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**Important DATES:**

- October 13-14**  
 Student Holiday
- November 10**  
 PTA General Meeting / Health & Safety Fair
- November 23-25**  
 Student Holiday
- Every Thursday**  
 50¢ Popcorn Sales
- Every Friday**  
 50¢ Ice cream Sales
- School Spirit Day - Wear your Windy Ridge Shirts!



**Thoughts From Your PTA President**

Dear Parents and Teachers,

Thank you to our parents who are busy volunteering at school and helping at home to get their children settled in to another productive year. Thank you to our teachers who are hard at work establishing routines, developing relationships and building on the academic foundation that will allow every Silverhawk to soar!

One of the goals of the PTA is to sponsor and/or assist programs and events that will strengthen the bridge from home to school. Being informed is a necessary step to becoming involved. Please continue to read your teacher's weekly newsletter, the weekly school flyers, the marquee and the PT Connection, which is published bi-monthly. Contact the school office or one of the Executive Board members if you have any questions or concerns.

**Sharon Anderson**  
 2005/2006 PTA President  
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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**GENERAL MEETING NOTICE  
 HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR**

**November 10, 2005**  
 6:00-6:15 PTA General Meeting  
 6:30-8:00 Health & Safety Fair

*A flyer with details and the evening's agenda will be sent home shortly.*

**Items for Sale**

Show your school spirit and support our various fundraising efforts!

**Ongoing Sales**

Windy Ridge Tote Bags - \$5.00  
 Y.T.D Sales - \$130

School Note Pads - \$2.00  
 Y.T.D. Sales - \$132

**Coming Soon!**  
 Embroidered Shirts

**Windy Ridge PTA 2005-2006 Executive Committee  
 Contact Information**



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## Fall Fundraiser Closes Oct 7

Our Sally Foster magazine, giftwrap and gift product Fall Fundraiser closed Friday, October 7. Did you turn in your order? If not, **we will take orders up until Monday, October 10.**

Submit your orders today and help us reach our fundraising goals!

Mindy Bender  
Fundraiser Chairperson  
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## PTA Membership Only \$5

Your investment of only \$5 will help us achieve our PTA membership goal. It will also help us continue to support and sponsor programs that benefit every child.

**Year-to-date membership as of September 30, 2005 is 455. Our 2005 / 2006 goal is 525.**

### Packages Sold

Bronze ..... 69  
Silver ..... 19  
Gold..... 16

Katrina Ruiz & Jacquie Gilgallon  
Membership Co-Chairs

## School Nurse Update

The Entertainment Book sales have been great! We've sold approximately 452 books for a total of \$5,625. Thank you Windy Ridge parents for supporting our Nurses!



Our flu shot fundraiser will run the 2nd week of October, (a final date to be announced). Flu Shots will be available for adults 18 yrs. and older. Shots cost \$20, and \$10 will go towards our School Nurse Fund. You must sign up in the front office. The shots will be offered first to School Staff and Teachers.

Our Health Central account balance is: \$7,538.50 towards our goal of \$15,000. **We can reach that goal if every family with a child attending Windy Ridge were to donate \$13.00 per student.**

Please help us reach our goal by supporting our various fundraising efforts which ensure we keep registered nurses on staff at Windy Ridge. Thanks for your support!

Susan Bellar  
Health Central Chairperson  
smb22@cfl.rr.com

## Treasurer's Report by Andrea Yarkin, PTA Treasurer



### Fundraising Successes To Date

Program	Actual \$	Budget \$
Membership	4,164	3,000
T-Shirts	4,618	5,000
Fall Fundraiser (Sally Foster)	TBD	27,000

## School Directories Arriving Mid-October

As your directory chairperson, I would like to update you on the progress of the Windy Ridge Directory. There has been a great response this year, with a record number of information sheets returned. We have also had support from families in the advertising section, which helps pay for production of the directory.

**When you receive your directories in mid-October, please take the time to check out the advertisements. There are many family businesses represented, and this is a great way to support fellow Windy Ridge families.**

Thank you for your input and patience!

Tina Newell  
Directory Chairperson  
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## Box Tops for Education Update

Thanks to all who have been sending in Box Tops for Education Coupons. We are off to a great start with a total of **1,410 points**, but I know we can do better.

### How Can You Help Us Succeed?

> **Sign up for the Box Tops Booster Club at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com).** Our school will receive \$.50 for every person who registers prior to October 31st.

> **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 contest!

> **Every time you submit 25 Box Top Coupons your child wins free ice-cream in the cafeteria.**

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

Rene Weising  
Box Top Coordinator  
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## Record Number of Homeroom Representatives for '05/'06

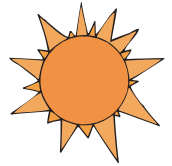
Windy Ridge is extremely lucky to have a record-breaking number of volunteers for this school year's Homeroom Representative program.

