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**Important DATES:**

- May 22**  
 Last Day of School
- May 28**  
 Memorial Day
- Jun 17**  
 Father's Day
- Jul 4**  
 Independence Day
- Aug 1**  
 Start Shopping for  
 School Supplies
- August 20**  
 First Day of School



**Closing Words from the President**

It has been my pleasure to work with so many helpful and dedicated people this year. The parents, teachers, students and staff have made this a successful and eventful year. Our general PTA meetings had record attendances with Chuck Tompkins from Sea World in November, our Summer Camp event in March and the Science Fair in May.

Through your time and talents we have also had our most successful Spring Fling in our history. With the money raised from that, and our other fundraising efforts, we will be able to contribute to the future success and support of Windy Ridge.

I would also like to thank the current PTA board. They have all worked hard this year with the main goal always being what is best for the students. Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

Have a fun, safe and relaxing summer!

Sincerely,  
**Mindy Bender**  
 2006/2007 PTA President



**Windy Ridge PTA 2006-2007  
 Executive Committee**

President .....	Mindy Bender
1st Vice President .....	Karyn Phillips
2nd Vice President .....	Sherita Teti
3rd Vice President .....	Amy DuRose
Treasurer .....	Susan Mishriki
Recording Secretary.....	Tina Newell
Corresponding Secretary .....	Sally Sawyer
Parliamentarian.....	Tina Long

**Congratulations to our Windy Ridge  
 PTA 2007-2008 Executive Committee**

President .....	Mindy Bender
1st Vice President .....	Sherita Teti
2nd Vice President .....	Tina Newell
3rd Vice President .....	Ellen Chabot
Treasurer .....	Susan Mishriki
Recording Secretary.....	Rene Weising
Corresponding Secretary .....	Sally Sawyer

**Curious about an open PTA position?**  
 Contact Mindy Bender at 407-522-2689 or  
 lorminno@aol.com for more details!

**OPEN PTA POSITIONS**

- Beautification
- County/Legislative
- Health Central Nurses Fund
- Kindergarten Liaison
- Programs
- Spring Fling
- Sunshine Math Co-Chair
- Ways and Means (Fundraising)



## Special Thanks to our Hardworking Committee Chairs

As the African proverb states, "It Takes a Village". Windy Ridge is extremely fortunate to have a very active and committed PTA board. Below are the many folks that put in countless hours so that all our special programs are available to our students, families and community.

5th Grade Celebration .....	Sharon Anderson
8th Grade Celebration .....	Sherita Teti
Birthday Books .....	Joanna Bradford
Box Tops for Education .....	Rene Weising
Dad's Committee .....	Howard Kaplan
Fundraising .....	Mindy Bender
Homeroom Representatives .....	Ellen Chabot
Hospitality .....	Sally Sawyer
PTA Newsletter .....	Ann Biro
PTA Membership Co-Chairs .....	Katrina Ruiz
PTA Membership Co-Chairs .....	Denise Groux
Reflections .....	Karyn Phillips
SAC Liaison .....	Lisa Kaplan
School Directory .....	Ken Peach
Spring Fling Co-Chairs.....	Sally Sawyer
Spring Fling Co-Chairs.....	Katrina Ruiz
Sunshine Math .....	Crystal Speirs
T-shirt .....	Carole Adams
PTA Website .....	Ann Biro

## School Calendar 2007-2008

Fri, Aug 17 .....	Meet Your Teacher Day
Mon, Aug 20.....	First Day of School
Mon, Sep 3.....	Student/Teacher Holiday
Fri, Oct 19.....	Student/Teacher Holiday
Fri, Oct 26.....	Student Holiday
Mon-Fri, Nov 19-23 .....	Student/Teacher Holiday & Thanksgiving Break
Fri, Jan 18.....	Student Holiday
Mon, Jan 21.....	Student/Teacher Holiday
Mon, Feb 18 .....	Student/Teacher Holiday
Fri, Mar 28 .....	Student Holiday
Mon-Fri, Mar 31-Apr 4.....	Spring Break
Mon, May 26 .....	Student/Teacher Holiday
Wed, Jun 4 .....	Last Day of School

## Windy Ridge School Song

*Music & Lyrics by Teresa Pancotto*

*Winners with integrity  
Never sacrificing our dignity  
Young and old we're rich in soul  
Individuals driven to achieve our goal*

*We strive to win  
To achieve our personal best  
Windy Ridge Silver Hawks  
Step up to the test*

*We work together hand in hand  
With pride and dignity  
We're Windy Ridge Silver Hawks  
We've got integrity  
(repeat)*

***Winners with  
Integrity  
Never Sacrificing our  
Dignity  
Young and old we're***

***Rich in Soul  
Individuals  
Driven to achieve our  
Goal  
Excellence!***

## Keep AR Testing This Summer

Did you know you can continue to AR test at Windy Ridge over the summer? Just call the front office to let them know when you plan on coming in to test so that you make sure the computer in the Media Center is available.

