



# The Wrangler Express

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*Bringing school news to students, families, and community members.*

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## From the Principal's Desk



Dear Parents and Guardians,

With Spring Break upon us, I think about everything our students have already accomplished this year. Our students have worked very hard at their academic studies, prepared for and taken the FSA Writes test, and participated in a wide-variety of extracurricular activities, and they deserve a rest. We hope our students have a safe, restful, and enjoyable break.

When students return from Spring Break, we will be in the last grading period, which is full of testing. Please keep updated with your students' testing schedule which is featured in this newsletter.

Additionally, in April and May, several events have been planned to celebrate our hard work and successes. Parents, if you haven't done so already, now is the perfect time to fill-out a School District of Pasco County volunteer form to help prepare and supervise the activities we have planned. Remember, parent support helps make WES the great place that it is!

Sincerely,  
Shauntte Butcher  
Principal

## March School Calendar

- March 2**      **Read Across America**
- March 7**      **Spring and Class Picture Day**
- Circle K Fuel Your School**
- Fundraiser**
- March 9**      **Five Guys Spirit Night Fundraiser**
- March 13**     **SAC Meeting**
- March 14**     **Kindergarten Field Trip, The**
- Center of the Arts, Wesley Chapel**
- March 16**     **Field Day**
- March 17**     **Teacher Planning Day**
- March 20 – 24** **Spring Break**
- March 28**     **Parent Connects Night Math**
- March 28**     **McDonald's Spirit Night**
- Fundraiser**

## Thank you to our WES Business Partners!



Absolute Air Systems, INC  
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Zephyrhills  
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



## Counseling Connection

### Counseling Connection

This month we will be celebrating compassion at Woodland. Your child will be learning what compassion means and ways he or she can show compassion by understanding others' feelings and treating others with kindness. Outlined below, are our topics for each week:

- Week 1: Defining Compassion
- Week 2: Showing Compassion by Listening and Being Patient
- Week 3: Showing Compassion by Helping and Giving

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

#### Suggested Activities:

- a. Let your child know that he or she can show compassion just by being a good listener and being patient with others. Praise your child when he or she shows patience or compassion.
- b. Encourage your child to help other family members by doing small chores and praise him or her for helping.
- c. If you have a pet, encourage your child to think about the pet's needs and to help by walking the pet and making sure it has food and water.
- d. Talk to your child about less fortunate people and how those people might be feeling.
- e. When watching TV or videos with your child, point out who is being kind and compassionate and how that makes others feel.

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

Shannon Kromer  
WES School Counselor

### School Absences

It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to explain his/her child's absence by written notice on the first day of the child's return to school. Please schedule appointments on non-school days or non-school hours.



## 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

### Box Tops for Education

Parents, save those "Box Tops for Education" labels and bring them to the main office. WES is participating in this fundraiser hosted by General Mills. Thank you for your support.



**Woodland FSA State Testing Schedule  
Organized by Date:**

**Join us and explore the wonders of math with your children! You will enjoy an exciting hands-on evening of hands-on learning activities and games!  
March 28<sup>th</sup> - W.E.S. Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.**

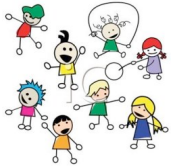
**Nurse's Note  
Here's to Your Health**



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.

Debbie Dee, RN Pasco County School Nurse



**Field Day  
March 16<sup>th</sup>**

The Physical Education Department is proud to share our upcoming Field Day! Please mark your calendars for Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. This years exciting theme will be Superhero's. We look forward to another Successful Woodland Field Day!



Please join us on March 31st to support our Team "Spirit Strong" at the American Cancer Society Zephyrhills Relay For Life from 6pm-Midnight on Zephyrhills Mainstreet. Thank you for All your support from our Lil' Wranglers!

Cyndi Kirkpatrick  
Clinic Assistant,  
Woodland Elementary School

2/27 Grade 4, 5:  
Writing 120 minutes, Paper/pencil 120 minutes

2/28-3/3 Grade 4, 5:  
MAKE UP TESTING

3/28 Grade 3 ELA Session 1:  
Paper/Pencil, 80 minutes each Session

3/29 Grade 3 ELA Session 2:  
Paper/Pencil, 80 minutes each Session

3/30-4/7 Grade 3 MAKE UP TESTING

4/10 Grade 4 ELA Session 1:  
Computer, 80 minutes each Session

4/10 Grade 6 MATH Session 1:  
Computer, 60 minutes each Session

4/11 Grade 4 ELA Session 2:  
Computer, 80 minutes each Session

4/11 Grade 6 MATH Session 2&3:  
Computer, 60 minutes each Session

4/12 Grade 3 MATH Session 1:  
Computer 80 minutes each Session

4/13 Grade 3 MATH Session 1 & 2:  
Computer 80 minutes each Session

4/14 Grade 3 MATH Session 2:  
Computer 80 minutes each Session

4/14-4/18 MAKE UP TESTING

4/17 Grade 4 MATH Session 1:  
Computer, 80 minutes each Session

4/18 Grade 4 MATH Session 2:  
Computer, 80 minutes each Session

4/19 Grade 5 ELA Session 1:  
Computer, 80 minutes each Session

4/20 Grade 5 ELA Session 2:  
Computer, 80 minutes each Session

4/21 MAKE UP TESTING

## Cafeteria Crazy

Hello Parents, students, and staff. This is a big shout out from your lunch ladies and dudes. You all know how crazy the cafeteria is. Well it's about to get crazier.

We will be celebrating National Breakfast Week starting Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Here is the crazy part; we are going to take the morning off! What??? Yes! You read that right. We are going to have special guests serve you. We need a break!

Did I mention there will be prizes? Oh yeah! You will receive a picture to color and a punch card. Color the picture and put your name and your teachers name on the back. The three best pictures will each win a grand prize. Everyone who participates will receive a small prize. Bring your punch card every day.

Activity sheets, stickers, and other prizes will be given out daily. Now, let's get to the guest servers:

- Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** We have a Police Officer. So do the right thing and come for breakfast. Wear blue in support of our men and women in blue.
- Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** Nurse Stephanie will be taking temperatures. Food temperatures, that is. Wear white or scrubs in support of nurses.
- Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** The kitchen will be blazing with Fireman Darrell. Wear red to support our firemen and women.
- Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** Come check out Kristen, our body builder. She never misses her breakfast. She is a lean, mean, fit machine. Wear your favorite superhero shirt.
- Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** It's Mario day! Wait, did we read this right? Yes, dress as Mario. Wear red and don't forget your mustache.

So, come in everyday this week. Get your FREE breakfast, picture to color, and punch card.

REMEMBER, BREAKFAST POWER  
EQUALS BRAIN POWER!



## Local Businesses Support Woodland and You Can TOO!



Join Us at **Circle K** Located at 36516 Eiland Blvd,  
Zephyrhills, FL 33542  
For Our Fuel Up Night March 7, 2017!  
10 cents per gallon at EVERY pump will be donated  
to our school, Woodland Elementary School.

## **FIVE GUYS**<sup>®</sup> BURGERS and FRIES

Join Us at **Five Guys** Located at 7654 Gall  
Blvd, Zephyrhills, FL 33541  
For our Spirit Night March 9, 2017 from  
4pm-8pm.



Join Us at **Mc Donald's** Located 6042 Gall  
Blvd. Zephyrhills, FL 33542. Our Spirit  
Night is on March 28, 2017 from 4pm-8pm.  
20% of proceeds go to our school Woodland  
Elementary School.

### ***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.