**We have 74 homeroom representatives, 22 of whom are helping out in more than one classroom!** They are busy meeting with your teachers, planning all the special events for the year, such as Character Day Parade, classroom parties, teachers' birthday celebrations, Spring Fling, and Teacher Appreciation Week.

Please contact your child's teacher or your homeroom representative directly to find out how you can help with any of these events. It's the perfect way to be a part of your child's classroom experience!

Ellen Chabot, Homeroom Representative Coordinator

## Sunshine Math Program



The Sunshine Math program is off to a great start. All classes have parent volunteers. Thank you to those who have volunteered. The program will begin for 1st through 5th grades the week of October 3rd. The Kindergarten classes will begin in January.

Please watch for the upcoming worksheets and encourage your children to participate in this enrichment program. They will be rewarded for participating at the end of the year.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile program. We are looking forward to a great year! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Dawn Soukup  
Sunshine Math Coordinator  
407/578-8430 or tdsoukup@netzero.com

## ADDitions News

Thank you to all the Windy Ridge volunteers who have worked so hard to make our school a success. We're having a great fall with Book Fair, Donuts for Dads, Scoliosis & Vision screening (6th grade), Hearing screening (K - 3, 6), Vision screening (K - 3), and Ice Cream sales because of your dedication.

**For those of you who have not registered yet, please go on the internet to <http://volunteer.ocps.net>. Remember you cannot volunteer until you fill out an ADDitions application.**

This year's ADDitions team is Torie Deremo, Mindy Bender, Ellen Chabot, Arlene Hutcheson, Dawn Soukup, Sherita Teti and Andrea Yarckin. Tina Lupo is the ADDitions contact person for applications and field trip forms. You can contact the team leader or member responsible for the volunteer opportunities that interest you.

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The ADDitions team will be contacting you by e-mail about volunteer opportunities. If you do not want to be contacted by e-mail, please notify Arlene Hutcheson.

**Don't Miss Windy Ridge's  
Literacy Day Parade for Grades K-3**

**Monday, October 31 - 9:00 a.m.**  
*Watch for details!*

**Enter the National PTA's Reflections  
Contest - "I Wonder Why..."**

Enter a drawing, literature, musical composition or photography expressing your interpretation of this year's theme..."I Wonder Why". **Deadline Nov 29th.**  
Questions? Contact Karyn Phillips at [redkaryn@cfl.rr.com](mailto:redkaryn@cfl.rr.com).



# Book Nook: Recommended Reading by Grade

## Kindergarten

***The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn***

The Kissing Hand is the perfect story for parents to share with a child who may need reassurance about going to school. In this story, mother raccoon shares a secret with her son Chester. The secret eases Chester's fears as he heads off to school. This tender, loving story reminds us that no matter where we are, our parents always love us and we can carry them with us. Find out how as you read this endearing story.

**Reading Level - 2.7**

**AR Points - .5**

## 1st Grade

***Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant***

Henry and Mudge is a delightful early chapter book that features a young boy named Henry. Henry has no siblings and no friends in his neighborhood. Poor Henry is lonely and is yearning for a pet, so his parents allow him to get a huge, loveable dog named Mudge. Henry and Mudge become fast friends and Mudge follows Henry everywhere. One day, Mudge gets lost. Will Henry and Mudge find each other again?

**Reading Level - 2.7**

**AR Points - .5**

## 2nd Grade

***Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin***

Doreen Cronin has done it again with this first-person narrative told from the point of view of a boy worm. This book introduces the concept of a diary in a fun way. Young readers will identify with all the escapades of a worm, as he interacts with family members, goes to school and vacations at Compost Island. Children will laugh and learn facts while learning to appreciate living creatures.

**Reading Level - 2.7**

**AR Points - .5**

## 3rd Grade

***Knights of the Kitchen Table by Jon Scieszka***

This first book in the Time Warp Trio Series is an imaginative and humorous read. The book begins with three boys celebrating a birthday. One of the presents happens to be a book with a card that states, "Be careful what you wish for." Once the book is opened, the boys are transported back to the time of knights, giants and dragons. If you enjoy adventure and fantasy this is a must read!

**Reading Level - 5**

**AR Points - 2**

## 4th Grade

***Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater***

How will Mr. Popper, a housepainter, deal with the addition of twelve penguins to his household?

**Reading Level - 6.6**

**AR Points - 3**

***Tornado by Betsy Byars***

As they wait out a tornado in their storm cellar, a family listens to their farmhand tell stories about the dog that was blown into his life by another tornado when he was a boy.