You may also go to <http://www.renlearn.com> to search for the latest list of AR books. When you get to the website, just click on "Accelerated Reader". Then click on "Order Quizzes". You will then be able to generate a search by book title to determine if the book has an AR quiz and what level and points are available.

As we head into a long summer break, there's no better time to READ!, READ! and READ! some more!

For additional information, contact our Media Specialist Kenyan Cannon.



# Year End Budget Report

	YTD Actual	Budget
Revenue	\$64,100	\$49,300
Expenses	\$45,000	\$56,000

In addition to the PTA's Sally Foster and magazine fundraisers, our budget includes the following items:

PTA Membership:	\$5,000
T-shirts:	\$3,000
Spring Fling:	\$17,000

**What does the PTA fund?** The PTA (through your membership fees and fundraising support) helps fund many big and small programs at Windy Ridge. Here's a list of just some of the areas where your financial support makes a difference:

- Additions Program ..... \$900
- Winter & End of Year Class Parties ..... \$2,500
- Staff Appreciation..... \$1,500
- Needy Families Holiday Gift Cards ..... \$1,600
- Dedication Ceremony..... \$1,500
- MS Science & MS Social Studies ..... \$3,200
- Elem. Math Curriculum..... \$1,100

# Nurses Fund Update



Thank you to everyone who participated in the fundraising this year for our nurses!

**The Health Central Nurse Fund goal for this year was \$15,000. We raised almost \$9,400. The PTA was able to donate the remaining \$5,600 from profits from the Spring Fling.**

The fundraisers we participated in this year included: Coupon Book sales, Flu Shots, Chick-fil-A family nights, Papa John's school night, Parent's Night at Dottie's Orlando Comedy Theater, and donations from all the wonderful Windy Ridge families.

We hope to meet our goal next year with your continued support. Special thanks to Nurse Garrison and Nurse Kat for all that they do for our children.

**We are looking for a Nurses Fund Coordinator for 2007/2008.** If you are interested in this extremely worthwhile position, please contact Mrs. Concepcion or Mindy Bender.

# Box Tops for Education

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Box Tops for Education program. **This year we were able to raise \$1,475.94 for Windy Ridge.** Congratulations goes out to the following classes for turning in the most box-tops.



<p><b>Top 3 classes that turned in box-tops before December 15:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st Grade - <b>Johnson - 553</b></li> <li>• 3rd Grade - <b>Johnston - 287</b></li> <li>• 2nd Grade - <b>Hughes - 277</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Top 3 classes that turned in box-tops before May 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4th Grade - <b>Suriano - 435</b></li> <li>• 1st Grade - <b>Rubio - 286</b></li> <li>• 2nd Grade - <b>Vollenweider - 258</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Top class in their grade level overall:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kindergarten - <b>Cotterill - 301</b></li> <li>• 1st Grade - <b>Johnson - 828</b></li> <li>• 2nd Grade - <b>Vollenweider - 522</b></li> <li>• 3rd Grade - <b>Johnston - 437</b></li> <li>• 4th Grade - <b>Suriano - 635</b></li> <li>• 5th Grade - <b>Carvalho - 393</b></li> <li>• Middle School - <b>Bullion - 372</b></li> </ul>
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Each winning class received \$25.00 to go towards their end of year parties. Have a safe summer and keep on clipping!

**Rene Weising (weisin\_r@bellsouth.net)**  
Box Top Coordinator

## A year in review of the life of a Windy Ridge Homeroom Rep:

“What did I just sign myself up for?”

“You need a ‘Literacy Day’ craft? OK, I think I can handle that.”

**“Oh no! An e-mail novel from Ellen!”**

“Did you just get the new Oriental Trading catalog? It’s fabulous!”

“I’m just ordering everything from Boston Market for the Thanksgiving Feast!”

“Sure, I’ll cut out 25 Indian vests out of Publix bags!”

**“Oh no! Another e-mail novel from Ellen!”**

“I just ordered 140 picture frames for the 5th graders to put together from Oriental Trading.”

“You should see my dining room table. There’s holiday party stuff all over it.”

“I’ve never made a sno-cone in my life until today, but after making 150 of them, I’m an expert.”

