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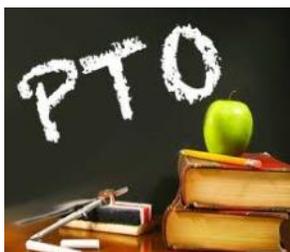
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Veronica Zavaleta PTO President

Hello WLMS Families,

The PTO wishes you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season. The new year will begin with Wellington Landings' biggest annual fundraiser, the 4th Annual Walk-A-Thon! The Walk-A-Thon will take place during school on Friday, January 27. The Walk-A-Thon is a fun and social school event which encourages your child to participate in raising funds to support our wonderful school while getting some exercise and earning prizes. Important information regarding how your child can participate in the Walk-A-Thon will be sent home as soon as school resumes in January.

Thank you to our many enthusiastic and involved parents who help make WLMS a nurturing place for our children. Your support of school events makes a difference each day.

Happy Holidays,
Veronica Zavaleta
PTO President



Administrative Messages

Ms. Blake Bennett, Principal

Dear Wellington Landings Middle School Families,

The spirit of the holiday season is all around us and it is a wonderful time to remember our many blessings! We are very thankful for the countless hours our volunteers give us, for our PTO, and for the support we receive every day from our parents.

I believe the faces of our children best express the true meaning of the holiday season, as their expressions radiate a sense of hope and joy for life and for the opportunities that await them. To the students, parents, teachers, staff, and friends of Wellington Landings Community Middle School, I wish you all a joyful holiday season!

We have been in the news a lot lately, enabling us to showcase our students' many achievements. Please see the links below to see some the wonderful events in which our students have participated.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

Sincerely,
Blake Bennett
Principal



The incredible cast of 101 Dalmatians.



Kudos to Karen Epstein for her remarkable job directing!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Danielle Giovanetti and I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have given their time and effort this school year, especially those who help out with very short notice!

Thanks to you, we have been able to assist with more than twenty events with a total of eighty-three volunteers. WLMS has 502 approved volunteers, with twenty-two new volunteers who registered between August and November.

One of our goals is to earn the Golden School Award. In order to achieve this goal, we must have a "total number of hours in volunteer services equal to twice the number of students enrolled in the school year." Since WLMS has over 1200 students, we need approximately 2,400 hours in volunteer hours. We know that we can do it with your help!!! We encourage you to spread the word to other parents, grandparents, and neighbors. Invite them to volunteer with you. Remember that there may be some work that can be done at home too.



Please make sure you always sign in when you volunteer. Use the computer that is on the counter in Student Services to log your hours in VIPS. Your time is too valuable to the school not to be counted toward our goal!

We treasure our Copy Cat Volunteers, School Store Volunteers, and Media Center Volunteers as well as the other volunteers who offer their time before, during, and after school, on weekends, and at home in front of their computers! We thank our PTO for all the work they do to raise funds for our amazing school.

If you wish to make a difference in your child's school, please email us at wlm volunteers@hotmail.com or contact Maria Richardson at [941 275-7647](tel:9412757647).

In the near future, we will be sending out a flyer asking you for a three-hour pledge to volunteer, with a good incentive for your student to earn when you contribute your time. We hope that you will participate.

Maria Richardson/Danielle Giovanetti
WLMS PTO Volunteer Coordinators
wlm volunteers@hotmail.com

Around School**ATHLETICS**

The last day to turn in eligibility packets for girls' and boys' basketball and girls' soccer is **MONDAY, JANUARY 9th**. Please make sure you have all of your medical paperwork completed by then! If your paperwork is not turned in, you will not be eligible to try out. If you do not have an eligibility packet, you can pick one up in Student Services or print it out from Edline. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. McMasters.

A school-wide Progress Monitoring Plan, (PMP) is written each school year. The PMP is a state of Florida Department of Education approved method to document the monitoring of students' performance. The plan cites diagnostic tools, strategies and interventions used to assist students perform on grade level.



