

The Wrangler Express

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From the Principal's Desk



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you know, FSA season begins in February for our intermediate (Grades 3-5) students. Please make sure your child gets a good night of sleep and eats a healthy breakfast each day. We offer a great breakfast here at school, free of charge, for any student who does not eat at home.

It is also essential that your child arrive at school on time. Testing begins early, and if your child arrives after the testing starts they will have to wait in the main office until their class has completed that session, which will require him/her to make it up at another time.

Discuss with your child the importance of doing their best, but not to stress over it. Talk to your child about reading the questions carefully, making sure they know what is being asked of them. The main thing is they need to remain focused and should not give up just because they find some of the questions challenging.

Our teachers have been preparing them with the skills they need to be successful on the test; let them know that this is their chance to "show what they know!"

Sincerely,
Shauntte Butcher
Principal

February School Calendar

February 10 Progress Reports Go Home
February 27 FSA Writes for 4th – 5th Grade
February 28 Parent Connect Night –
WES Renovation/Construction
Presentation

Thank you to our WES Business Partners!



Absolute Air Systems, INC
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Custom Decal US
Peggy's Dance Place
Artistic Florist of Tampa
Chalet Flowers
Little Caesars Pizza
Rotary Club
Five Guys

Pin Chasers
Walmart
Elks Lodge #2731
City of Zephyrhills
Circle K at Eiland Blvd.
Marion Smith Florist
Tijuana Flats
First Christian Church



**WES Renovation/Construction
Parent Connect Night
February 28, 2017
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
in the cafeteria**

WES will host an informational Parent Night explaining the renovation and construction projects that will begin this summer at Woodland! Parents who attend will get a brief overview and look at the exciting changes coming to Woodland. Light Refreshments will be served.



Counseling Connection

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Counseling Connection

This month we will be celebrating friendship and caring at Woodland. Friends play an important part of every child's life and developing friendships teaches children valuable lessons in how to get along with others.

Outlined below, are our topics for each week:

- Week 1: Being a Good Friend
- Week 2: Making New Friends
- Week 3: When Friends Disagree
- Week 4: Resisting Peer Pressure

Please talk with your child at home about what he or she has learned. Additionally, to further support the skills your child is learning, please see below for activities that you can do at home.

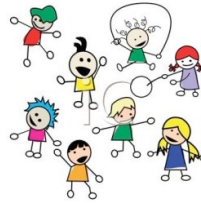
Suggested Activities:

- a. We will be working on appropriate conversation skills important in developing friendships. Conversation skills can be difficult for children to learn since they are often nervous when talking to someone new. One way to help your child overcome difficulties, such as not listening to the other person, or talking on and on about a specific topic, is to develop a secret signal (i.e. scratching your nose) between you and your child when he or she needs to listen or move on to another topic.
- b. Many after-school sports, classes, and clubs offer children additional opportunities to make new friends and to work on their social and friendship skills. Assist your child in pursuing any extra-curricular activities in which he or she needs to listen or move on to another topic.
- c. Before your child attends a social event, discuss what is going to happen and what will be expected of him or her. Afterwards, discuss with your child how things went well.
- d. Take time to have family social nights when you gather together to play games. Remind your child about practicing good social skills

such as taking turns, sharing, being a good sport, and practicing good conversation skills.

Social skills are essential for a successful future. Thank you for the opportunity to work with your child.

Sincerely, Shannon Kromer WES School Counselor



P.E. News

The Physical Education Department is proud to share our upcoming Field Day! Please mark your calendars for all day Thursday, March 16th. This year's exciting theme will be Superhero's. We look forward to another Successful Woodland Field Day! Specific details will be sent home by your child's classroom teacher.



Woodland's Relay for Life Team

The Woodland's Relay for Life Team is having a Dime Challenge for American Cancer Society for the whole month of February, please bring in your dimes and fill up the water bottles. The class from each Grade gets a Popsicle Party. Please contact Cindy Kirkpatrick for more details 813-794-6405

Attendance Matters

On January 31, 2017, we held an Attendance Celebration for those students with Perfect Attendance/No tardies for the 2nd Quarter! Congratulations to almost 200 students who were celebrated with a Free Popcorn treat bag and an Attendance Certificate. Thank you to the parents, guardians, and families who made this happen. Looking forward to increasing the number of students who will be celebrated at our 3rd Quarter Attendance Celebration and remember Attendance Matters and helps make students succeed!

Damaris Diaz, LMSW
School Social Worker



Reading Round-up

Building Reading Stamina:

Having stamina for something means being able to stick with something for periods of time. This stamina, or endurance, builds strength. Stamina can apply to lots of different areas, such as exercise or painting. **It can also apply to reading.**

Teachers often think about a student's reading stamina. Reading stamina is a child's ability to focus and read independently for long-ish periods of time without being distracted or without distracting others. Reading stamina is something that parents can help students develop. Here's how:

- 1 . Vary the way the reading is done. Parents can think about this in terms of having their child "read to himself, read to someone, and listen to reading." Some combination of the three should make up the reading time, especially for new or struggling readers.
- 2 . Choose "just right" books. If your child is at a stage of being able to read alone, help him choose books that he is able to read independently. This means he should be able to decode almost every word in the book correctly.
- 3 . Set reasonable goals. For elementary aged readers, consider starting with 10-15 minutes of reading time, and work up from there. Add a few minutes to your reading time every week or so.
- 4 . Celebrate progress. Without getting too caught up on the number of minutes spent reading, celebrate the time that is spent reading. Share your favorite parts of books read, plan the next visit to the library, and share progress with other family members.

Spending longer periods of time reading means fewer interruptions and more time reading what you love. As your child moves into higher grades, having reading stamina will help your child navigate the longer texts and assignments. Using these tips can help develop more stamina in your reader.

Amy Drury – Literacy Lead Teacher



Art News!

The Pasco County Art Exhibit will be held at the Dade City fairgrounds from February 20th to February 26th. The exhibit will showcase art from around the county, including art from our student wranglers. If your child's artwork is selected for the exhibit, a letter will be sent home prior to the start of the Pasco County Fair.

Mrs. Roberts & Ms. Meyer



Nurse's Note Here's to Your Health

We are very fortunate at WES to have a nurse practitioner visit our school on a monthly basis to provide health services to our students.

In collaboration with the University of South Florida, the ARNP evaluates students in our clinic for many medical/health issues. Since our students are not adults, a family member will need to be present to provide a health history and to authorize any medical services.

The next scheduled visit is: Friday, February 24th.

If you would like to set up an appointment please call the clinic at: 813-794-6405, and we will be happy to assist you.

Debbie Dee, RN Pasco County School Nurse

Work at Woodland!

Our school is looking for interested individuals to work as substitute teachers. Contact Dianna Huffstutler for information about becoming a substitute teacher at 813-794-6400.