“Does Ellen really think this snowman craft would be easy to make?”

**“Oh no! Another e-mail novel from Ellen!”**

“OK, I’ll do a craft and bring the cupcakes. You bring the drinks and stuff for the activity.”

“I’m going to have the kids make snowflakes with beads, decorate cookies, and tie dye t-shirts. Sure, it’ll be easy!”

“Just call me Susie Homemaker.”

**“Oh no! Another e-mail novel from Ellen!”**

“I’ll be up at school all day. First I’ll be in Rito’s class, then Carvalho’s, then middle school. Just call me on my cell if you need me.”

“Whoo! One party down. Two more to go!”

“Wow! That party wasn’t too bad to plan since we all worked together. The kids really seemed to have fun!”

“I have to remember to send that letter home to the parents by Friday about bringing in flowers for the special teacher’s birthday.”

**“Oh no! Another e-mail novel from Ellen!”**

“I’m going to bring a little something for the kids since they’ve been working so hard on FCAT.”

“Spring Break – the year has flown by!”

“Am I crazy? Did I really sign up to help chaperone the 5th grade camping trip?”

**“Oh no! Another e-mail novel from Ellen!”**

“How am I going to get this all done? (Even when it seems impossible, everything falls into place)

“You should see my dining room table. I have Spring Fling basket stuff all over it.”

“What’s on the schedule for today? Grab balloons for my

teacher’s birthday, have the students sign a card in the cafeteria before school, planning meeting for end of year party, field trip to CiCis. Wow! It’s a light day!”

“It was nice enjoying Spring Fling with my kids this year. Having high school volunteers help with the booths was a great idea! I only had to work the 2nd grade booth for a 1/2 hour!”

“It was the most successful Spring Fling ever!”

**“Oh no! Another e-mail novel from Ellen!”**

“OK. End of year parties, teacher gifts, Teacher Appreciation Week. I can do this!”

“The cards the kids made for Teacher Appreciation Week turned out so cute. My teacher is going to love them.”

“Did I actually hear myself say I will bring 3 homemade quiches to the grade level breakfast by 7:30 AM?”

“Is tomorrow School Supply Day or Candy/Fruit Day?”

“You should see my dining room table. I have End of Year stuff all over it.”

**“Oh no! Another e-mail novel from Ellen!”**

“I made it through Teacher Appreciation Week.”

“OK, now we can focus on the end of year party. How about a water party? Kids love water!”

“I’m so looking forward to summer! I need this break as much as the kids do.”

“I can’t believe the year is over! Where did it go?”

“I made it through the year! I’m really going to miss this class!”

**The last e-mail novel from Ellen. It’s really over!**

“Looking back, I really did make a difference for my teacher and the class.”

“I made some great adult friends, really got to know my child’s teacher, and got to know my child’s classmates.”

“If I could do it all again, I wouldn’t have changed a thing.”

“At ‘Meet the Teacher’ in August, I have to make sure I get to that sign up sheet first so I can be a homeroom rep again!”

The fun, the stress, the laughs, the tears, the treasured memories... I have truly enjoyed the past 4 years as the homeroom representative coordinator. I have formed special friendships with parents, teachers, staff, administrators, and your children. The Windy Ridge community is a team with a giving and thoughtful spirit. Dearest Homeroom Representatives, I can’t thank you enough!

Love,

**Ellen Chabot**

Homeroom Representative Coordinator

# Year End Reflections on the Reflections Program



Windy Ridge was very fortunate this year to have had some wonderful participation and representation from our school in the National PTA Reflections Program. The theme this year was "My Favorite Place" and students submitted works in the categories of Dance Choreography, Musical Composition, Visual Arts, Literature, Photography, and Video Production. Our school received over 30 entries, of which 12 were selected to compete at the county level. Four of those students were then selected as winners and went on to compete at the state level. Of the four of our students who went to the state competition, one received an Award of Excellence and went on to the national competition. This is an achievement we should all be very proud of! This is a nationally sponsored competition that includes students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

The following is a complete list of our winners:

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|--------------------|---|
| <b>Literature</b>  | Sophia DuRose (Windy Ridge & County Level)<br>Emma Heistand (Windy Ridge & County Level)<br>Andres Del Mauro (Windy Ridge Level)<br>Sahil Vitha (Windy Ridge Level)<br>Jessica DeAndrade (Windy Ridge Level)<br>Sara Ghassemi (Windy Ridge Level)<br>Ryan Baum (Windy Ridge Level)<br>Donya Nasser (Windy Ridge & County Level) |
| <b>Visual Arts</b> | Rachel DuRose (Windy Ridge, County & State Level)<br>Jada Walker (Windy Ridge Level)<br>Cassie Teti (Windy Ridge Level)   |
| <b>Photography</b> | Nathanal Rossum (Windy Ridge Level)   |

I'd like to thank the participants and their parents and teachers for encouraging our students. We hope to have another great year next year, with even more participation and recognition for our wonderful and talented Windy Ridge Silver Hawks! Be watching for information on next year's theme and contest details during the first couple months of school. I look forward to working with all of you again. Have a great summer!