**Reading Level - 3**

**AR Points - 1**

## 5th Grade

***The Book of Three by Lloyd Alexander***

A young assistant pig-keeper has adventures beyond his wildest dreams in this first book in the Chronicles of Prydain series.

**Reading Level - 5.8**

**AR Points - 8**

***Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt***

10-year-old Winnie Foster discovers the magic spring that has given the Tuck family eternal life. Will she drink the water too?

**Reading Level - 6.3**

**AR Points - 4**

## Birthday Books



Help support our Media Center by dedicating a book to your child. Simply go to our Media Center, select a book from the Birthday book program, fill out a form and pay list price for the book. We will permanently affix a personalized inscription to the inside cover of the book, stating the child's name, date and occasion (such as a birthday, good grade, etc). The child's picture will be taken and placed on the donation board in the Media Center for the entire school year.

You are also welcome to donate a new book of your choice. Questions? Call the Media Center or Mindy Bender at 407-522-2689.

### Great Online Resources

- 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)
- K-12 Information Resource - [www.greatschools.net](http://www.greatschools.net)



# Fall Holiday Treats



## RITZ® Spiders

Prep Time: 10 min

Total Time: 10 min

Makes: 6 servings, 1 spider each

2 RITZ Crackers

1/4 cup peanut butter, divided

48 small pretzel sticks

12 raisins



1. SPREAD each of 6 crackers with 1 tsp. of the peanut butter; cover with second cracker to form “spider’s body.”
2. INSERT 8 pretzel sticks into the peanut butter layer of each spider for the “legs.”
3. ADD 2 raisins to the top of the cracker using the remaining peanut butter to create the spider’s “eyes”.

## Ghostly Cupcakes

These sweet spooks are horribly appealing to kids and ghouls. Use a favorite cupcake recipe, then set your guests to work. So easy.

24 baked cupcakes

24 Nutter-Butter cookies

Chocolate frosting

Vanilla frosting

Tube of chocolate decorator’s icing

Coat each baked cupcake with chocolate frosting and partially insert a Nutter-Butter cookie into the top. Frost the remaining cookie with vanilla frosting. Draw a spooky expression on each ghost with the decorator’s icing. Makes 24.



**Check out [www.familyfun.com](http://www.familyfun.com) for tons of great recipes, crafts and party ideas for all occasions.**



# Windy Ridge Upcoming Events



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Oct-2</b>	<b>3</b> Lori Orr's B-day!	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 50¢ Popcorn Sales	<b>7</b> Sally Foster Fundraiser Ends 50¢ Ice cream Sales Betsy Theis' B-day!	<b>8</b> Shannon Halon's B-day!
<b>9</b> Melissa Superty's B-day!	<b>10</b> Claire Goss's B-day!	<b>11</b> PTA Board Meeting 9:30 am	<b>12</b> Brenda Taylor's B-day!	<b>13</b> Student Holiday Lillian Vojak's B-day! 50¢ Popcorn Sales	<b>14</b> Student/Teacher Holiday	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 50¢ Popcorn Sales Curriculum Night (FCAT Prep)	<b>21</b> Kenyan Cannon's B-day! 50¢ Ice cream Sales	<b>22</b>
<b>Red Ribbon Week</b>						
<b>23</b> Tina Lupo's B-day!	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 50¢ Popcorn Sales Curriculum Night (Elementary)	<b>28</b> 50¢ Ice cream Sales	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> John Carcara's B-day! Daylight Savings	<b>31</b> Character Book Parade (K-3) 9:00 am	<b>Nov-1</b> Melba William's B-day!	<b>2</b> Christy Wood's B-day!	<b>3</b> 50¢ Popcorn Sales	<b>4</b> Heather Terlecki's B-day! 50¢ Ice cream Sales	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> PTA Board Meeting 9:30 am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> PTA General Meeting / Health & Safety Fair 6:00 pm 50¢ Popcorn Sales Jesse Harris' B-day!	<b>11</b> 50¢ Ice cream Sales	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Sarah Ruttle's B-day!	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 50¢ Popcorn Sales ESE Night Andrea Whiddon's B-day!	<b>18</b> 50¢ Ice cream Sales	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Abby Pait's B-day!	<b>23</b> Bad Weather Day No School	<b>24</b> Student Holiday Thanksgiving Day Elaine Zurowski's B-day!	<b>25</b> Student Holiday	<b>26</b>
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<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Melissa Parker's B-day!	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 50¢ Popcorn Sales Angie Ross's B-day!	<b>9</b> 50¢ Ice cream Sales	<b>10</b> John Rutroff's B-day!