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Windermere Elementary PTA Newsletter

April, 2015

Dates to Remember:

- **Wed., April 1st**— Papa John's PTA Pie Night
- **Tues., April 14th**— Spirit Night at Uno

Looking Ahead...

- **Mon., May 4—Fri., May 8**-- Teacher Appreciation Week (see pages 3 & 5 for more information)
- **Thurs., May 7**— Spring Individual & Sibling Pictures
- **Thurs., May 14 at 9 AM**- PTA General Meeting
- **Fri., May 29**— Beach dress-up / hat day



(407)654-7209

For deliveries to any home within the WES school boundaries

A Message From Our PTA President

Dear Parents,

Last month, we highlighted our new fundraiser called Papa John's PTA Pie Night. Congratulations to Mrs. May and Mrs. Setaram who shared top orders for March. This month, we'd like to highlight a few other programs we have set in place this year:

AMAZON SMILE: AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Windermere Elementary every time you shop, at no cost to you. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to our PTA.

Get started at http://smile.amazon.com/about/ref=smi_ge_ul_lm_raas

SHUTTERFLY: Turn the photos you love into photo books, cards, gifts and more. Shop at any of the six Shutterfly brands listed below, and 13% OF YOUR PURCHASES WILL BE DONATED TO OUR SCHOOL. Earn money for Windermere PTA with every purchase from Shutterfly, TinyPrints, Wedding Paper Divas, Treat and Borrow Lenses.

Get started at <http://windermereelementary.shutterflystorefront.com/>

TARGET: Have a Target REDCard? Register your card and designate Windermere Elementary as your school. We will receive 1% of your purchase as a donation from Target through their Take Charge of Education program. So far, we have only 61 card member registered. Sign up today! It all adds up.

Get started at <http://www.target.com/redcard/main>

As always, we thank you for your support.



Coming Soon to Windermere Elementary!

Your WES PTA is pleased to announce the upcoming arrival of our new playground pictured above! See page 2 for details.

✓ April Fool's Day! Our monthly PTA Pie Night at Papa Johns will be held on Wednesday, April 1st. Call Papa Johns on #535 in Windermere at (407)654-7209 and order a pizza any time of day. Don't forget to mention that you are a family at WES. The teacher with the most orders wins a pizza party for the class!

✓ WES continues standardized testing this month. We ask that during this testing period you limit your time at school, in the lunchroom, and in the hallways. Due to testing, lunch schedules for your child may be altered. Don't forget - April 1st and April 15th are **regular school hours** (No early release!).

✓ Sharing your talents with our students through PTA helps make our school great! We are currently looking for volunteers to help run a PTA event or a committee during next year's school year. Also, we are looking for

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someone with a financial or bookkeeping background to serve as our PTA Treasurer. Make a difference in our school and volunteer today!

✍ It's not too late to order your **2014-2015 WES YEARBOOK**. You may order online at www.leonards.com/yearbooks. Enter our order number: 31563. Checks made payable to Leonard's are accepted as well. Additional order forms are available in the school lobby. Keep your child's memories of WES forever...order your yearbook now!

If there is anything we can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact us at ptawindermere@gmail.com.

Thank you for being part of Windermere Elementary.

Your WES PTA Board,

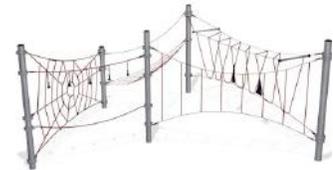
Sue Ann Reichard, Bonnie Dooley, Christie Blevins, Holly Specht, Andrea Hanes, Katina Flynn, Shannyn Wellington and Shellie Hutchinson

Windermere Elementary Playground Update

Your WES PTA is pleased to announce the upcoming arrival of our new playground! Starting in April 2015, you will see construction occurring in the 2nd-5th grade playground area, making room for our new, amazing rope structure by KOMPAN.

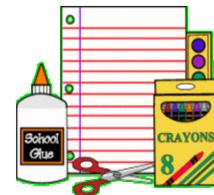
This structure is 100% paid for by the PTA through your generous donations to our annual fundraiser.

Thank you all for making our school an even more incredible place for our children to learn and grow. This structure is sure to make recess even more fun! http://www.kompan.us/Handlers/Image.ashx?w=458&h=262&path=/ProductFiles/COR10220_CAD2_US.png&sm=rpwp



Coming Soon...

Kerry McGavin, a parent volunteer, has worked diligently this year to establish a school supply program at Windermere Elementary. We are pleased to announce that we are partnering with EPI - Educational Products Inc. to offer pre-packaged Back to School supply kits available for purchase this spring and waiting for your child at Meet the Teacher in August! Eliminate the hassle of school shopping and order your supplies through EPI!. Detailed lists and prices will be available shortly.