**Karyn Phillips**  
Chairman of Reflections Contest

## ADDitions News



I am pleased to announce that we have over 7800 hours of volunteer service this school year. We could not have done it without your help and hard work.

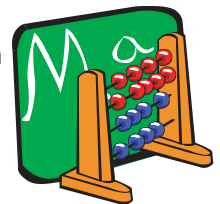
I would also like to congratulate all of those 2007 – 2008 Volunteers of the Month.

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|-------|---|-------------------------|-------|
| ..... | <b>August:</b>  | <b>Arlene Hutcheson</b> | ..... |
| ..... | <b>September:</b>                                     | <b>Ellen Chabot</b>     | ..... |
| ..... | <b>October:</b>                                       | <b>Ann Biro</b>         | ..... |
| ..... | <b>November:</b>                                      | <b>Ellis Clemens</b>    | ..... |
| ..... | <b>December:</b>                                      | <b>Mary Ruffin</b>      | ..... |
| ..... | <b>February:</b>                                      | <b>Tina Newell</b>      | ..... |
| ..... | <b>March:</b>   | <b>Sally Sawyer</b>     | ..... |
| ..... | <b>April:</b>   | <b>Katrina Ruiz</b>     | ..... |
| ..... | <b>May:</b>   | <b>Karyn Phillips</b>   | ..... |
| ..... | <b>Windy Ridge Additions (OCPS)</b>                   |                         | ..... |
| ..... | <b>Volunteer of the Year: Arlene Hutchinson</b>       |                         | ..... |
| ..... | <b>Windy Ridge Volunteer of the Year: Mary Ruffin</b> |                         | ..... |

**Tina Lupo**  
ADDitions Coordinator

## Sunshine Math Program

The Sunshine Math Program has come to an end for the year. What a great year we had for those who were able to participate!!



Thank you for encouraging your child to participate in this program!

**A special Thank You** to the parent volunteers who gave their time, hard work and dedication to helping our children.

I have enjoyed coordinating this program and am looking for a co-chair to help with any onsite needs for next year. If you are interested in co-chairing Sunshine Math with me, please send an email to [cspeirs@cfl.rr.com](mailto:cspeirs@cfl.rr.com). Have a great summer!

**Crystal Speirs**  
Sunshine Math Coordinator  
[cspeirs@cfl.rr.com](mailto:cspeirs@cfl.rr.com)

## Sunshine State Young Reader's List

The Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program is a statewide reading motivation program for students in grades 3-8. A special incentive may be awarded to students who meet certain AR testing goals. Ask your teacher or the Media Specialist for details.

**GRADES  
3-5**

### 2007/2008 Grades 3-5

Armstrong, Alan. *Whittington*  
Bauer, Marion Dane. *A Bear Named Trouble*  
Birney, Betty. *The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Spring*  
Bradley, Kimberley. *The President's Daughter*  
DiCamillo, Kate. *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*  
Giff, Patricia Reilly. *A House of Tailors*  
Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Say What?*  
Hill, Elizabeth. *Wildfire!*  
LaFaye, A. *Worth*  
Lombard, Jenny. *Drita, My Homegirl*  
O'Connor, Barbara. *Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia*  
Park, Linda Sue. *Project Mulberry*  
Van Leeuwen, Jean. *Cabin on Trouble Creek*  
Wallace, Bill. *No Dogs Allowed!*  
Wise, Williams. *Christopher Mouse: the Tale of a Small Traveler*



**GRADES  
6-8**

### 2007/2008 Grades 6-8

Bode, N. E. *The Anybodies*  
Cooney, Caroline B. *Code Orange*  
DeFelice, Cynthia. *Under the Same Sky*  
Dowell, Frances O'Rourke. *Chicken Boy*  
Hahn, Mary Downing. *The Old Willis Place*  
Hale, Shannon. *Princess Academy*  
Hobbs, Will. *Jackie's Wild Seattle*  
Lowry, Lois. *Gossamer*  
Lupica, Mike. *Heat*  
Riordan, Rick. *The Lightning Thief*  
Salisbury, Graham. *House of the Red Fish*  
Sonnenblick, Jordan. *Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie*  
Whelan, Gloria. *Listening for Lions*  
White, Andrea. *Surviving Antarctica: Reality TV 2083*  
Woodruff, Elvira. *The Ravenmaster's Secret*

## Websites for Fun and Learning



Try these websites full of fun games for keeping skills sharp this summer. They won't even notice they are learning!

