



- Important DATES:**
- August 22**  
 First Day of School  
 Parent Welcome Breakfast  
 8:45-10am
  - August 30**  
 PTA Board Meeting 9:15am
  - September 5**  
 No School
  - September 16**  
 Picture Day
  - September 19-23**  
 Fall Book Fair Open
  - September 20**  
 Evening Ice Cream Social/  
 PTA General Meeting 6pm
  - September 22**  
 Hearing Screenings
  - September 30**  
 Donuts for Dads 7:30am
  - October 5**  
 Hearing Screenings
  - October 11**  
 PTA Board Meeting 9:15am
  - October 14**  
 No School
  - October 27**  
 Literacy Day
  - October 28**  
 No School
  - November 8**  
 PTA Board Meeting 9:15am
  - November 11**  
 All Pro Dads Breakfast  
 7:30am
  - November 11**  
 2nd Annual Fall Feast, Film &  
 FUNdraiser (Silent Auction)
  - November 28-Dec 5**  
 Holiday Shop
- Go to [windyridgepta.org](http://windyridgepta.org) to download a complete 2011-2012 community calendar.

## Welcome to the 2011-2012 School Year!



Welcome! My name is Nanette Campbell and this is my 2nd year as PTA President. I have twin daughters in 4th grade, and I have been actively involved in PTA since they were in kindergarten. (I just had to know all I could about this place I was entrusting my children to!) I learned a great deal in this role last year and I want to use all of that knowledge to do an even better job for all of you this year. This is a great school, and an "A" rated school, and you deserve the best!

First, I want to distill a myth about this group called the PTA. PTA is not just for some parents and teachers, not just for a few who have lots of extra time to volunteer. It's for all parents and teachers. The purposes of PTA is to "secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in ... education." What parent or teacher doesn't want that? If you want that, then PTA is for you. You may not have time to volunteer. You may not have time to come to a meeting. But, just by being a member, you add your voice to the millions across the country fighting for the betterment of our children, all children.

If you are new to our school or still don't feel 100% connected, I encourage you to come out to both school and PTA sponsored events and meet other Windy Ridge families. The BEST way to become comfortable with a place is to know it... be a part of it. If you want to be more involved in planning events and activities, come to our monthly board meetings held during the school day. If you just want to hear what has been planned and vote on budget and officers, join us at the general meetings which are held quarterly in the evenings. Either way, get involved, even if all you have to give is a few hours.

We'd like to welcome everyone to our first PTA meeting of the year on Tuesday, Sept. 20th at 6pm. Meet up with old friends and new classmates. Hear what PTA has planned for this year and see how you can get involved. That will be the evening the Fall Book Fair is open too!

Mark your calendars for the always-popular Donuts for Dads program Friday, Sept. 30th at 7:30am and our 2nd annual Silent Auction and Family Dinner Night on Friday, Nov. 11th.

If you have any questions, please contact me or any board member. We'd be happy to help you or point you in the right direction.

PTA is looking forward to working with the administration, teachers and parents at Windy Ridge to make 2011-2012 a successful and enjoyable year. Come on out and join us!

**Nanette Campbell | [ncampbell2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ncampbell2@cfl.rr.com)  
 PTA President 2010-2012**

### Want to Volunteer at Windy Ridge?

Go to <http://volunteer.ocps.net> and click on the **School Volunteers** link located on the left side and then **Online Application** to apply or update an ADDitions Volunteer Application. Remember, you **cannot** volunteer until you are approved by Orange County Schools.



## Help Your Child and Support Windy Ridge—Join the PTA!



Welcome to another school year! The PTA has many exciting events planned for this year. In order to continue to provide

quality programming, we need your support. 100% Participation is our Goal! Help us make it happen and join today!

By joining and supporting PTA, you make an even greater difference in the lives of our children.

Windy Ridge PTA is an active organization bringing fun events and educational enrichment to our students, such as: Reflections Art contest, funding for classroom and learning materials, mentoring program for new teachers, Winter Carnival, Fall Silent Auction, Teacher Appreciation luncheons, coordinating classroom homeroom reps, funding for Middle School textbooks and more!

**It's easy to join and an Annual, Single Membership is only \$5. With that Single Membership you receive a free copy of our School Directory.**

Membership forms are available online at [www.windyridgepta.org](http://www.windyridgepta.org) or email Mindy Gerber at [mgerber2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mgerber2@cfl.rr.com).

