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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer and look forward to an exciting 2014-15 school year!

If Mrs. Boeger or I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Mr. Mitchell

SUMMER LINKS TO LEARNING

We have enjoyed putting together this Special Edition of the *Owl Oracle* for your family! It is packed with links and tips for a summer of fun and learning.

For access to these links it is best to view this special summer edition electronically at:

<http://wges.pasco.k12.fl.us/>



Mrs. Boeger

Address changes for fall bus transportation bus stops must be submitted in writing to our front office by Wednesday, June 25!

Our summer Front Office hours of operation are
Monday –Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.
Closed on Fridays through August 1st.



OUR MEDIA CENTER IS OPEN!

READ & FEED PROGRAM

Starting on June 16th, our Media Center will be open to WGES families between 8:30AM and

11:30AM. Students will be permitted to check out two books per visit provided their account is in good standing. On Tuesdays and Thursdays we will provide free snacks as part of our Read and Feed program. We are closed on Fridays.

SUMMER E-EDITION 2014

JOIN THE WGES READING TEAM

on the 2014

Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge!

Parents will need to help with login set up at

[Scholastic Reading Challenge](#)

[Parent Info Link](#)-Watch the Commercial

Website Link:

<http://www.scholastic.com/summer/>



Grove 16 Movie Theater

6333 Wesley Grove Boulevard
Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

6th Annual Back to School Bash. Over the past few years our efforts have grown from 250 students to over 500 students and climbing. Our program includes both fun activities like face painting and games, to haircuts, health screens, and of course, school supplies. This year promises to be even bigger! The 2014 Back to School Bash has been themed after this year's summer release: *The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, and is scheduled for:

Saturday, August 9, 2014 > 10:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

PTA

The Watergrass PTA wants to make sure your voice is heard. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please direct them to wgespta@gmail.com and someone will get back to you promptly. Like us on Facebook!



SUMMER BOX TOP CHALLENGE!

Keep collecting Box Tops over the summer! We

hope to start the new school year off with a *Bunch of Box Tops* to help support our school programs.

Here is a suggestion: Place a zip top sandwich bag on the refrigerator door using a magnet. Every time you clip a Box Top, pop it into the baggie. When the baggie is full, zip it, and set it aside for WGES, then you are ready to start a new baggie. Happy collecting, Owls!

Pizza Hut Book It Program

[Spark Your Greatness>Summer Reading Challenge](#)



Use the iPad—
[ARTICLE for Parents on Summer Learning](#) with the iPad!

Tweeted by Assistant Superintendent,
Amelia Van Name Larson

MUSIC NOTES

Thanks for a wonderfully musical year!
Have a great summer!

Here are some websites you might enjoy looking at this summer:

www.nyphilkids.org
www.quavermusic.com
www.musictechteacher.com
www.dsokids.com
www.carnegiehall.org

ART



We have a few yearbooks left! They will be on sale until they sell out completely! \$12.00 for each book of memories!

We are so proud of all of our students this year. They all worked really hard and created some amazing and beautiful work. We hope their pictures are displayed proudly in your homes.

Over the summer, Mrs. Cerino-Knott wants her students to be as creative as possible. Draw, color, paint, and cut shapes as much as you can!

PYGMY OWLS

The Pygmy Owl team would like to congratulate our Turnaround Students: Drew Holzum and Kavon Johnson. We are very proud of both of you!

Thank you to all of our volunteers. We appreciate all of your support! We have had a great year! Please continue to read, write, and practice math facts. Enjoy the summer!

PRE-K ELF OWLS

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of the school year! Throughout the last quarter our PreK ASD classes have been exploring feelings, including HAPPY, SAD, TIRED, SICK, and MAD. We will be sending home some "Feelings" activities that you can do at home with your child over the summer and through the next school year.

We will also be sending home some completed projects and crafts that have not come home yet, as well as some other activities for you to practice with your child over the summer.

It has been such a pleasure watching each and every one of our PreK students learn and grow this school year. Thank you for a wonderful year!

Miss Camille and Miss Jenn

MEET YOUR TEACHER!

Registration Day is Wednesday,

August 13, 2014.