**EDLINE.NET -
PARENTS' GUIDE TO
HOMEWORK**

EARLY DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

If your child must leave school early, he/she should present a note to the student services secretary, signed by you, stating the date and time of the early dismissal. Make sure that you (or your authorized representative - a contact whose name is listed on your child's computer record) bring your identification when you pick up your child, as students are not released except to authorized persons who show proper ID. This procedure is strictly followed for your child's protection. *We are unable to honor early dismissal requests after 3:35 p.m.* Thank you for your cooperation.

Please take advantage of the grades, homework assignments, and other important information that your child's teachers regularly post on Edline. Students and their parents may access Edline from their homes, places of employment, the public library, etc. Parents who do not have regular access to the Internet should notify the school so that other arrangements can be made.

If you have difficulty accessing Edline, please contact the Student Services office at (561) 792-8178.

Many parents use both Edline and the homework assignment book to maintain contact with their children's teachers.



us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Wellanding> or search @Wellanding from your Facebook Page

Please visit only the site listed above. There are unofficial Facebook pages that are not supported by Wellington Landings Middle School.

Around School



WLMS Barnes and Noble Day was a Huge Success!

The Wellington Landings annual winter Book Fair was held Saturday, December 3rd at the Barnes & Noble in Wellington. It was an amazing showcase of many wonderful student presentations & projects!

Throughout the afternoon, presentations were made by drama, TV production, and speech/debate students. Other students talked about their favorite authors. The Wellington Landings band played, and art, social studies, science, and Spanish projects were presented.

Many patrons purchased books to donate to Wellington Landings as well as to the Title 1 schools in the area.

Many thanks to Barnes & Noble for hosting the Fair as well as to the community, parents, families, staff, and students that participated in or supported the event!

Generosity Abounds at Wellington Landings

More than a TON of Food Collected!

Wellington Landings' students and staff are a generous crowd! During the month of November, Wellington Landings collected more than a ton of food as part of the Food for Families food drive. More than 2300 food items were collected, including many fifty-pound bags of rice.

The food drive was sponsored by the National Junior Honor Society at Wellington Landings, with assistance from the Student Government. Food was collected through social studies classes. Mr. Miguel Torregrosa's classes and Mrs. Leslie Schmidt's classes led the drive, collecting an average of six food items per student!

In another effort to help those in need in our community, the Kindness Ambassadors at Wellington Landings sponsored a "Socktober in October" drive, collected more than 130 new pairs of socks to assist families in need.

Not neglecting our furry friends, the Student Government, in cooperation with the Kindness Ambassadors, led a drive to collect items for Big Dog Ranch. Dog bedding, dog toys, collars, and leashes were among the items collected to help the animal rescue organization. Ashley Mobilia led the collection effort.

We applaud the generosity that abounds at Wellington Landings!



Picture Gallery



Homecoming Festivities 2016
“Gator Style”



Calendar

January 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Return to School	10 PTO Mtg 9:45 a.m.	11 Walk-A-Thon packets sent home	12	13	14
15	16 No School	17 Coffee w/principal 9:45 a.m.	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Walk-A- Thon	28
29	30	31				

12/23 –
1/6
Winter
Break



Get your WLMS Fan Apparel
NOW!

Sold in the School Store
Monday - Friday
9:00 - 9:30 AM

&

4:00 - 4:30 PM
Cash or check only

*All proceeds from t-shirt
sales support our school



Short Sleeve Shirts \$12

100% Cotton

Youth Sizes M and L

Adult Sizes S, M, L, XL

Long Sleeve Shirts \$15

100% Cotton

Youth Sizes M and L

Adult Sizes S, M, L, XL



GED® & ESOL Classes

Registration begins January 9, 2017

Classes begin January 23, 2017

KREYOL:

Enskripsyon kòmanse 9 Janvye, 2017

Klas kòmanse 23 Janvye, 2017

ESPAÑOL:

Inscripción comienza el 9 de enero, 2017

Clases comienzan el 23 de enero, 2017

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Fun & Leisure Classes

What's your activity?

Indulge in fun & leisure classes online and at your local community school

Register online at WellingtonACE.com

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