**Mindy Gerber - [mgerber2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mgerber2@cfl.rr.com)  
PTA Membership Chair**

## How to Stay Informed at Windy Ridge?

- 1) Subscribe to our Windy Ridge VIP eMail List at [www.windyridgepta.org](http://www.windyridgepta.org). **All school and PTA communications are sent via our Constant Contact eMail system and our Connect Orange Phone System.**
- 2) Attend monthly PTA Board Meetings. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 9:15am in the Media Center. All PTA members are invited to attend. Come check it out and Be Involved!
- 3) Other useful websites include:  
 Windy Ridge - [www.windy.ocps.net](http://www.windy.ocps.net)  
 Orange County Public Schools - [www.ocps.net](http://www.ocps.net)  
 Orange County's PTA - [www.ocpta.org](http://www.ocpta.org)  
 National PTA - [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)  
 FCAT (grades 3-8) - [www.fcatexplorer.com](http://www.fcatexplorer.com)  
 Orange County Public Library - [www.ocls.info](http://www.ocls.info)  
 ProgressBook - <https://parentaccess.ocps.net>

## Homeroom Representative News

Welcome back to what will be another exciting school year! We hope you had a fun, relaxing summer with your family. We are your Homeroom Representative Program coordinators and are looking forward to continuing this worthwhile program which is so helpful to our teachers and students.



Please consider being a homeroom representative for your child's classroom this year. It is a great way to get to know your child's teacher and friends, and also to offer much-needed assistance to your teacher! Watch for sign-up sheets in your child's classroom at Meet the Teacher.

There are many ways to volunteer in the classroom, big and small, once or ongoing. Please explore how you can be involved. **For those of you who do sign up to be homeroom representatives, there will be an informational meeting Thursday, September 15 to explain the program.** We look forward to working with you!

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Homeroom Representative Coordinators**

## Kindergarten Liaison and Welcome Wagon Committee

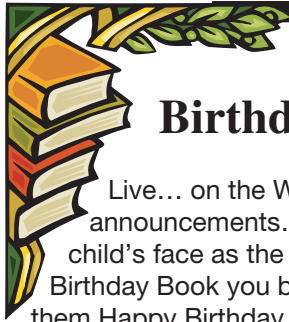
We would like to welcome our new families to Windy Ridge and let you know that the PTA is here to support you and your children. We are chairing the Welcoming Committee this year at Windy Ridge. If you are a Kindergarten parent or are new to our school, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail us with any questions. If you are interested in volunteering to help out with our committee, please let us know! Being a part of this committee and others through the PTA is a great way to get involved and meet other Windy Ridge families.



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**Welcoming Wagon Co-Chairs**



## Birthday Books

Live... on the Windy Ridge morning TV announcements... Imagine the look on your child's face as the Principal presents them with the Birthday Book you bought. Their friends are wishing them Happy Birthday all day because they saw them on tv!

It's so easy to do! Birthday books are books you buy and donate to the school media center to commemorate any special occasion. A plaque is placed inside the book dedicating it to your child, with a personalized message and date. The Principal then personally presents this special gift to your child on the morning tv announcements. They have the first opportunity to check it out, then it will remain a part of Windy Ridge's library for all to enjoy. It's a great way to teach your kids about giving back and sharing special occasions with others.

AND... they're not just for birthdays! Consider giving a birthday book in your child's name to celebrate the holidays or in honor of your child's teacher. Check it out on [www.windyridgepta.org](http://www.windyridgepta.org) under the Birthday Books link. There you will find a list of books you can buy from the school to give and the forms necessary to do so. Please email me if you'd like more info or if you'd like me to send you a reminder in the month of your child's birthday.

**Kim Thomson | [ksthomson@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ksthomson@cfl.rr.com)  
Birthday Books Chair**

## Box Tops for Education

The Box Tops for Education program is back again. Hopefully, you have been busy clipping Box Tops this summer.



### How Can You Help Us Succeed?

> **Submit your Box Tops in a bag or envelope** clearly marked with your child's name and teacher's name so they may be counted in our school-wide contests.

> **Coupon MUST have an expiration date** and it **MUST** be current.

Thank you again for supporting our school through this easy money-making program.

**Ulupi Amin | [ulupiamin@gmail.com](mailto:ulupiamin@gmail.com)  
Box Top Coordinator**

## School Nurse Fund & Entertainment Book Sales

Did you know that our school nurse is not paid for by the Orange County Public School System? OCPS pays for a health assistant. Windy Ridge believes we need a nurse to provide a higher level of care for our children.



