



Wekiva Whispers



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Principal's Message

Parents: Attached you will find an informational flier regarding MRSA. This memo is being sent out to provide information for precautionary reasons, as this health topic has recently been in the local news. Please feel free to call me or Mrs. Baginski (Clinic Asst.) if you have any questions.

Fall Festival and Book Fair Review

Our Fall Festival and Book Fair was a big success. Thanks to everyone who attended and especially all the teachers, staff, moms, and dads who volunteered their time at the event. A huge "thank you" goes out to the Fall Festival committee: Tina Barry, Laura Evelev, Sheri Fanelli, Joy Kurtz, Lisa McDuffie, Fiona Patel, Dee Spiller, and Tana Wash. Thanks to all the creative participants in the "Pumpkin Contest." All of the pumpkins were decorated so creatively. Thank you to our Art teacher, Mrs. DeLillo for assisting us with this contest. The winners were: 1st place – Mrs. Raby's 4th grade class, 2nd place – Ms. Clodfelter's 2nd grade class, and Honorable Mention went to Mrs. Bentley's kindergarten class. Congratulations to all the classes that participated. There were more than a dozen delicious and tasty chili recipes entered in this year's chili contest. The winners were: 1st place, Sharon Chamness; 2nd place, Matt Munyon; and Fan Favorite, Matt Munyon. Many thanks to our community sponsors who donated supplies and prizes: Chili's, Fresh Market, Congo River Mini Golf, The Klinger Family, Brownie Troop 1598, LBHS BETA and NHS clubs, Mark Wayne Adams, Wekiva Brunswick Bowling, and Publix.

The Pro-Kids Show

Mark your calendars for the all-new Pro-Kids show on November 11th, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., **to be held at TEAGUE MIDDLE SCHOOL.** This **NEW** one-hour "family values" based show, free to all Wekiva families, includes magic, music, and messages that guarantee to inspire students and their families. If you remember Scott from previous years, you know you'll have a great time at this **BRAND NEW SHOW.** Thank you to the Wekiva PTA for sponsoring this awesome program. **DON'T MISS IT!!!**

Report Card Changes

Please note there will be significant changes to report cards for the 2008-09 school year. Report cards will follow the same grading scale, yet will be presented in a different format on a new form.

KOALA Student Council News

Congratulations to our new officers:
President – Sinclair Johnson
Vice President – Mackenzy Chavez
Secretary – London Chatah
Asst. Secretary – Grace Russell
Photographer – Madison Meltz
Asst. Photographer – Molly Von Eschenbach
Student Council is busily preparing for some upcoming projects and events including campus beautification, Wekiva Spirit Days, Relay for Life, Campbell's Soup Labels, Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and much more...
KOALA Student Council members are excited to announce the results of the vote to name our new Koala Mascot: **Kiwi** won in a landslide!

Veteran's Day Program

Continuing Wekiva's 3rd Grade tradition, our students will honor our veterans from each military branch by performing songs and speeches that they have been rehearsing. The performance will be held on November 11th at 9 a.m.

Outstanding Teacher Wins Grant

Congratulations to Ms. Moeser, Wekiva's Media Specialist, for her \$500 "Overnight Reading Adventures" grant. Way to go and thanks for supporting outstanding education at Wekiva!

Support Wekiva

You can help Wekiva and its students by collecting and turning in the following product items: Tyson Chicken labels, Campbell Soup labels, and Boxtops for Education. Wekiva redeems these labels and boxtops for money, which is used to support students directly. Be sure to designate Wekiva Elementary as your school to support when you shop at Target. Wekiva just received a check from Target for over \$700 that will be used to support student programs.

PTA Reflections

The PTA Reflections program began on October 6th. This program highlights various student talents including dance, video production, photography, literature, writing, and art. The 2008-09 theme is, "Wow...". The deadline for submission is November 28th. For more information, call Misa Mills at 407-925-3181.

The Koala Players

The Fifth Grade Drama Club, now in its third year, has a talented membership of actors and stage crew members. Our Koala Players have been working very hard at rehearsals and stage crew meetings. The students are putting this whole production together themselves and can't wait until 'curtain up' on December 11th. With a new Wekiva twist that involves students singing, including a solo, *A Christmas Carol* will be sure to delight all. Thanks to our faculty sponsors, Ms. Barker, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Kranz, and of course to all the parents who so generously donated time and resources in making this show such a tremendous hit!

