

The Owl Oracle

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February Events

- 2/09 Progress Reports go home
- 2/12 Grade 4 Writing Boot Camp, 8:30 a.m.
- 2/12 SAC Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 2/14 PTA Pastries With Parents, 8:30 a.m.
- 2/16 Odyssey Parent Night Out, 6 – 9 p.m., WGES Café
- 2/17 PTA 5K for K5, 7:00 a.m.
- 2/19 Grade 4 Writing Boot Camp, 8:30 a.m.
- 2/23 All Pro Dads, 8:30 a.m., WGES Media
- 2/23 Citizen of the Month
- 2/26 Grade 4 Writing Boot Camp, 8:30 a.m.
- 2/26 Grade 2 visits Crystal Springs Preserve

March Events

- 3/5 FSA Writing, 4th and 5th grade
campus closed to visitors
- 3/8 Spring Pictures
- 3/9 Field Day
- 3/12 SAC Meeting, 4 p.m.
- 3/12-3/15 Spring Book Fair
- 3/14 Kindergarten visit WCHS
- 3/15 Grades 4 & 5 Musical, WCHS, 7 p.m.
- 3/15 End of Quarter Three
- 3/16 Teacher Planning, No School for Students
- 3/19 - 23 Spring Break, School closed for Students and Staff
- 3/30 All Pro Dads, 8:30 a.m., WGES Media
- 3/30 Citizen of the Month

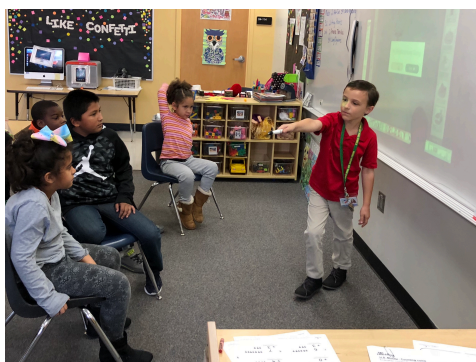
From the desk of Mr. Mitchell

School Choice Open Enrollment is February 1 - March 1. If you have a student currently on School Choice, you do not need to reapply UNLESS you reside outside of Pasco County, or your child will be moving to the next school level (Elementary to Middle OR Middle to High), or your school was impacted by a boundary change. For more information and an application please visit http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ed_choice/school_choice/registration.

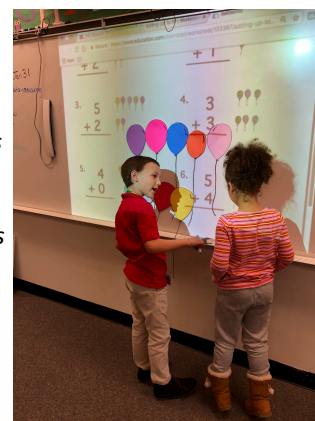
PTA is hosting our annual 5K for our K5 and 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, February 17. You can run, walk, or run/walk it! Sign up here:

[https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/WesleyChapel/WatergrassElemen5KforourK5?remMeAttempt=.](https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/WesleyChapel/WatergrassElemen5KforourK5?remMeAttempt=)

Thank you for your support! If Mrs. Felice or I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Derek from Ms. Mack's 1st grade class won teacher for a day at the PTA bingo. He loved his day in Mrs. Landgraf's class and did a great job!



January Citizens of the Month

Burrowing Owls

Khalia A.
Lyric B.

Pygmy Owls

Sy'myah M.
MayLee M.

Eagle Owls

Reese R.

Snowy Owls

Keilah M.

Spotted Owls

Halle W.

Great Grey Owls

Abbigail C.

Spectacled Owls

Eva A. and Gabrielle J.

Elf Owls

Kaden L.

Yearbook News - Yearbooks are on sale for \$20.00 until Spring Break which is March 15th. *We will not be taking any orders after that date.* Order yours today!!



Upcoming Events

2/14 PTA Pastries with Parents, 8:30 a.m.

2/17 PTA 5K for K5, 7:00 a.m.

WGES PTA ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2018

7:00 am 5k
8:00 am 1 mile

5K - \$25
1 mile Fun Run - \$15
5K and 1 mile - \$30

5K FOR OUR K5



 Find us on
Facebook



Come support our school and get healthy doing it! The 3.1 mile course will run through the beautiful community of Watergrass. Awards will be given to top male and female finishers and overall winners for each age group. This will be a chip-timed event.

For more information see our FB Page
Watergrass Elementary School PTA
and/or

Register at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/WesleyChapel/Watergrass>
5krunforK5




























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!



EVERY CLIP COUNTS!

FEBRUARY IS THE LAST MONTH OF OUR SPRING SUBMISSION FOR BOX TOPS. PLEASE USE THE COLLECTION SHEETS TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR BOX TOP FUNDS!

SHOW LOVE FOR YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WITH BOX TOPS!

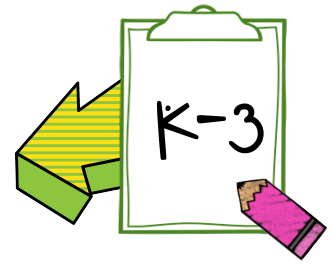
				
				
				
				
				

Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Boxes are recycled and will be returned to this school. (please school) When separating, to see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to BTF.com.

Students will be bringing home collection sheets for the month of February. Please attach Box Tops and return by Friday, February 23.