**Windy Ridge must raise approximately \$10,000 this year to pay for our Nurse. Proceeds from our Entertainment Book Sales (Sep 2-14) will go to our Nurses Fund. Plus, if each child in our school made a donation of \$10.00 we could cover this bill without additional fundraising.**

We can't imagine our school without a Nurse. She takes such good care of our kids with her kind and gentle demeanor. Won't you please support her today by sending a check to our school? **Please make your tax deductible check payable to "Windy Ridge School."** Thank you for your support!

**Maggie Stewart | [stewarm@ocps.net](mailto:stewarm@ocps.net) | Nurses Fund**

## Windy Ridge T-Shirts

Show your school spirit and purchase your new cooler than cool, blue, Windy Ridge, Tie-Dyed T-shirt. T-shirts can be worn on school field trips, spirit days and other special events. Parents & teachers can purchase them too!



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**T-Shirt Co-Chairs**

## School Directories Forms

Every year, Windy Ridge PTA publishes a school directory that is available to Windy Ridge families and staff who join PTA. This is a great resource for planning play dates, finding a phone number to verify homework assignments with a classmate, etc. **You will be included only if you have submitted a completed form this year.** The form is provided in your Windy Ridge folder and at the front desk or on the PTA website at [windyridgepta.org](http://windyridgepta.org). **Your directory is FREE with your \$5 single PTA membership.**

**Mily Hernandez | [tonymily@aol.com](mailto:tonymily@aol.com)**

## Fuel My School

**WHAT:**

We need everyone to shop online through our Windy Ridge online mall. For every purchase made our school earns cash rewards. It's free and requires no registration.



**WHY:**

We need funding to purchase a variety of school needs.

**HOW:**

1. Visit [www.FuelMySchool.com/Windy Ridge](http://www.FuelMySchool.com/Windy Ridge)
2. Click on our Shop4schools mall button
3. Select your favorite merchant's logo and proceed with your typical online shopping experience. You can still use your credit cards, gift cards, coupons and promo codes!

Now is the time to start shopping from our school mall and a portion of your purchase is directed to our school. With just one extra click, you can make a difference at Windy Ridge!

**Jana Wegner | [jwegner01@yahoo.com](mailto:jwegner01@yahoo.com)  
Partner in Education**

## Fall Book Fair...Save the Dates

**The Fall Scholastic Book Fair will run September 19 - 23 in the Media Center.** As always, we will need volunteers to set up, run and pack up the event. Volunteer shifts will run from Set-Up first thing Friday, Sept. 16 to Pack-Up on Monday, Sept. 26. Please contact me via email to get your preferred time slot!

**The Book Fair sales hours are during school: 9am-3pm (2pm on Wednesday) and in the evening after the PTA General Meeting on Tues., Sept. 20, 6:15-8pm.**

**Note to Parents:** When sending in a pre-written check with your child to purchase books at the Fair, please make sure to add in 6.5% sales tax and make your check payable to Windy Ridge, not Scholastic. Thanks! Also, look for the Teacher Wish List display to help add books to your child's classroom library.

**Nanette Campbell  
Book Fair Co-Chair  
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## Dads...Mark Your Calendars

**All Pro Dad Quarterly Breakfast with your Kids is BACK!**

Team up with other Windy Ridge dads/father figures and kids for a quick, before-school breakfast and a 30 minute program of fatherhood and family topics.



**Mark your Calendar NOW:**

Friday, Sep 30 - Donuts for Dads - 7:30am

Friday, Nov 11 - All Pro Dad Breakfast - 7:30am

Friday, Jan 6 - All Pro Dad Breakfast - 7:30am

Friday, Mar 16 - All Pro Dad Breakfast - 7:30am

Friday, May 11 - All Pro Dad Breakfast - 7:30am

Be apart of this awesome organization started by NFL Coach, Tony Dungy and show your kids that you want to be an involved dad! Check out the All Pro Dad website for more details on this fantastic organization - [www.allprodad.com](http://www.allprodad.com).

## 2011-2012 National PTA Reflections Contest



**Theme:**

***"Diversity Means..."***

Start planning now for your entry in one of the following categories:

**Literature, Musical Composition, Photography  
Visual Arts, Dance Choreography, Film/Video  
Production**

Watch for further details.

**Contact - Susan & Jason Wald  
[swald@cfl.rr.com](mailto:swald@cfl.rr.com) | 407.292.5724**

## Congratulations to our '11/'12 Board Members & Chairs

If you are interested in joining a committee or filling an open chair position, contact Nanette Campbell at **407-299-7723** or **ncampbell2@cfl.rr.com**. (\* indicates that people are needed to help the committee chair.)



