

# The Owl Oracle

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## February Events

- 2/11 SAC meeting, 4 p.m.
- 2/14 Parent Literacy Breakfast\*  
Grades K, 1, 2, 8:30 a.m.  
\*RSVP required
- 2/18 Holiday for staff /students
- 2/20 McTeacher Night, PTA family event
- 2/22 All Pro Dads 8:45 a.m.
- 2/22 Citizen of the Month, 3 p.m.

## March Events

- 3/11 \*SAC Mtg. 4 p.m.  
\*K and 1 Concert, 7 p.m.  
@ WCPAC
- 3/15 Quarter 3 ends
- 3/18 -3/22 Spring Break
- 3/25 Teacher Planning  
No School for students
- 3/28 Picture Day
- 3/29 \*All Pro Dads 8:45 a.m.  
\*Citizen of the Month  
3 p.m.  
\*STEM Fair

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade families, see pages 4 -5 for Spring FSA testing dates

## From the desk of Mr. Mitchell

PTA is hosting our annual 5K for our K5 and 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, March 2. You can run, walk, or run/walk it! Sign up here at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/WesleyChapel/Watergrass5krunfork5>.

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

## ~December Citizens of the Month~

### Burrowing Owls

Dylan R.

### Pygmy Owls

Hunter J.  
Hayden M.

### Eagle Owls

Rae A.  
Derek L.

### Snowy Owls

Arianna S.

### Spotted Owls

Jillian S.

### Great Grey Owls

Alessi R.

### Spectacled Owls

Christian U. Tatiana O.  
Liamaris R. Dylan S.

## ~January Citizens of the Month~

### Burrowing Owls

Sofie V.  
Brooklinn M.

### Pygmy Owls

Maddox S.  
London B.

### Eagle Owls

Melanie P.  
Bailey P.

### Snowy Owls

Penny N.  
Hayden E.

### Spotted Owls

Nicky R.

### Great Grey Owls

Bailey S.

### Spectacled Owls

Daniel C.  
Genevieve R.  
Martin L.

### Masked Owls

Ashton V.



## McTeacher Night, Wednesday, February 20

K Run/Walk ~ 1 mile Fun Run\*

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.

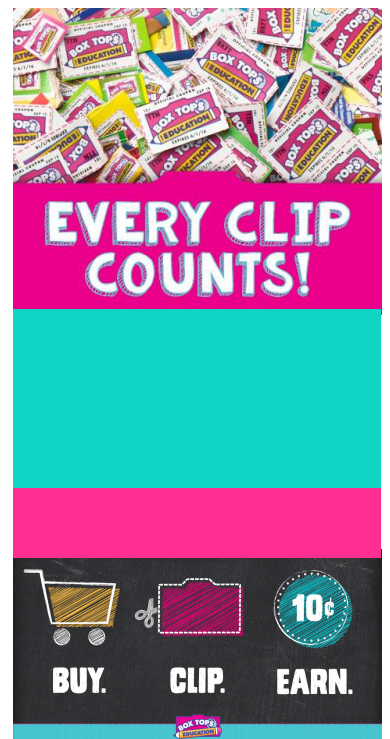
You can register for the event at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/WesleyChapel/Watergrass5krunforK5>

\*We are accepting donations to stuff our runner swag bags for the 5k. We are looking for coupons, samples, etc. We are also in need of some prize donations.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 2

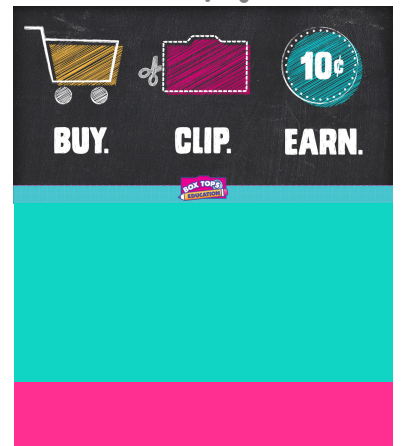
**OWL** FAST CAN YOU RUN 5K



*February is the last month to submit Box Tops for the 2018-2019 school year.*

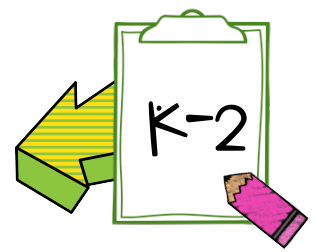
*Please use the collection sheets or send individual Box Tops in a Ziploc bag to your child's classroom teacher.*

