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One Child at a Time

PTO Newsletter

1st Nine Weeks 2015



PTO News:

Welcome to the Whispering Winds Family New Students and Teachers! Welcome Back to all those familiar faces from last year. The 1st nine weeks have flown by quick.

Introductions are in order for our PTO Officers:

Shawn Royce- President

Alesha Smith-Vice President

Emily Allen-Secretary

Norelia Armas-Treasurer

We had a great turnout for the Title 1 Scavenger Hunt! Approximately 40 books were given out. Thank you to Bubbaques for the Buy on Get on Free Cards.

I have to say I am impressed with our new Safety Patrol. What great enthusiasm to want to help their community already! The 5th grade students are so excited to be on Safety Patrol this year.

Our first fundraisers for the year are underway. We started Schoolstore.com 2 years ago and it appears to be successful. Jolly Fundraiser did extremely well!

There are several opportunities to volunteer, either in the classroom or around the school. Contact your child's teacher to find out more.

Important Dates:

Please check the monthly calendar that is sent out. Other sources of are the school's Facebook Page, the school website and teacher calendars.

We will be having fundraisers during the year to help raise money for the playground equipment that needs to be replaced.



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TEACHERS CORNER

VPK (Mrs. Jody) My name is Mrs. Jody. I am the lead VPK teacher here at WWCS. I have my AS degree in Early Childhood Education, and I am working on obtaining my BS degree so that I can become a state certified teacher in grades VPK-3rd. I became a teacher because I had a very special teacher who made a lasting impression on my life with the love and kindness she showed to my daughter. Her kindness changed my life. I want to be that person for others! I look forward to meeting all of you and your children!

VPK (Mrs. Megan) I am the assistant VPK teacher here at WWCS. I have been in childcare for nine years. I am currently working on my BAS in Human Resources and Organization Management. I plan to obtain my AS in Early Childhood Education. This is my first year here and I look forward to many more!

Kindergarten (Mrs. Chris) I am so excited to be teaching at Whispering Winds Charter School again this year. After many years teaching in Gilchrist County I feel blessed to work with the wonderful staff, parents and children at WWCS.

I have lived in Chiefland for many years and raised my children here. I live near Manatee Park with my husband, Mickey, our Daughter Mandi and The Boss-Jackson. And don't forget our Boston Terrier-Henry. I have a background in Early Childhood education and Special Needs. I have a Master's in Education from St. Leo University. I like to read, and travel. My favorite vacation would be on a cruise to anywhere with my Nook nearby. I can honestly say I love what I do. Your children teach me so much. I thank you for sharing them with me. It is an honor.

1st Grade (Ms. Amanda) My name is Amanda Falls. I have taught preschool for 10 years before starting at WWCS as a 1st grade teacher. I enjoy listening to music and reading, as well as, arts and crafts.

2nd (Miss Smith/Miss Graham) My name is Jessica Graham. This is my second year here at Whispering Winds. It taught 1st grade last year and am co-teaching second grade this year. I have previously taught 1st grade in Jacksonville and long term subbing and aide in 1st grade in Apalachicola. I obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from the Baptist College of Florida. I have always had a passion for teaching. Growing up I had teachers who cared for me personally and academically. Having that fueled my desire to give students the same care as I had.



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3rd (Mrs. Michelle) My name is Michelle Wilson and I am the new 3rd grade teacher here at WWCS. This is my 1st year teaching, before this I was a sub at CES. In my free time I enjoy fishing and hunting with my family. I have always enjoyed working with children and being able to teach them new things.

4th (Ms. Sharp) My name is Katie Sharp and I have gladly returned to teach 4th grade again. This will be my 3rd year teaching elementary and I have also taught VPK for 5 years. I received my Bachelors in Elementary Education from Saint Leo University with endorsements in Reading and ESOL. I am looking forward to a great year!

5th (Mrs. Bartley) I decided to go into teaching because I love learning. I want others to enjoy learning as much as I do and to realize that no matter how old you become, you are never too old to learn. I currently teach 5th grade at Whispering Winds Charter School. I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from the University of South Florida. I am certified in Elementary Education k-6, with an ESOL endorsement. I have also attained my ESE certification. I have served as a "team facilitator", "reading coach", and "math cadre" (coach). I just started my tenth year of teaching, with experience in grades 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th. I enjoy teaching here at Whispering Winds because it offers a lot of individualization with students. I hope to have another year full of learning and fun.

Sincerely, Mrs. Bartley

(Ms. Debbie) HI WWCS Parents and Students, My role has changed many times over the 8 years I have worked at WWCS but one thing that never changes is how excited I am to be able to work with some great people and wonderful students. Looking forward to another great and exciting year!

Note from Dr. Cornell

As it looks like the theme is a short biographical sketch, I will follow suit. This is my 11th year at Whispering Winds. I so honored and blessed to have had the privilege of serving this school for the last 11 years. It is a special and unique place. I was raised and graduated from high school in Zephyrhills, Florida, "The City of Pure Water. I earned a Bachelor's of Science in Health Science Education, a Master's degree in Special Education and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership, all from the University of Florida. Go Gators! But don't worry; I encourage our children to go to the college of their choice. ☺ *Dr. Cornell*

