



Important DATES:

- August 18**
First Day of School
- September 1**
Holiday
- September 8**
PTA Board Meeting
- October TBD**
Donuts for Dads
- October 17**
Student Holiday
- October 24**
Student Holiday
- November 24-25**
Student Holiday
- November 26-28**
Thanksgiving Break
- December 22-January 2**
Winter Break
- January 16**
Student Holiday
- January 19**
Student Holiday
- February 16**
Student Holiday
- March 27**
Student Holiday
- March 30-April 3**
Spring Break
- May 25**
Student Holiday
- June 3**
Last Day of School



Welcome to the 2008-2009 School Year!

I hope you enjoyed a fun and relaxing summer. First off, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is René Weising and I am your new PTA President. I have 3 children. My youngest is a 3rd grader at Windy Ridge. I am excited about the upcoming year and ready to get to work.



We have many things to celebrate. Congratulations to Windy Ridge on receiving another "A" rating and for being selected as a FIVE Star School! Our school is the best because of our dedicated parents, teachers and staff! We make a great team.

The PTA is looking forward to working with you this year. Our web site is a great source of information. Check it out at www.windyridgepta.org. We will try to keep it as up-to-date as possible, so check it often!

We are hoping to have some great events for you that will help strengthen our team effort. Show your Windy Ridge support by joining the PTA, getting your school T-shirt, filling out the Information Sheets that come home and let us know what you would like to see and do at school this year. Windy Ridge has the best volunteers in the world! There are many different ways to help our School, our Children and our Team, so get involved today!

I look forward to meeting and working with you this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our executive board members or myself.

Sincerely,
René Weising
 2008/2009 PTA President

**Congratulations to our Windy Ridge PTA
 2008-2009 Executive Committee**

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

Congratulations to our 2008/2009 Board Members & Committee Chairs

We are fortunate at Windy Ridge to have so many dedicated volunteers. We are off to a great start in filling our Committee Chairs for the 2008/2009 school year. We still have plenty of opportunities available. If you are interested in joining a committee or filling an open chair position, contact René Weising at **407-292-1727** or **weisin_r@bellsouth.net** for more details!

5th Grade Celebration	Open
8th Grade Celebration	Open
ADDitions Coordinators.....	Joanna Bradford Nanette Campbell
Beautification	Open
Birthday Books	Nanette Campbell
Box Tops for Education	Open
County/Legislative	Open
Dad's Committee	Open
FIVE Star Book	Nicole Kalicak
Fundraising/Ways and Means	Susan Weems & Whitney Michaels
Health Central/Nurses Fund.....	Maggie Stewart
Homeroom Rep Co-Chairs	Tina Newell & Mindy Bender
Hospitality	Sally Sawyer
Kindergarten Liaison.....	Kim Richard
PTA Newsletter	Ann Biro
PTA Membership Co-Chairs	Mindy Gerber & Denise Groux
Reflections	Karyn Phillips
SAC Liaison	Tina Newell
School Directory (Database)	Arlene Hutcheson
School Directory (Advertising).....	Open
Spring Fling Chair	Sally Sawyer
T-shirt	Carole Adams
Teacher Liaison	Mindy Bender
PTA Website	Ann Biro

Contact information for all our committee chairs and board members can be found on our PTA website at www.windyridgepta.org. **Get Involved Today!!**

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 and Open House.



For those of you who do sign up to be homeroom representatives, there will be an informational meeting in September to explain the program. We look forward to working with you!

Tina Newell & Mindy Bender
Homeroom Representative Coordinators

2008-2009 National PTA Reflections Program

Theme:
"WOW!"

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 - Karyn Phillips
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Stay Informed with *PT Connection*

Our PTA Newsletter is just one of the many ways you can stay informed about activities at Windy Ridge. If you have news & information you would like us to include in our September issue, please email your article to Ann Biro at abiro@cfl.rr.com. **Next Deadline: August 27th.**