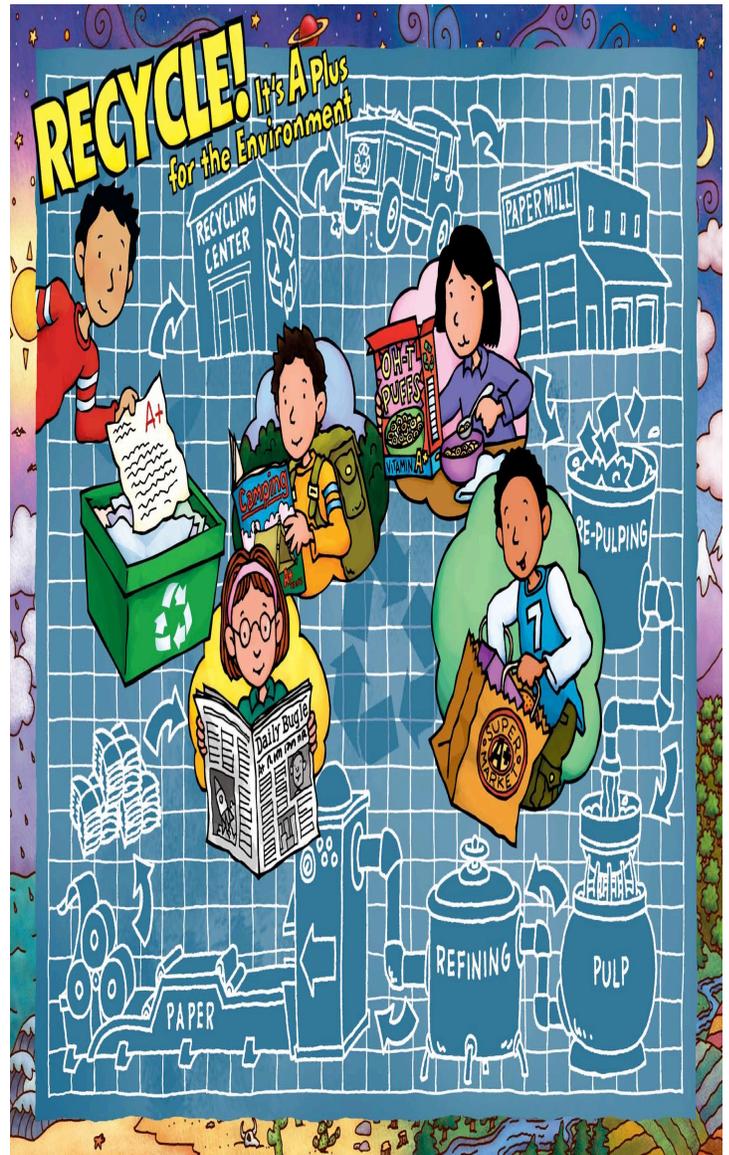
P.A.W.S. by Jenny Delcastillo

Imagine, mountains of gravel, piles of concrete, everywhere you look., and gigantic machines with the ability to turn solid rock into pieces the size of a pebble. The Fourth grade Earth Patrol members don't have to imagine it, they saw it on their Spring field trip.

People everywhere recycle everyday items, like paper or plastic. They drop off their items at a local recycling center. P.A.W.S. is a company that recycles materials such as gravel, asphalt, and concrete. But, how does this recycling company actually recycle building material? What are the recycled materials used for?

The cycle starts when a building or parking lot is being demolished. Think about the amount of concrete used for the building, or how much asphalt was needed for the parking lot. Instead of sending the "junk" to the landfill, it would all be sent to P.A.W.S.

There they use large machines to crush concrete, for example, into little bits and pieces. They'd sell the recycled material to be used again. Did you know, according to Mrs. Dougherty, a kindergarten teacher here at WZES, that one of our parking lots at our very own school is layered with recycled asphalt? Why go through all the trouble of creating all new material when you can reuse some that's already been made? Recycling makes sense.



Earthworms on Earth Day!



Superintendent: Kurt Browning

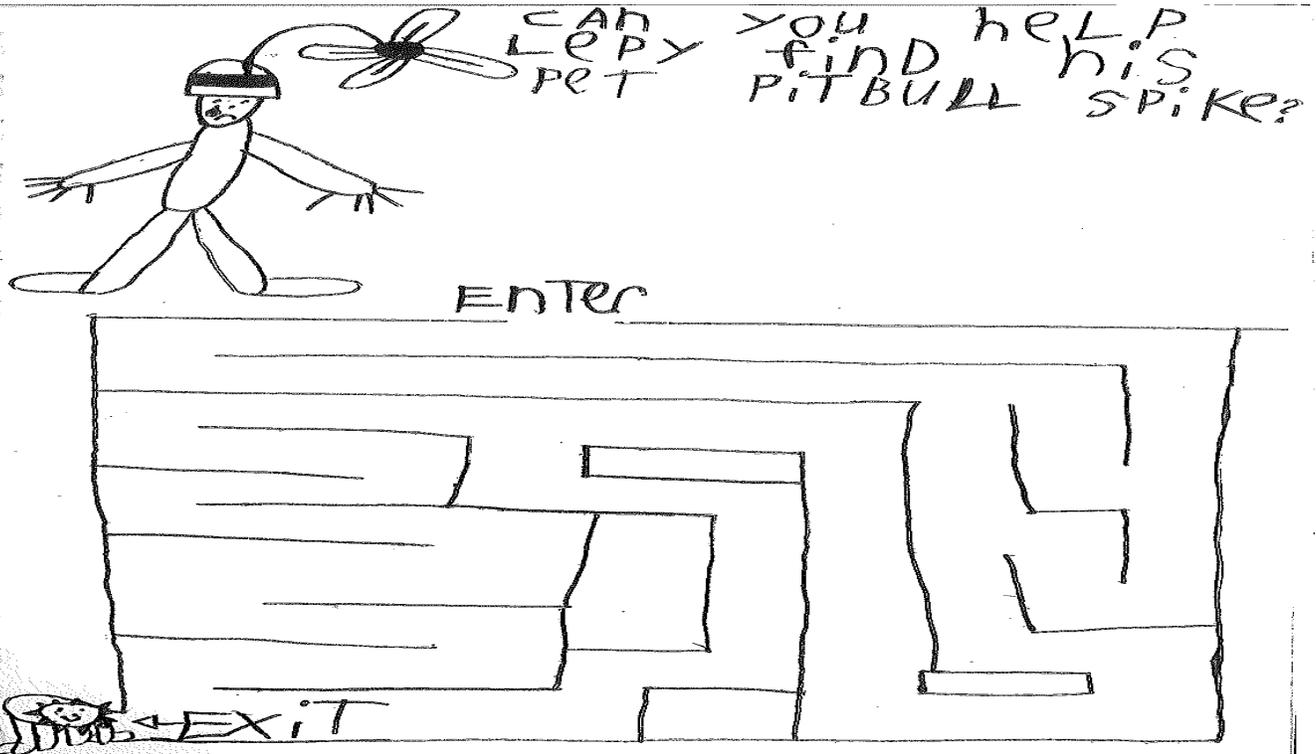
School Board Members:

Allen Altman Cynthia Armstrong

Alison Crumbly Joanne Hurley

Steve Luikart





Try Trace Danaher's Leprechaun Maze. Good Luck!



This is fifth grader, Joel Paul's artistic take on St. Patrick's Day folklore! Can you find the sad leprechauns who lost their treasure to the WZES Leprechaun Hunter?



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