[www.apples4theteacher.com](http://www.apples4theteacher.com)  
[www.42explore.com](http://www.42explore.com)  
[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)  
[www.writethink.org](http://www.writethink.org)  
[www.picturingbooks.imaginarylands.org](http://www.picturingbooks.imaginarylands.org)  
[www.vocabulary.co.il](http://www.vocabulary.co.il)  
[www.education-world.com](http://www.education-world.com)  
[www.ocls.lib.fl.us.net](http://www.ocls.lib.fl.us.net)  
[www.cogcon.com/gamegoo](http://www.cogcon.com/gamegoo)  
[www.disneychannel.com](http://www.disneychannel.com)  
[www.primarygames.com](http://www.primarygames.com)  
[www.teachersandfamilies.com/open/summerread.html](http://www.teachersandfamilies.com/open/summerread.html)  
[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)  
[www.discovery.com](http://www.discovery.com)  
[www.nationalgeographic.com/kids](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/kids)  
<http://weeklyreader.com/kids>



# Silver Hawks Speedway Windy Ridge Spring Fling



Our sincere thanks to everyone that helped make the 2007 Spring Fling the best yet!! **This year's Spring Fling net a record \$17,000.** We would especially like to recognize the following individuals, organizations, business partners and sponsors:

Airtime Promotions	George's Music	Sonic	Touch of Class Dry Cleaners
Albertson's	Gold's Gym	SpaceWalk	Universal Studios
Aldo's Jewelers	Healthy Habits@Home	Staybridge Suites LBV	Window Treatments by Denise Groux
Arbonne	High School Volunteers	Tastefully Simple by Debbie Blake	YMCA Dr. Phillips
Bankers Life & Casualty	Kim Nguyen-Le & Family	Taste Restaurant	
Bay Hill Country Club	Let's Eat	Tina Newell & Family	
Beta Club Olympia H.S.	Louise Givens & Family		
BH&L Decorators	McDonald's		
Bice's Restaurant	Mercedes Benz		
Bonsai Sushi	Office Depot		
Boy Scouts of America	Orlando Magic		
Brad Brewer	Peter Glenn		
CF Chrysler Jeep	Pirates Dinner Adventures		
Chick-Fil-A	Publix		
Chris Orland	Quiet Flight		
Chris & Debbie Gatley	Retention Education		
Coca-Cola Company	Rita Byrne & Family		
Disney	Ron Jon		
Fast Trac	Rose Family		
Festival Tours	Sea World		
Firehouse Subs-Ocoee	Sign-a-Rama		
Fresh Market	Silpada by Lori Citek		

**Special Thank You To This Year's Committees**

Co-Chairs .....Sally Sawyer  
 Co-Chairs ..... Katrina Ruiz  
 Silent Auction/Baskets ..... Tina Newell  
 ..... Sherita Teti  
 Raffle ..... Brenda Mulkey  
 Donations ..... Ann Biro  
 ..... Denise Groux  
 ..... Haley Kling  
 Ticket Sales ..... Tina Long  
 ..... Rene Weising  
 Food .....Donna Botlick  
 .....Rita Byrne  
 Volunteers ..... Katrina Ruiz  
 ..... Howard Kaplan

## Thank You Partners in Education

Thank you to our *Partners in Education* for their continued support of Windy Ridge and their commitment to quality education in Orange County. Congratulations to Chick-Fil-A, our Outstanding Partner in Education.

Albertson's	TooJays	Orlando Metro Gym	DiPasqua Enter.
CVS Pharmacy	Bubba Lou's BBQ	Planet Smoothie	Firehouse Subs
Dr. DiMauro, DDS	Pizza Hut/I-Drive	St. Lukes	Fun Spot
Domino's Pizza	Chick-Fil-A/Kirkman	Washington Mutual	NBA City
FNB of Central FL	Darden Restaurants	Stallones Pizza	Papa John's
Grathwohl Industries	Dinner Delites	Cariera's at The MarketPlace	Publix
Oerther Foods	Einstein Brothers	Chili's	Starbucks
Party America	Flippers Pizza	UpTown Pizza	Wal-Mart
Red's Market	Learning Tree		Positano