<b>Programs Committees</b> .....	<b>Katia Patterson</b>
5-Star Book .....	<i>OPEN</i>
ADDitions.....	Josephine Medcalf
<i>ADDitions Co-Chair</i> .....	<i>OPEN</i>
Awards .....	Katrina Ruiz
<i>Beautification/Environmental*</i> .....	<i>OPEN</i>
Book Fair .....	Nanette Campbell & Mily Hernandez
Dads' Committee* .....	Alex Triska & Paul Wagy
8th Grade Celebration* .....	TBD
5th Grade Celebration* .....	TBD
<i>Hospitality*</i> .....	<i>OPEN</i>
Programs*.....	Katia Patterson
Reflections.....	Susan & Jason Wald
Teacher Welcome Luncheon-August* .....	Executive Board
<i>Father/Daughter Event*</i> .....	<i>OPEN</i>
<i>Mother/Son Event*</i> .....	<i>OPEN</i>

<b>Communications Committees</b> .....	<b>Ann Biro</b>
<i>County/Legislation</i> .....	<i>OPEN</i>
Directory .....	Mily Hernandez
<i>Directory Ads</i> .....	<i>OPEN</i>
<i>ESE Liaison</i> .....	<i>OPEN</i>
Homeroom Coordinators.....	Kim Richard & Michelle Dunlap
Membership .....	Mindy Gerber
MS Liaison.....	Kim Nguyen & Mary Ruffin
e-Newsletter* .....	Ann Biro
<i>e-Newsletter Trainee</i> .....	<i>OPEN</i>
Nominating Committee* .....	TBD
<i>Public Relations</i> .....	<i>OPEN</i>
SAC Liaison.....	Joanna Bradford
Web Site .....	Ann Biro
Web Site Trainee .....	Amanda Cohen
Welcoming Wagon* .....	Joanna Bradford & Jayme Fairhurst

<b>Fundraising Committees</b> .....	<b>Mily Hernandez</b>
Birthday Books.....	Kim Thomson
Box Tops .....	Ulupi Amin
Fall Family Dinner* .....	Sally Sawyer
Fall Silent Auction & Class Baskets* .....	Ann Biro
<i>Fall Silent Auction Co-Chair</i> .....	<i>OPEN</i>
Fundraising Co-Chair .....	Susan Weems
<i>Fundraising Co-Chair</i> .....	<i>OPEN</i>
Health Central Nurses Fund .....	Maggie Stewart
Partners in Ed.....	Jana Wegner
Carnival* .....	Sally Sawyer
Carnival Concessions* .....	Rene Weising
Carnival Gifts from the Heart.....	Jacque Modlin
Carnival Drawing Room* .....	Ann Biro
Carnival Marketing/Publicity.....	Ann Biro
Carnival Tickets* .....	Rene Weising
Carnival Volunteers* .....	Brenda Bonn
T-Shirts & School Planners .....	Mily Hernandez & Ann Biro

**Congratulations to our Windy Ridge PTA 2011-2012 Executive Committee.** (L to R) Susan Weems (Recording Secretary), Nanette Campbell (President), Brenda Bonn (Treasurer), Katia Patterson (Programs VP), Ann Biro (Communications VP), Mily Hernandez (Fundraising VP), Jacque Modlin (Corresponding Secretary)

## Open PTA Positions

Looking to get involved this year? Here are some great positions to consider. See the next page for a summary of job responsibilities for these positions.

### Join the Team...

- Silent Auction Chair Trainee
- Silent Auction Class Baskets
- 5-Star Book
- Beautification/Environmental
- Mother/Son Family Event
- Hospitality

### Get Your Feet Wet....

- County/Legislation
- Directory Ads
- Newsletter Trainee
- Kindergarten Liaison
- Public Relations

### Come to a meeting once and a while...

- ESE Liaison
- Membership Co-Chair (trainee)
- ADDitions Co-Chair
- Fundraising Co-Chair

Contact info and job descriptions can be found on our PTA website at [www.windyridgepta.org](http://www.windyridgepta.org). **Get Involved Today!!**

## WINDY RIDGE PTA NEEDS Y-O-U!

Following is a list of open PTA positions for the 2011-2012 school year. Each position is mentored by one of our three Vice Presidents. So even if you are new, you are never alone. Interested or just curious? Contact Nanette Campbell today for more details at [ncampbell2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ncampbell2@cfl.rr.com) or 407-299-7723.

### JOIN THE TEAM...

*These positions require more time throughout the year or a larger one-time commitment.*

**Fall Silent Auction Chair Trainee:** shadow the current Silent Auction chair, getting familiar with WR's solicitation process and running of auction.

