



# Windermere Elementary PTA Newsletter

Mustang News

October 2015

## Dates to Remember:

- October 7  
Papa Johns Pie Night
- October 8  
Mustang Stampede Pep Rally
- October 14 @ 9am  
Artifacts orientation meeting
- October 20  
Spirit Night at Tijuana Flats in Winter Garden
- October 22 FUNdraiser Event Day
- October 27  
Individual Picture Make-up Day
- October 29  
Great Pumpkin Read-In
- October 30  
Book Character Dress-up Day
- Nov 9 - Nov 13  
Scholastic Book Fair
- November 12  
Scholastic Book Fair Family Night - featuring evening hours
- Nov 19 – Dec  
Guardian Angels Holiday Gift Drive
- November 20  
Grandparents Day

## A Letter From Your PTA President

Dear Parents,

Our Future's So Bright...Gotta Wear Shades! We are ready to kick off our Mustang Stampede PTA Fundraiser with a Pep Rally on October 8<sup>th</sup> filled with cheers and laughter from our kids! Let's take a look at what else lies ahead:

- ✓ Our Mustang Stampede FUNdraiser runs for two weeks...keep collecting pledges and help us obtain our goal of \$35,000! We are always amazed at our generous parents. Thank-you, thank you! All pledge envelopes are due back at school on October 22nd.
- ✓ And don't forget to sign up to volunteer at our Mustang Stampede Event Day on October 22nd. Come dressed for fun (and a little heat!). It's always the highlight of the year. Contact [ptawindermere@gmail.com](mailto:ptawindermere@gmail.com) or sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d45aeac2fa5fd0-mustang2>
- ✓ Celebrate International Walk to School Day on October 7<sup>th</sup>! Unite with students around the world to celebrate the benefits of walking to school.
- ✓ Join us in the SPOOKateria on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> for the Great Pumpkin Read-in. Students in K-2 are encouraged to wear their favorite PJ's and listen to the favorite teachers read their favorite books! Check-in begins at 6:00 pm.
- ✓ Grab a taco and some queso at Tijuana Flats in Winter Garden. Our WES Spirit Night is Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. It's a fun and delicious way to support our students.
- ✓ Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> is our Book Character Dress Up Day! Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favorite Book Character. We ask that students refrain from wearing masks or scary attire. Students who donate \$1 to our Guardian Angels fund will receive a SPIDER RING that morning.

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

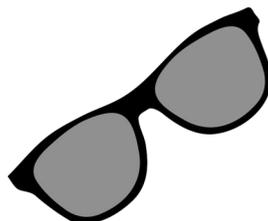
Thank you for being part of Windermere Elementary.

Your WES PTA Board, President, Sue Ann Reichard; Vice Presidents, Andrea Hanes, Holly Specht, & Christie Blevins; Recording Secretary, Katina Flynn; Corresponding Secretary, Shannyn Wellington; Treasurer, Monica Fernandez; Vice Presidents – Support, Amy Prevett, Nicole Derda & Michael Rossi

## Help us with our bulletin board!

Send a picture of your child in his/her "shades" to school. We will post the picture on our main bulletin board in the lobby! Pictures may be on regular or photo paper. Feel free to use a smartphone photo.

Sorry...photos will not be returned.



## Great Pumpkin Read In



GREAT PUMPKIN READ-IN  
for Kindergarten through 2nd Grade  
Students

**Thursday, October 29th**  
**6:00–7:30 pm**  
**in the Spookateria**

Come in your pajamas to listen to some of our teachers' favorite Halloween stories. Don't forget a blanket to sit on and

your favorite pillow. Check in is from 6:00 to 6:15 pm & stories will begin promptly thereafter. A Scholastic book will be provided to all students who attend, courtesy of the Windermere Elementary School PTA.



## Mustang Stampede Event Day

**Thursday, October 22, 2015**

Join us for a fun and exciting wrap up to our Mustang Stampede. Our Event Day involves every student at WES participating in several outdoor activities during their Specials time block.

We need volunteers to monitor the lines, distribute water and popsicles, tie shoes, and have a blast with the kids. Come dressed for fun...and dressed for heat!

Invite other parents and Grandparents too! Questions? Email [ptawindermere@gmail.com](mailto:ptawindermere@gmail.com). Meet us at the WES PE Pavilion in time for your shift and THANK YOU for your help.

### Specials Time Block:

5th grade – 8:45 am - 9:30 am  
4th grade – 9:45 am - 10:30 am  
3rd grade - 10:45 am - 11:30 am  
1st grade – 12:30 pm - 1:15 pm  
Kindergarten – 1:15 pm - 2:00 pm  
2nd grade - 2:15 pm - 3:00 pm



## Mustang Education Fund

Donations - Thank you for all of your donations at Meet the Teacher and Open House. We will be purchasing more technology for your children!

