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**Veronica Zavaleta**

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Dear Gator Parents,

The school year is winding down but we have a very busy month of May ahead of us! Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week has been in full swing from May 1st thru the 5th. We are very fortunate to have the most wonderful teachers and staff and we can't thank them enough!

It feels like just yesterday we began this 2015-2017 PTO together. We, as a team, grew and achieved all of the goals proposed. We shared many anecdotes, many stories of joy, and were so fortunate to share the experience of being volunteers together! I especially want to thank Principal Blake Benett, for your support and words of enthusiasm and support. Thank you teachers, administrators, parents, business partners and all those who placed their full trust in our outstanding PTO!

Welcome the new Gator PTO 2017-2019. Susan Hetzel as President, Michelle De Armas Vice President, Kari Taylor as Recording Secretary and Camila Feiertag our Treasurer. Jay and Samara Osowiecki, with the Scientastic Institute will be in charge of Business Partners.

I look forward to seeing what we will accomplish next year!

With sincere gratitude and appreciation,

Veronica Zavaleta  
PTO President

**Administrative Messages**

**Ms. Blake Bennett, Principal**

Dear Wellington Landings Middle School Families,

It is hard to believe it is already May! It is so exciting to visit the classrooms and see the growth our students have made as students at WLMS. Our teachers have worked tirelessly to make sure that our students get the best education possible and I am grateful for their dedication and commitment to our school! I must thank our wonderful parents and volunteers for always proving that we are lucky to be part of such an outstanding community.

We are very proud to announce nine of our teachers have been recognized by the State of Florida as *High Impact Teachers*. A recent analysis of student performance on statewide standardized assessments in math and reading found that these teachers had a significantly positive impact on student learning and "among the most positive in the state." We are so proud of the following teacher's commitment to the students at Wellington Landings Middle School: Lois Weber, Danielle McMasters, Douglas Henry, Cynthia Higgins, Lisa Havell, Lisa Shields, Judy Warren, Lisa Shore, and Julie Burtin. *(Please note that only language arts, math, and reading teachers are eligible for this honor.)*

As we approach the end of our school year, we enter our performance and award season! We look forward with great excitement to seeing our fine arts academy students in the final performances of the year. Please check Edline for all of the latest updates and information related to awards ceremonies, performances, and sporting events!

Sincerely,  
Blake Bennett, Principal



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**This past weekend, at the Regional Championship in Rhythmic Gymnastics, Daria Sokolova qualified into the Junior Olympics Team and will represent our Region (eight states: FL, GA, NC, SC, TX, LA, TN and Puerto Rico) in the National Championship in Milwaukee, WI.**





## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Please click on the link below to volunteer!

8th Grade End of Year Party - Saturday, May 20th

[http://wlms.ivolunteer.com/event\\_015](http://wlms.ivolunteer.com/event_015)

**Please remember to stop into Student Services and log in all your volunteer hours into VIPS!**

***If you have any questions send an e-mail to Maria Richardson at [WLMSVolunteers@hotmail.com](mailto:WLMSVolunteers@hotmail.com)***

**Raghav Venkat won Florida state Chess K-8 (Middle School) championship Trophy on Sunday, May 12th at Wyndham Resort in Orlando.**

SwissSys Standings. 2017 FLORIDA STATE SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP: K-8 CHAMPIONSHIP