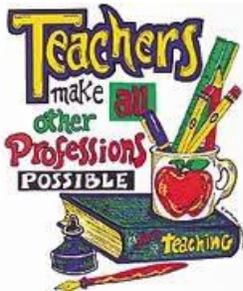


**WES Spirit
Night At**

UNO
CHICAGO GRILL

Take the night off from cooking & enjoy dinner with your WES friends **Tuesday, April 14th** Uno in Fowler's Grove.

Teacher Appreciation Week ~ May 4 — May 8



Our children are so blessed to have amazing & dedicated teachers & staff members at Windermere Elementary School! May 4th—May 8th Teacher Appreciation Week, which means this is our opportunity to show them how much they are appreciated!

In addition to activities each Room Mom will plan for their classroom, the WES PTA has several activities planned for the week— but [we will need YOUR help to make these activities a success.](#)

We will be sending detailed information home soon, but in the meantime, here is a brief summary of what the teachers & staff can look forward to, and how YOU can help make it possible ☺:

Lunch- The PTA will be providing lunch for all WES teachers & staff on **Tuesday, May 5th.** We will have the meat portion catered by a local restaurant, but [we are asking the parents to participate by donating the side-dishes & desserts for the occasion.](#) An e-mail will be sent out soon, for you to sign up to do so.

Snacks & Water- The PTA will be providing healthy snacks and refreshments on Friday, May 8th. [We are asking the parents to donate individually-wrapped, healthy snacks \(granola bars, pretzels, dried fruit, energy bars, etc.\) and cases of water.](#) If you are able to contribute, please send your items in to the PTA, labeled “TAW Snack Day.”

Gift Card Bouquet- To add to the excitement of **the whole week,** [the PTA is collecting gift cards from the WES parents —to any local store, restaurant, gas station, etc., in any denomination—](#) so that we can create a “Gift Card Bouquet” that the teachers can “pick” from each day of Teacher Appreciation Week. If you can help by donating a gift card, please send your gift card in a sealed envelope, Attn: Bonnie Dooley/WES PTA and write “Gift Card Bouquet” on the envelope.

Specials Teachers- Specials teachers are such an important part of our students’ days, so we want to be sure to include them, too. Each grade level will be “adopting” a Specials teacher. [We are asking each student to fill out the card on page 5 of this newsletter, decorate it if you wish, and return it to the PTA with a \\$1 donation if possible, by April 17th.](#) The PTA will use the money donated, to purchase gift cards for each Specials teacher. The gift cards will be given to each Specials teacher, along with all of their cards, during Teacher Appreciation Week.

If you have any questions or if you would like further information, please e-mail the Teacher Appreciation Week committee at BonnieLDooley@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

Bonnie Dooley & Christie Blevinns
WES PTA Teacher Appreciation Week committee

Dr. Seuss' Birthday Moments to Remember



Mrs. Schultes' 3rd-grade class



Mrs. May's Kindergarten class

Mustang Education Fund Update



The Town of Windermere received a \$65,000 check from the proceeds of the Wine and Dine event. Our school will receive \$30,000 of that money through the participation of the Mustang Education Fund! Thank you to everyone that volunteered and participated. Our school will be more technologically advanced because of you.

For more information about the Mustang Education Fund, visit <http://mustangeducationfund.org/> or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheMustangEducationFund>



Mustang App Pizza Challenge Winners...
Mrs. Chandler's class

We're on the Web!

www.windermerepta.com and www.facebook.com/windermereelementaryschoolpta



Like us, "Windermere Elementary School PTA" on Facebook for the latest updates and upcoming school events! https://www.facebook.cm/WindermereElementarySchoolPta?ref=br_tf



The Windermere Elementary School app— brought to us by the Mustang Education Fund— enables parents, students, alumni, faculty and staff to quickly access all of the who, what, when and where for Windermere Elementary School! https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/windermere-elementary-school/id704471908?mt=8

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Specials Teachers are Special, too!

As mentioned on page 3, each grade level at WES will be "adopting" a Specials teacher. We are asking each student to fill out the card below, decorate it if they wish to do so, and return it to the PTA with a \$1 donation if possible, by Friday, April 17th. The PTA will use the money donated, to purchase gift cards for each Specials teacher.

Directions:

Refer to the list below to find your grade's assigned Specials teacher. Print & cut out the template below to make a card for that teacher. Please return all cards & donations by Fri., April 17th. Thank you!

- Kindergarten.....Art 3rd Grade.....PE
1st Grade.....Media 4th Grade.....Science
2nd Grade.....Music 5th Grade.....You Choose, since it's your last year at WES!

Thank you for being such a SPECIAL teacher. Dear _____, [Decorative area with art supplies, musical notes, a stick figure holding apples, a science atom, and books]

COMING SOON
• Teacher Appreciation Week update
• Spring/Sibling picture info.
• Talent Show info.
AND lots more!

IDEAS?!?
If you have any ideas, questions, or comments about the newsletter, please contact Bonnie Dooley at BonnieLDooley@Gmail.com
Please do NOT reply to the e-mail address the newsletter is sent from, as it is for distribution purposes only. Thank you!