

The Owl Oracle

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November Events

- 11/10 Movie Night
**Music Department Fundraiser*
- 11/13 STEM Night
- 11/15 Great American Teach-In
- 11/17 Progress Reports go home/Citizen of the Month
- 11/20-11/24 Thanksgiving Holiday
School Closed

December Events

- 12/1 Picture Re-Takes
- 12/4 Grade 4 TEDx Talks
- 12/5 Cusmano/Holbrook
EMC Field Trip
- 12/6 Chatmon/Gaudens
EMC Field Trip
- 12/7 Hoffman/Pierce
EMC Field Trip
- 12/7 Chorus Orff Performance
- 12/11 K & 1st Grade Musical Program
Wesley Chapel Center of the Arts
- 12/11-12/15 PTA Holiday Shoppe
**PTA Fundraiser*
- 12/15 Citizen of the Month
- 12/15 Elf Owl Musical at the WGES Cafeteria
- 12/22 Quarter 2 Ends
- 12/22 Carols & Cocoa
- 12/25-1/5/18 Winter Break
(School Closed)

January Events

- 1/8 Teacher Planning *(No School)*
- 1/9 Students Return to School

From the desk of Mr. Mitchell

Do you have a career or hobby of interest to our students? Would you be willing and available to share? Wednesday, November 15 is our Great American Teach-In. This is a day for parents, family members, friends, and community members to come into our schools and share information about careers or hobbies. We would love to have you join us. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested.

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



Elf Owl teachers show their 60's style during Red Ribbon Week.



Students enjoying Team Ball at PE!



Stay in the know with monthly editions of Pasco Parent Press. You can find November's edition at www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ppp/112017



Looking for more information on Eureka Math and IRLA? Take a look at our Curriculum Resource page at wges.pasco.k12.fl.us/curriculum-resources/

November Citizens of the Month

Burrowing Owls

Maxx M. &
Isabella M.

Pygmy Owls

Alanah V. &
Rae A.

Eagle Owls

Martin M. &
Amani D.

Snowy Owls

Sebastian L.

Spotted Owls

Ryan H.

Great Gray Owls

Alyssa P.

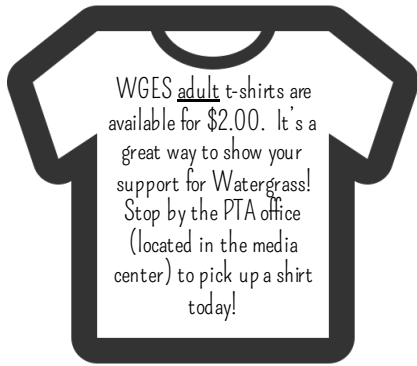
Elf Owls

Johnnie L.

Masked Owls

Dylan P.

PTA News & Events



Thank you to all the OWL families who made it out to the Fall Festival! We loved seeing so many smiling faces showing support for our school.

Our next BIG event is BINGO Night. Be sure to mark your calendars for Friday, January 19th at 6 PM. It's sure to be a great time for friends and family.



Like WGES PTA on Facebook for frequent updates!



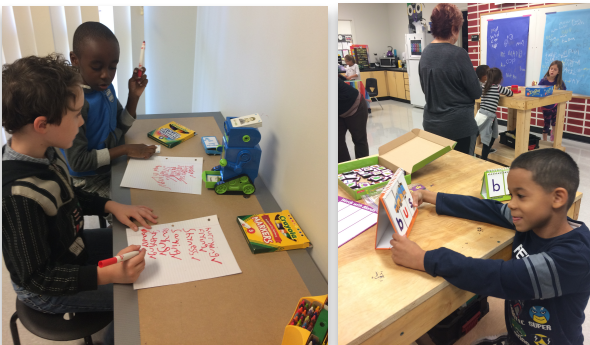
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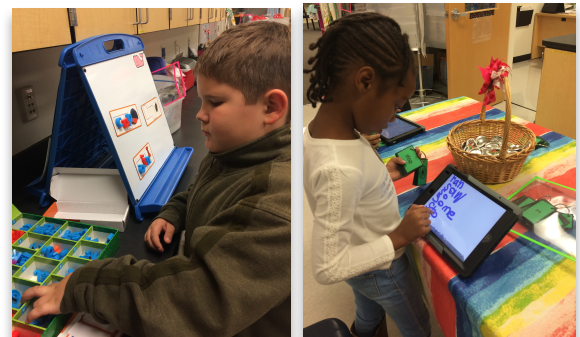
Thank you Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel for your generous donation towards this year's Fun Run! We truly appreciate your commitment to the local community and positive impact on children's health and well-being!