Awesome FCAT Scores

Wekiva is proud to honor the following students for raising their FCAT Reading score in 2007-08 at least one entire level, some a full two levels. Levels gained are noted in parentheses. Each of these students was noted on KNN, received a personal congratulatory letter from the Seminole County Public Schools district office, and was invited to a celebratory pizza party. This is an amazing accomplishment and we want to honor your outstanding achievement!

4th Grade: Kristopher Carter (2), Jennifer Garcia (2), Te'Ardre Sanders (2), Armaan Shaikh (2), Christian Davis (2).

5th Grade: Andrew Bernys (1), John Falci-Pena (1), Demi Heinemann (1), Luke Lutz (1), Valentino Madkins (2), Yanni Mefsoutis (2), Foster Pickering (1), Stephen Wasula (1), Christian Yannucci (1), Quinn Zeiger (1).

Amazing Writers and the Arts

Congratulations to Tatiana Rincon and Sinclair Johnson, winners in the Festival of Orchestras essay contest! By showcasing their writing talent, as well as their knowledge about music, they are now invited to attend the National Philharmonic Orchestra of Russia concert. Way to go!

Robotics Club News

The Wekiva Robotics Club is excited to compete in the Regional Robotics Competition on Saturday, November 15th. Good luck to our team!

Skate Night at the RDV

Wekiva invites students, friends, and families to our annual Skate Night, hosted at the RDV Sportsplex. Mark your calendars to attend on November 16th, from 7:30 – 8:55 p.m.

Cross Country

The Cross Country Club has gotten off to a great start this year and students are collecting feet at an amazing pace. Mark your calendars: The first meet is the Winter Springs Kangaroo Run on December 6th at Central Winds Park and Wekiva will host a meet on January 24th. The full meet schedule will be coming home with athletes in the near future. Cross Country T-Shirts are \$6.00 and order forms should be turned in no later than November 7th. Make checks payable to Wekiva Elementary School.

Chick-fil-A Night a Success

Wekiva wants to thank all students and parents who took part in our last Chick-fil-A night. We raised a total of \$292 (\$76 from the spinning wheel alone!). All of this money will directly support student services at Wekiva. Congratulations to Ms. Chavez's class, who earned an "Ice-Dream" party for the most students in attendance. Don't forget to mark your calendars. The next Chick-fil-A night is December 17th.

Hurricane Make-Up Days

The following days have been designated as Student Make-up Days in November:

Monday, November 24, 2008

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

Specials Schedule:

Specials classes missed due to hurricane days will be made up on the corresponding student make-up days listed above.

PTA Magnet Calendar

Please note that due to Hurricane Days, the PTA Magnet is not 100% correct. Dates listed reflect the calendar prior to Hurricane Days.

Important Dates

11/4 Papa John's Pizza Night
Fieldtrip: K to Orlando
History Center

11/5 Fieldtrip: 1st Gr. to Orlando
Shakespeare Theater
SAC, 5:00 p.m.
PTA Board, 6:15 p.m.

11/6 QSP Fundraiser Ends

11/7 Fieldtrip: 5th Gr. to Bob Carr
Scott Humston Show at
school

11/11 3rd Grade Veteran's Day
Program, 9-10:15 a.m.
Scott Humston Show at
school
PTA General Mtg. and Scott
Humston Show at Teague
Middle, 7:00 p.m.

11/12 ABCS Lunch

11/13 Fall Picture Retakes

11/16 Skate Night at RDV
Sportsplex, 7:30-8:55 p.m.

11/17-21 American Education Week

11/18 Teach In

11/19 Ed. Support Prof. Day

11/21 Report Cards Go Home

11/24,25 3rd Gr. to Zoo
Hurricane Make-Up Days

11/26-28 No School

12/3 SAC, 5:00 p.m.
PTA Board, 6:15 p.m.

12/4 Fieldtrip: 4th Gr. to Science
Center

12/6 Arts Alive @ UCF

12/8 5th Gr. Honor Roll
Recognition, 8:00-8:30 a.m.

12/9 Tues. Fall Enrichment Ends

12/10 4th Gr. Honor Roll
Recognition, 8:00-8:30 a.m.

12/11 3rd Gr. Honor Roll
Recognition, 8:00-8:30 a.m.
Thurs. Fall Enrichment Ends
Koala Players: A Christmas
Carol, 7:00 p.m.

12/12 2nd Gr. Honor Roll
Recognition, 8:00-8:30 a.m.

12/17 ABCS Lunch
Chick-Fil-A Night, 5:00-8:00
p.m.

12/18 Kindergarten Winter Party

12/19 3rd Gr. Winter Party