*Thank you for contributing to our Box Top fund!*





# Team News



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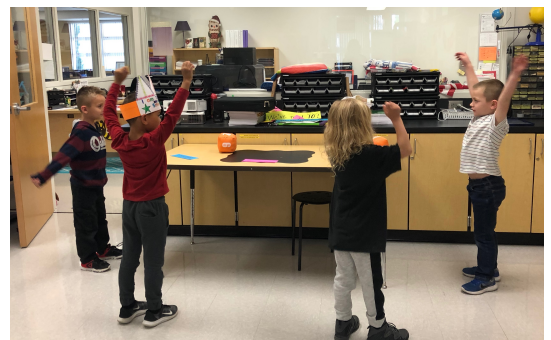
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## Burrowing Owls- Kindergarten

The Burrowing Owls have been quite busy celebrating special days in Kindergarten. On January 24<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School! We enjoyed reading books on the iPads in the Media Center and playing fun 100<sup>th</sup> day games and activities in the Maker-Space area. We also made 100<sup>th</sup> day crowns to show that we are 100 days smarter!

Our reading unit is focused on celebrating different cultures around the world. We will be having a Kindergarten World Culture Day in February. Each class is becoming experts on a different country around our world. Students will learn about the holidays, traditions, food, clothing, and language of the country they are studying. Students will get to "travel" to each classroom to learn about and experience each country!

*Celebrate 100 days of school!*



## Pygmy Owls- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Be on the lookout for Valentine's letters. We will have students exchange Valentine's on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will send 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. Continue practicing power words and their power goal nightly.



## Eagle Owls- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

We enjoyed our visit to the Wesley Chapel Performing Arts Center to see the performance about Laura Ingalls Wilder. Children learned about life in the pioneer days.

Last week we celebrated our LOVE for READING! Check out the hearts we displayed in our Media Center.

Keep working on those IRLA power goals and also working on moving up on the STEP ladder.







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## Snowy Owls- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Our Snowy Owls are flying into February!

Third grade enjoyed our field trip to see the play "Laura Ingalls Wilder" at the Performing Arts Center at Wesley Chapel High School. What a great way to learn about how life was in the 1870's by watching actors take us back in time!

In Math, our students are working on partitioning a whole into equal parts, understanding fractions in relation to the whole, and comparing fractions. We will soon be using number lines to understand and compare fractions as well. Please continue to work on fact fluency!

In Language Arts, our students are reading stories and scientific texts that explain how and why things happen in the world. We are working to better use text evidence to understand and find main ideas and key details, comparing and contrasting texts, and finding facts and opinions in text. We are also beginning to write to write opinion pieces as well as informational observations.

Please continue to support your child's reading growth by reading nightly at home and working on reading goals and reading STAMINA. *Book Taco*, *ReadTheory*, and *RazKids* are great comprehension checks and will help prepare your third grader for the upcoming FSA Test!

In Science and Social Studies, we are learning about Earth Sciences, specifically space and how the universe is composed of many different objects including stars, gases, dust, planets, and galaxies. We are also learning about Economics and the importance of producers, consumers, goods and services, and even supply and demand in our world.

Be on the lookout for information coming home with your child regarding valentine exchanges!

## Spotted Owls- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

We have had a great start to the new year. Our students have been working on goals and work habits. Many students have had a lot to celebrate as they are making and achieving their goals! Ask your child what their goal is for the week.

Congratulations to Nicky Rivera, our citizen of the month for kindness!

Congratulations to our 4th grade TedX finalists:

Natalia Portman  
Samuel Patino  
Valeria Oré  
Morgan Kreilein

Valentine's Day: Please look for lists going home from your child's teacher. There will not be a celebration or party, but students will get a chance to hand out Valentine's to their classmates. We ask that if your child is participating that they give a Valentine to EACH classmate.