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Phonics Fun
Phonics Fun with first grade! Students went to the Maker Space to work on Power Words and 26 letter blends.



Media Center News



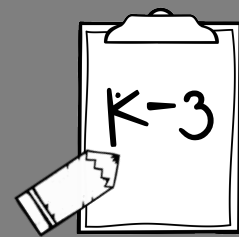
Mrs. Reidy's class is one of our TOP collectors of BOX TOPS!

The total amount of Box Tops we sent in for our fall collection was \$268. We have quite a way to go to meet our annual goal of \$1,000. Keep collecting! Our next submission is in February.

A Bag's Life

WGES collected and recycled over 25 pounds of plastic bags and cutlery packaging. Thank you families for participating in this recycling challenge. If you wish to continue, our local Wal-Mart and Publix will accept recyclable plastics.

Team News



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Burrowing Owls- Kindergarten



Kindergarteners LOVED their field trip to the Harvest Moon Farm!



Snowy Owls- Third Grade



Third graders celebrate positive behavior choices in a variety of ways. These are having lunch with their teacher and enjoying a sweet treat!



Third graders enjoy their devices on Fun Friday... they've earned it!



Pygmy Owls- 1st Grade

The Pygmy Owls will have their first Behavior Celebration at the end of Quarter 2. The special treat will be decorating a sugar cone with green icing to make a Christmas tree. Every 2 weeks they will earn a different part of the treat to construct their Christmas tree on Friday, December 22nd.

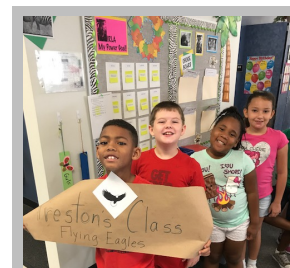
We would like to remind parents that students can access Zearn (math), RAZ-Kids, and Bookshelf at home on their devices. All three offer opportunities to reinforce what students are doing in the classroom. Students should be a 1B reader by Mid-November. Be sure to read nightly and practice power words and power goals.

Eagle Owls- 2nd Grade

We are so THANKFUL for all of the Eagle Owls families who support us every day at school. Students are now well into their daily classroom routines, mastering many important academic skills, and learning to become good classroom citizens. We are focusing on word syllables to help us figure out new words as well as becoming familiar with vowel patterns. Our Eureka math lessons have been about using our knowledge of place value with comparison, addition and subtraction within two hundred and solving word problems up to one hundred. In science, we are focusing on the three states of matter. Social Studies curriculum this quarter includes map and globe skills, the importance of money, and learning about Veteran's Day. Please encourage your children to continue their reading minute goals over the break. Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving with your friends and family.

November is the beginning of many new topics for the Snowy Owls! We just began an exciting Folk Tales unit in Reading. Students have enjoyed identifying the characteristics of fairy tales and fables. We will also be reading and comparing trickster tales, tall tales, myths, and legends. We are one week into Math Module 3, which is a continuation of multiplication and division strategies using units of 0, 1, 6-9, and multiples of 10. You can visit the Eureka website (greatminds.org) to access helpful hints on daily math homework. After finishing our study of landforms in Social Studies, the next topic will be Regions of the United States. In Science, students will be learning about the properties of matter.

This quarter, all Snowy Owls are working towards earning a hot chocolate and movie incentive by completing 4 POWER GOALS for independent reading (IRLA). Ask your child about their current power goal and how they are practicing it. We encourage students to be reading chapter books at home, especially over the upcoming holiday break. We hope you have a great Thanksgiving!



Grayson, Dalton, Olivia and Veronica getting ready for the Fun Run!



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Spotted Owls- 4th Grade

Greetings Owl Families!

Congratulations to Ryan H. our Citizen of the Month for respect. Ryan is always respectful and polite to his teachers and his classmates. Keep it up Ryan!

Thank you to all of the families that donated to PTA.

Students have started their TEDx projects in ELA. This consists of finding a topic that is a passion of theirs to write, and then speak about. Final projects are due the week of November 13th. Students will give their speeches in class.

In math, students have started Module 3 and should be practicing math fluency for multiplication facts to 12.