#	Name	Rtg	Team	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TBrk[M]	TBrk[S]	TBrk[C]	TBrk[O]
1	RAGHAV VENKAT	2097	WELL	W21	W25	W6	W3	D4	4.5	15	18	14.5	56
2	XAVIER ALVAREZ	1837	ROCKM	W45	W19	D5	W17	W11	4.5	13	15	13.5	51.5
3	JANCARLO CRUZ	1826	ARLING	W62	W30	W14	L1	W18	4.0	14	16	13	48.5
4	ERNESTO M. PEREZ GARCIA	1975	DAVMID	W34	D42	W16	W12	D1	4.0	14	16	12.5	51
5	VANSH VARAK	1664	BAK	X74	W49	D2	W15	D8	4.0	14	14	12	43
6	BACH NGO	1682	JOSEPH	W55	W26	L1	W16	W23	4.0	13.5	15.5	12	48.5
7	SATVIK REDDY	1882	BOLLES	W39	D38	W13	D9	W27	4.0	13	15.5	12	48.5
8	ELLIOT STARKMAN	1842	AMERPL	W54	D13	W42	W20	D5	4.0	12	14	12.5	46
9	KESHAV SINGH	1724	STPAUL	W51	W71	D37	D7	W29	4.0	11.5	12	12.5	42.5
10	BRANDON SIBBITT	1745	HS4	W63	L16	W46	W26	W19	4.0	11	12.5	11	40
11	ALAN WANG	1746	HOWARD	W24	W31	D22	W37	L2	3.5	13.5	16	12.5	52
12	ANTONIO G SELVA	1775	BAK	W76	W35	W18	L4	D14	3.5	13.5	14.5	12.5	43
13	TABAN CHIN	1601	TERRACE	W64	D8	L7	W42	W37	3.5	12.5	14	10	46.5
14	BENJAMIN CHEN	1697	DEERLA	W47	W70	L3	W31	D12	3.5	12.5	13	11.5	45.5
15	NICOLAS DE LA COLINA	1782	MONTBR	W48	D44	W38	L5	W21	3.5	11	13	11	43.5



**Mrs. McMasters has been chosen as a TOP 3 finalist for the *Mentor Teacher of the Year Award* from over 13,000 secondary teachers!**

**Mr. Torregrosa has been chosen as a TOP 3 finalist for the *New Teacher of the Year Award* from over 1,700 first year teachers!**

**Ms. Littell's Marine Club is pictured aboard the research vessel ANGARI. It was an incredible time and the students had a blast! They met with marine geologist, Amanda Waite, and the captain Angela Rosenberg to learn about their efforts in teaching marine conservation to our community and the research they have collected. The students also met with FAU's shark scientist, Dr. Kajiura and learned all about shark tagging and it's importance for shark conservation.**



## Calendar

**MAY/JUNE 2017**

- May 8**      **Boys' Volleyball HOME vs. Western Pines @ 4:30 p.m.**  
**SAC Mtg @ 6 p.m. - Media Center**
- May 9**      **Boys' Volleyball HOME vs. Crestwood @ 4:30 p.m.**  
**Track Meet @ Emerald Cove @ 4:30 p.m.**
- May 11**     **Boys' Volleyball AWAY vs. Osceola Creek @ 4:30 p.m.**
- May 15**     **Gator ESPY Awards @ 6:00 p.m.– Gymnasium**
- May 16**     **Track meet: Regional Field Events @ Polo Park @ 4:30 p.m.**
- May 17**     **Boys' Volleyball AWAY vs. Polo Park @ 4:30 p.m.**  
**Track meet: Regional Field Events @ Seminole Ridge @ 4:30 p.m.**  
**WLMS Dance Performance @ 6:30 p.m. - Wellington High School;**  
*\$5 tickets at the door*
- May 18**     **Band Concert @ 6:00 p.m. - Wellington High School**  
*\$5 Suggested Donation*
- May 19**     **Grade 6 Awards Assembly @ 9:45 a.m. - Gymnasium**  
**Grade 7 Awards Assembly @ 11:15 a.m. - Gymnasium**
- May 20**     **8th Grade Party 6-9 p.m.**
- May 22**     **NJHS Induction Ceremony @ 6:30 p.m.**
- May 23**     **Chorus and Handbell Concert @ 6:00 p.m. - Wellington High School**  
*\$5 Suggested Donation*
- May 30 &**
- June 1**      **Drama Performance of Disney's Beauty & the Beast Jr. @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**Wellington Elementary School; \$5 tickets at the door**
- May 31**     **8th Grade Awards Assembly @ 6:30 p.m. - Gymnasium**