**Fall Silent Auction Baskets:** responsible for the coordination of our Classroom Baskets for the Fall Silent Auction. Each classroom is to provide a themed basket for this major portion of the fundraiser. This committee meets with all the homeroom representatives and helps them in theme selection. It is up to the homeroom representative to gather all the items to be included in the basket and prepare description sheets. Assembled items are taken to a designated location at the school where this committee will do the final prepping of the basket. This committee sets up the baskets in the Media Center, prepares the necessary bid sheets and volunteers their time during the auction. At the conclusion of the auction, this committee finalizes all purchases and coordinates delivery of the baskets. This is a fun, collaborative project and a huge money maker for our school.

**Newsletter Trainee:** shadow the current newsletter editor, getting familiar with the WR's online newsletter format. Newsletter will be compiled 5 times a year. Trainee should have writing, editing and computer skills.

**5-Star Book:** If WR wants to be a 5-Star rated school, we need a volunteer to do the extensive application process. It involves collecting photographs and communication regarding events and activities occurring throughout the school year. This information will then be compiled into a scrapbook, which will be submitted to the state for consideration for the Five Star School Award. You will meet with the School Administrator overseeing this program for clarification of what is to be included in the scrapbook, and will communicate with the Additions Coordinator and parent volunteers in order to collect info from them. Keeping on top of this throughout the school year will make it easier when it comes time to put the scrapbook together at the end of the year.

**Beautification/Environmental:** Ms. Johnson is really hoping someone will take on this role. You'd be working in conjunction with Mrs. Anna Fidelo, K-5 science teacher who is responsible for the school gardens. The front area of school is in need of some sprucing up. You would research what plants would survive in those areas, propose ideas and when approved, purchase plants, install and garden away! The environmental area has yet to be defined. We'd love to hear your ideas!

**Mother/Son Family Event:** There hasn't been one because we haven't had a volunteer! If you coordinate it, we will have one. You would coordinate and set up an event after school for Mothers and Sons.

**Hospitality:** This committee is responsible for coordinating refreshments at the General PTA Board meetings, Donuts for Dads, All Pro Dad, and other special events.

### GET IN THE GAME...

*These positions require less time throughout the year or a smaller one time commitment.*

**County/Legislation:** This committee keeps our PTA informed regarding Orange County School Board policies and legislation. This entails attending monthly Orange County School Board meetings and reporting any pertinent information which could affect our PTA and/or school.

**Directory Ads:** This committee sells advertisements to local businesses and school families to cover the cost of printing our school directory. Letters should be sent home to families, and local businesses should be contacted, requesting that they support our school by placing an advertisement. Ad information will then be organized into page format and will be included with the directory information in time for printing. This is not to be a "fundraising" project, but only to secure enough advertising revenue to pay for printing costs.

**Kindergarten Liaison:** This chairperson is a resource for kindergarten parents for the many questions and concerns they may have. A letter should be sent home at the beginning of the year, introducing yourself to them and offering assistance with general information (not with issues which should be directed to the teacher or administration.) This is a great way to meet people and to help them feel comfortable in their new environment. In the spring, you will help on the day school holds its Kindergarten registration day, giving tours, answering questions, helping direct new families to the registrar.

**Public Relations:** This committee collects information regarding PTA/school functions, student awards, staff recognitions, etc., and submits articles and photographs to local newspapers (Southwest Bulletin and West Orange Times). This information should be submitted any time there is a noteworthy event, probably biweekly, keeping in mind publication deadlines.

### COME TO A FEW MEETINGS...

*These positions require you to observe or shadow and attend PTA Board meetings when possible.*

**ESE Liaison:** Great job for a parent of a child in ESE class who wants to get their feet wet! This chairperson works with the ESE teachers to find out the needs, accomplishments and celebrations in the ESE department.

**Membership Co-Chair (trainee):** Shadow the current Membership Co-Chair to take job on in a year or so. This committee is responsible for promoting the PTA, processing membership applications and dues, and distributing membership cards and incentives.

**ADDitions Co-Chair:** Work with current experienced ADDitions Coordinator providing back-up when necessary. Her duties are: This committee is responsible for working very closely with the ADDitions staff coordinator and assist in the handling of volunteer opportunities and events at the school.

**Fundraising Co-Chair:** Work with current experienced Fundraising Chair, seeing how things run this year (mainly Entertainment book sales and Holiday Shop, lending a hand for Silent Auction and Carnival) and sharing new ideas for next year.