Tech Week - December 7th - 13th - Look for fun games and prizes during this week to celebrate the technology at our school as well as Computer Science Education Week.

Windermere Wine & Dine - Saturday, January 30th from 6 pm - 9pm. Join us for this fun, annual event that raises money for our fund to purchase technology for the school.

App Sponsors - Do you have a local business? Do you like to advertise? Sign up to be an app sponsor on our WES School app. Contact us at:

[mustangeducationfund@gmail.com](mailto:mustangeducationfund@gmail.com)



**“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”**

— Winston S. Churchill

## Congratulations to our Art Show Contestants

Congratulations to our student artists who represented Windermere Elementary in the OCPS Student Art Show for the Global Peace Film Festival.



Our six finalists for the county art show are Ellie Kopelousos, Jada Matik, Olivia Calandra, Savanna Schenk, Ashley Nelson, and Ashley Lunt.



Jada Matik

## Book Fair is Coming!



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to WES Media Center/Library November 9-13.

Join in the fun! Volunteers are needed to help our students select the perfect book throughout the week. We will also be asking for set up and tear down help before and after the Book Fair. All proceeds go directly back to the Media Center!

Sign Up Now:  
[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D45AEAC2FA5FD0-scholastic2](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D45AEAC2FA5FD0-scholastic2)

## Julestrong Update - Julianna Goldberg

Windermere Elementary School had a great time in September honoring Julianna with a special JULESTRONG-themed spirit week. Thanks to all the families and friends that came out to the Ellie Lou's spirit night. It was a great time and both the to go orders and restaurant were slammed! We are so blessed to have such a strong family of people and students in our school! We would also like to extend a thank you to everyone that stopped by the JULESTRONG booth during Open House and participated in Crazy Hat/Hair Day. Throughout the week we sold a bunch of handmade JULESboxes, T-shirts and bracelets.

We are excited to announce that the Windermere Elementary School JULESTRONG Week brought in over \$ 2,500 in donations from our school community. Thank you to everyone for their support and prayers as Jules continues to beat this cancer once and for all!

We also wanted to provide a quick update on Jules. On Thursday, September 24th, Jules received what is expected to be her last chemo treatment. For the last two weeks, she has had numerous doctors appointments and scans to make sure all is well. We hope that within the first half of October, Jules will officially be in remission and cancer-free! Then she will start the process of rejoining her school pals at Windermere Elementary.



While at the hospital during her last round of chemo, she was truly given the star treatment! One of the biggest surprises was a visit with a real live penguin from Sea World! What a memorable experience for Jules and her family!

SO WHAT IS NEXT?? On Thursday 10/8 beginning at 5:30pm, the JULESTRONG team will be walking a 5K in honor of Jules at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk (starting and ending at Lake Eola). We would love to have you come and join our team! To become a "Team Jules" member, just go to the following website and register to participate.

<http://bit.ly/1ERGbhu>

Just a hint... "TEAM JULES" is on page 18 or 19 of the team registration form! Hope to see you there! And don't forget to wear your JULESTRONG shirts!



## Make Up Picture Day

Did your child miss individual picture day? Make-up day for individual pictures will be Tuesday October 27th.



Please bring in the order form that was sent home last month with either payment or your online confirmation code.

## Mustang Spirit Night

Each month a local establishment is selected for a Spirit Night. It is a win-win since we get to socialize with our school friends, enjoy a good meal and the school receives a portion of your check!

This month our Spirit Night will be held on **October 20th at Tijuana Flats** in Winter Garden,

It's a fun way to give back to the school!



### Crazy Hat/Hair Day



### Arty-Facts Volunteers

Attention Arty-Facts volunteers:  
Our orientation meeting will  
be on **Wednesday, October  
14th at 9 am** in the cafeteria.

If you signed up or are interested  
participating in the program please  
attend this informational meeting.

You can also email Denice  
Milhausen at [dmilhausen@cfl.rr.com](mailto:dmilhausen@cfl.rr.com)  
for more information.



### Students Helping Students



A special thank you to all our wonderful students who hosted lemonade stands and generously raised money for the JuleStrong Fund including: Madeline Rashid with Sophia and Emileigh Schwaeble (pictured above), Brooke and Henrik Lund, Haley Zimmerman, and Jacee and Charis Holland . Way to go Mustangs!

# Thank you to our Stampede Sponsors!

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