Team News



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Burrowing Owls- Kindergarten

Kindergarten students are 100 days brighter and *cute*! We celebrated the 100th day of school by reading 100 books, counting, building and creating videos of ourselves counting to 100!



Pygmy Owls- 1st Grade

Pygmy Owls will be celebrating Valentine's by sharing valentine cards the afternoon of the 14th. Please be on the lookout for a class list and instructions for boxes/bags to hold your child's Valentines.

As we enter February, students should be at the end of 1B and moving into 2B for their reading level. Continue practicing power words and their power goals nightly.

It is Flu season, we are reminding students to wash their hands and cover their mouths when they sneeze or cough. Please remind them of this at home too. We will gladly accept tissues or wipes for desks at anytime.



First graders celebrate the first 100 days of school by dressing like they are 100! The future looks good!

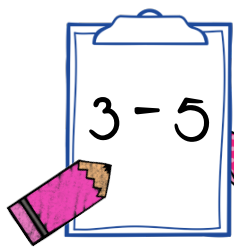
Elf Owls- 2nd Grade

The ELF pod will be participating in the Pasco Special Olympics on February 23. We are looking forward to our Annual Clap Out from the school.

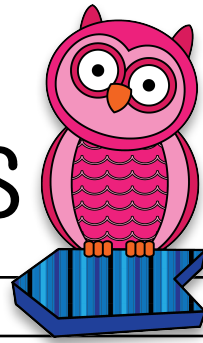
In January, the ELFs enjoyed a Community Based Instruction field trip to the movie theater. The students practiced purchasing tickets and enjoyed sitting and watching Monsters Inc.



Thank you Greg Deen from ABC Action News. The 2nd grade students learned so much from you dynamic presentation on weather!



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Snowy Owls- Third Grade

We are well into the 3rd Quarter and very busy in 3rd Grade!

In the past few weeks we have been reading a variety of fictional texts and focusing on finding the central message of the stories. We are moving onto some informational texts to work on main idea and key details, as well as text features.

In Social Studies, students are working on Economics, including needs vs. wants and supply and demand. Our current Science unit deals with Energy concepts.

After finishing up the Area Module in Math, we are now learning about fractions. This module starts out simple with equal parts and unit fractions, and will move into more challenging skills such as equivalent fractions and fractions on a number line.

This quarter, third graders are working towards a Root Beer Float Reading Celebration by completing at least 4 Power Goals this quarter! So, make sure to keep reading at home as much as possible.

Spotted Owls- 4th Grade

Congratulations Halle W. for being the January Citizen of the Month. Her kindness to others makes her a great student, friend and Watergrass Owl!

Parents, Writing Bootcamp is every Monday morning from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Students will be working on the following skills at Bootcamp:

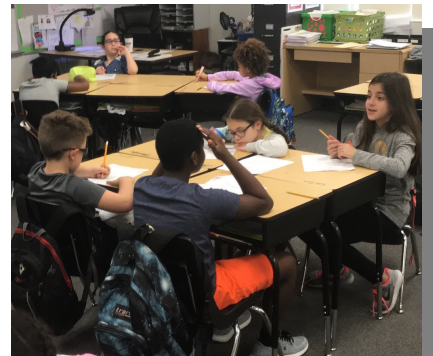
- ☐ Unpacking the prompt independently
- ☐ Planning Page (Skeleton Plan)
- ☐ Beginning Paragraph: Hook, Topic Statement, Main Ideas
- ☐ Focusing on Details: How to decide which details to use out of the text
- ☐ Focusing on Details: How to organize the details in the paper
- ☐ Conclusion, Revise and Edit

Valentine's Exchange will be in student's home base classroom. If students are participating, they must bring a Valentine for EACH student in the class. Teachers will be sending home class lists.

FSA Writing Test is Monday, March 5th. Make sure your child has a nice protein-based breakfast, arrives on time, and gets a good night's rest!

Great Grey Owls- 5th Grade

5th Peer Mentors have joined the Elf Owl pod and are working with students during their socialization time. They are also help walk students to the bus. We are so pleased to have our 5th grade role models. We know that they will always be able to use the skills developed by mentoring students with special needs and are making GREAT new friends!



4th grade students refining their writing skills at Writing Boot Camp.



Specialists News

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Music Notes

We have six 5th graders participating in our All County Concert February 24th at The Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel. Performing with the All County Chorus is Alana Carter, Laura Dominguez, Josiah Laureano and Aggie Schultz. Performing with the All County Orff Ensemble is Nadama Gilkerson and Andrea Monks. Congratulations on this great honor to represent our school.



Coach LeClair, Coach Brian Sherrard and the WGES Street Hockey Team.

Counselor's Corner

Parents,

With our modern technology savvy generation of students, it is more important than ever that we work to protect our children from the potentially dangerous effects of improper use of social media and the Internet. The use of social media applications by elementary school aged child is often developmentally inappropriate. During Safer Smarter Kids lessons, age appropriate scenarios are presented and the concepts of digital citizenship and being safe online are addressed. We recommend parents be vigilant about what your children are doing when they are utilizing computers or other devices. Common Sense Media is an excellent resource for families. The link below will take you to their article which gives suggestions on ages and ground rules for the use of social media.

<https://www.common sense media.org/social-media/what-age-should-my-kids-be-before-i-let-them-use-instagram-facebook-and-other-social>



More Resources on Digital Citizenship

- [Responsible Electronic Use Guidelines for Students, Pasco County Schools](#)
- <http://www.safeflorida.net/safesurf>