EAGLE OWLS

Third grade teacher and blogger Emily Stewart, M.Ed., teaches at Murch Elementary, a public school in Washington, D.C. Emily shares some real-world strategies on how parents can help practice ELA Common Core standards to get second graders ready for third grade, although her suggestions are useful for any elementary level student. Check it out!

<http://www.readingrockets.org/blog/57094>

This article describes activities that you can do with summer reading, including a summer reading book list and practical ways to practice math skills over the summer, too!

http://www.education.com/magazine/article/summer_reading_tips_for_families/

Learn about local Tampa deals by checking out and bookmarking this website! For instance, did you know that Lowry Park Zoo has \$7 days during the summers? Take a look!

<http://tampa.cbslocal.com/2013/04/05/best-cheap-free-things-to-do-with-kids-around-tampa-bay/>

Watching movies is another way for parents to share story experiences with their children! Summarizing movies, explaining the details that occur including the problems and solutions and how the story ends is a great review! Parents can also ask their children's opinions and even how they would change the stories if they were writing it!

<http://truecouponing.com/2014/05/free-summer-movies-2014/>

Is your child an app lover? *Teach Me 2nd Grade*, would be a great review tool for your second grader and *Teach Me 3rd Grade* would be a great preview for next year! And for the bargain price of \$1.99 each!

Enjoy this great list of *50 Fun Things to do with your Family this Summer!*

<http://www.imom.com/tools/seasonal/summer/50-things-to-do-this-summer/>

PASCO COUNTY LIBRARIES

Registration for Summer Reading Clubs started on May 27th. There's a club for each age group. Kids can sign up online at www.pascolibraries.org or visit any of the Pasco County Libraries. Let's keep the kids reading this summer.

The libraries also have weekly programs for kids of all ages this summer. You can check events at your favorite branch by navigating the library Calendar. [LIBRARY EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

NEW RIVER BRANCH LIBRARY

It's that time of year again and here at New River Library we're gearing up for summer reading! This year we are kicking off a "Tween" summer reading group for grades 4-7. I hope we will see a lot of students here at New River over the summer enjoying our programs and reading tons of great books!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=POsttb63yBs&feature=youtu.be>



TWEEN SUMMER READING CLUB

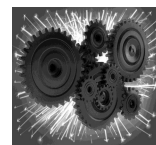
- June 13, Fri 2 pm - Science-themed Art Contest (submissions due June 7)
- June 20, Fri 2 pm - A Building Movie
- June 27, Fri 2 pm - Painting with Gelatin
- July 11, Fri 2 pm - Duct Tape Engineering
- July 18, Fri 2 pm - Tie Dye Chemistry Adventures
- July 25, Fri 2 pm - Catching Fire - Spark a Memory!