### How you can help your child:

Work on setting goals with them and celebrate meeting goals!

Make sure your child is reading 30 minutes each night and working on math homework or Khan Academy.

These websites are great for extra practice: Khan Academy, Read Theory, Discovery Education

## FSA Testing Dates

April	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
April 3-4 FSA ELA	April 1-2 FSA Writing
May	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
May 6-7 FSA Math	May 1-May 2 FSA ELA May 6-7 FSA Math

## Writing Bootcamp

Writing Bootcamp begins on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be every Monday morning from 8:30-9:30 a.m. until March 11th (no session on Monday, 2/18. School will be closed).

Students will be working on the following skills at Bootcamp:

- ☐ Unpacking the prompt independently
- ☐ Planning Page
- ☐ 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

All 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students  
**Welcome!**





Great Grey Owls- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

The Great Greys are eager to bring your attention to some exciting events that have taken place for our fifth graders. First, we would like to thank our students for all of their hard work in this year's TED X Talks! All students gave great presentations. We want to recognize 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Kelsie V. for winning the school competition and going on to represent Watergrass at the District Talks! We have some excellent events coming up for the month of February as well, including a trip to Saint Leo University!

We will be starting a new science unit in February. This unit is all about Force and Motion. Please continue to have your child review their science notes nightly to instill good study habits. They are also encouraged to get on Discovery Education for more science practice. The students should be finishing their work on their STEM Fair projects. All students should follow the description of this project along with a copy of the rubric for due dates. Please note that final projects are due on February 22nd.

In math, we are working on Module 4 which focuses on multiplying and dividing fractions. Remember, math fluency is vital for your child's success in math. Please continue to work on automaticity of multiplication facts. Students can utilize Zearn and Fast Math to assist with their math fluency.

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. Ask your child what their POWER GOAL is and please use this power goal to work with your child at home during their 30 minutes of reading each night. We also would like to encourage our 5<sup>th</sup> graders to read nonfiction text in order to expand their vocabulary knowledge.

Finally, please remember that student planners need to be signed daily. We'd also like to remind students to continue to work to their full potential in all areas. Encourage your child to give their best effort all of the time.



5<sup>th</sup> grade students paired up with kindergarten students for Buddy Reading during Celebrate Literacy Week.



5<sup>th</sup> grade students practicing text annotation and close-reading strategies.

FSA Testing Dates

April		
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Writing		
April 1-2		
May		
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science
May 1- May 2	May 6- May 7	May 9- May 10



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&  
Specialists



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## Elf Owls

Get ready to help cheer us on! February is here and we are excited for the Special Olympics.

On Friday, February 22 our Elf Owls will travel to Wesley Chapel High School to participate in the Pasco County Summer Games. Our students will compete in track and field events, like running as well as soccer skills. Our favorite day starts as the Watergrass student body cheers us on as we exit the school.

**Special  
Olympics**



*ELFowls loved their visit from K9 Benco!*

## Music Notes

Our Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> graders are busy working on their musical, "Hats!" Make sure you send in their permission slip so they can participate in our show March 11<sup>th</sup>.

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders are continuing playing keyboards, learning about form, articulation, tempo and drumming.

## Art Notes

Students (all grades) are still working with paint, so please remember to dress your child appropriately for his or her Art days.

I would like to thank all of my Art Helpers who have come in to help me this year so far. They have done a fantastic job and I would like to recognize the following students:

- Phillip Welch,
- Skyler Maddox,
- Dylan Smith,
- Ava and Alexis Rodríguez,
- Brody Rodríguez,
- Stella Marcantoni
- Gabby Burkhart.

*Mrs. Ward, School Counselor*

## Counselor's Corner

Happy February! I will be continuing with Safer, Smarter Kids lessons in all grade levels. I encourage you to read the letter that comes home after each lesson and talk with your children about the important safety topics they are learning about.

This month our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will begin having visits from Weightman Middle School Counselors to learn about transitioning to middle school. All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend the Pep Rally at Weightman on March 1<sup>st</sup> (a bus will be provided). Parents, stay tuned for more information coming home about these activities.