The Great American Teach-In is Wednesday, November 15th. If you or someone you know is interested, please make sure you reach out to your child's teacher to sign up for a time.

Quarter 2 Progress Reports will be going home on Friday, November 17th.

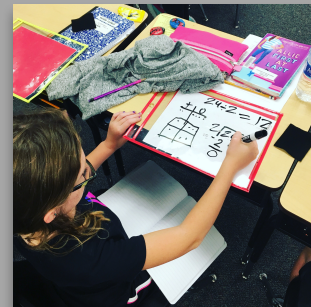
4th grade will be going to the Energy Marine Center (EMC) starting the week of December 4th. Keep a lookout for field trip forms and information on this as it gets closer

Great Grey Owls- 5th Grade

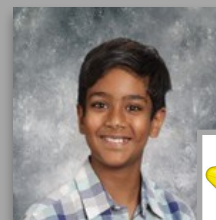
As we *FALL* into Quarter 2, the Great Grey's are eager to bring your attention to some exciting events that have taken place for our fifth graders. First we would like to thank everyone for the donations for our Fall Festival Basket. We will be having a Fall Celebration on November 17th. Please check with your child's teacher to see what will be needed.

Students have received their packets for their first TEDx Talk. All students will be given time in class each week to work on their TEDx Talk. Classroom Talks will be presented from November 27^h through December 1th. Winners will participate in the school competition on December 8th. Continue to promote good reading habits with your child. Students have an individual reading power goal to help them track their successes in their level. Please use this power goal to work with your child at home during their 30 minutes of reading each night. Reading logs are due each Friday! Math fluency is vital for your child's success in math. Please continue to work on automaticity of multiplication facts. Please encourage your students to log on to Zearn.com to get extra support with math.

Finally, we'd like to remind students to continue to work to their full potential in all areas. We will have another celebration at the end of the quarter for students that have received 80% of their quarterly stamps. Encourage your child to give their best effort all of the time. Good Luck!

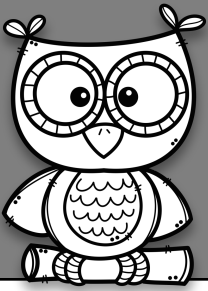


Bailey from Ms. Cusmano's class is developing her division strategies using a place value chart, and a standard algorithm. You can see she's not too far from a book... *A Sunshine State Reader!*

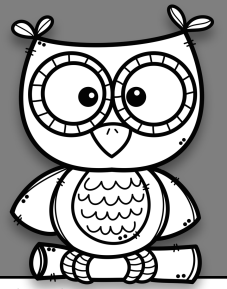


Congratulations to Savir M. from Mrs. Welling's class. Savir was the first student to read all 15 books from the SSYRA book list. Way to go Savir!

All 4th and 5th grade students are encouraged to participate in this challenge. Remind your child to check out one of these special titles on their next trip to the media center.



Specialists News



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Music Notes



Mrs. Reinhold directing her 4th grade Chorus at the Fall Festival performance.

Congratulations to our 2nd and 3rd grade teams on a wonderful concert in October! The chorus also did a great job at their concert at our Fall Festival.

Our Family Movie Night is this Friday, November 10 at 7:00 PM in our cafeteria. We will be showing Cars 3. The movie is free and we will be selling pizza, popcorn, candy, and drinks. All proceeds will go to the music department to purchase music, instruments and supplies. This is for the family; please do not drop off your children.

We have 3 concerts in December. Our Chorus and Orff Ensemble Concert is Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 PM in our cafeteria.

Our Kindergarten and 1st Grade Concert is Monday, December 11th at 7:00 PM at the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel High School on Wells Rd. Don't forget to turn in your permission slips to participate in this concert!

Our Elf Owl Concert is Friday, December 15 at 10:30 AM in our cafeteria.



SPREAD KINDNESS!



Sebastian L. and family for the Citizen of the Month celebration for October.

Counselor's Corner



The Girls' Running Club meets every Thursday after school.



The Owls Girls' Running Group is hitting the pavement on

Our latest topic in 4th and 5th Grade Guidance Lessons is the power of words. How many of us have been told something unkind that has really stuck with us? Our goal is to spread kindness and make someone's day better!

In 3rd grade, we explored how different perceptions can lead to conflict, and ways to resolve conflicts peacefully. Remember to use those I-Messages! K-2 will be continuing with Safer Smarter Kids lessons. Who is in your Trusted Triangle?!

Meredith Ward, School Counselor