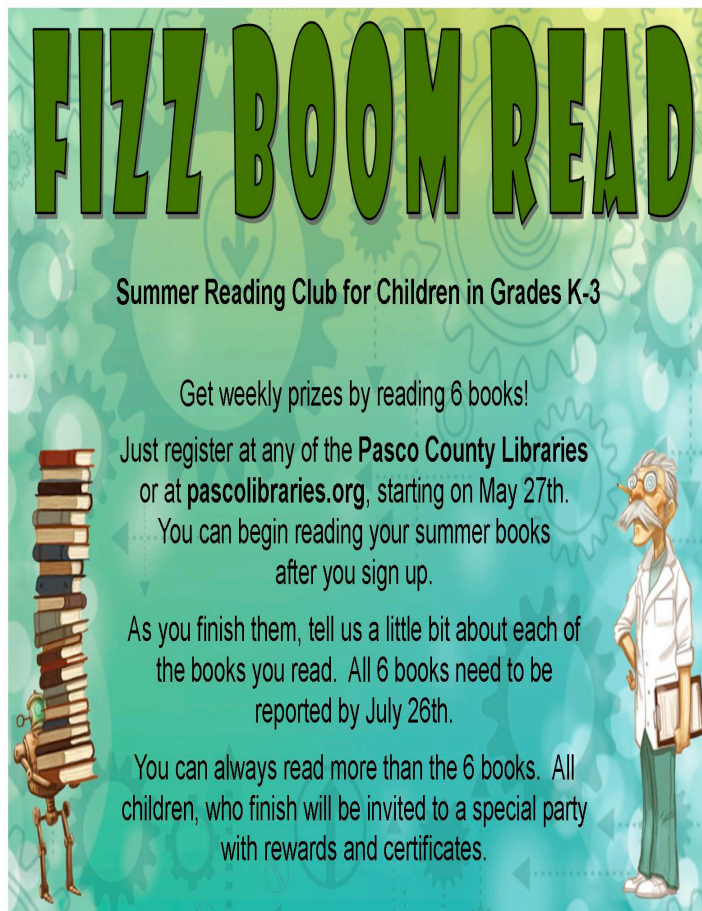
For Grades 4-7

Register online starting May 27th at pascolibraries.org to be eligible for prizes and the invitation-only final party. You can start recording books on June 7th. Record six books and you will be entered into a drawing for a \$200 prize (if you win, you could choose a 7 in Kindle Fire HD 16GB, a Nintendo 3DS XL system, or a \$200 VISA gift certificate).

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Zephyrhills, FL 33543
(813) 788-6375

Facebook.com/newriverlibrary
<http://www.pascolibraries.org>





OWL ABOUT SUMMER LEARNING

As the 2013-2014 school year comes to a close, I would like to suggest some programs, summer camps, and websites you can access in order to keep the learning going this summer! I hope you have a wonderful summer break and return to WGES next school year enthused and energized for learning. Thank you again for support during the past school year.

--Ms. Preston, Spotted Owls

- ✓ [Khan Academy](#)—A fabulous web site to for practicing math skills Your child may already have an account, however you can register on this site if you don't have an account.
- ✓ [FCAT Explorer](#)—Your child should already know their user name and password, but you can ask your child's teacher if you are not sure.
- ✓ [National Geographic for Kids](#)—A variety of learning and reading activities that will surely motivate students to learn.
- ✓ [Multiplication.com](#)—Practice those multiplication math facts!
- ✓ [Kids US](#)—Current events, countries and cultures, map skills, games, and videos
- ✓ [541 Books Read Aloud](#)—Children's book read aloud. Choose from short, long, by author, categories, reading levels, etc.
- ✓ [Just Read Florida](#)—website has a [Summer Reading Adventure 2014](#) link plus information for parents on how to support their children with reading.
- ✓ [Barnes and Noble Summer Programs](#)
- ✓ [MOSI Summer Camps](#)
- ✓ [The Florida Aquarium](#)
- ✓ [Many Summer Camps at USF](#)
- ✓ [YMCA World of Adventure Summer Camp](#)

May I also suggest that you have your child keep a summer reading journal or log to show their initiative to continue to read over the break. Students can document with a short summary of daily reading. Impress next year's teacher with the log at the beginning of the school year. Happy Summer!

STEM & READING & MUCH MORE!

WeAreTeachers Website—Free Summer Math Program

NASA for Kids

DiscoverE/Engineering for KIDS!
www.discovere.org

ZOOM at PBS Kids!

Steve Spangler Science
Science materials & ideas for FUN!

YUMMY MATH!

[coolmath4kids-PreK](#)

[coolmath4kids-geometry-math-art](#)

Craft Ideas that Teach Math & Art!
www.thecraftycrow.net/math

The Kitchen Pantry Scientist
<http://kitchenpantryscientist.com/>

SWITCHEROO ZOO!—watch, listen and play games to learn about amazing animals!

Into the Book—Go “into the book” to play games that practice reading strategies!

SEUSSVILLE!—Read, play games, and hang out with Dr. Seuss and his friends!

Practice math and reading skills while playing fun games at these sites:

ABC YA!

Fun Brain

Highlights Kids

Sunshine State Young Readers List 2014-2015:

- Dorko the Magnificent
- Magic Marks the Spot
- Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library
- The Adventures of Beanboy
- The Adventures of a South Pole Pig
- Elvis and the Underdogs
- Capture the Flag
- Hooper Finds a Family
- When Life Gives You O.J.
- Abby Carnelia's One and Only Magical Power
- Stranded
- The Sasquatch Escape
- Rump: the True Story of Rumpelstiltskin
- King of the Mound: My Summer with Satchel Paige
- 8 Class Pets+1 Squirrel+1 Dog = Chaos

How many will YOU read?