



The Eagle's View

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Mrs. Catherine Hutchins, Principal

Mr. Brian Gifford, Assistant Principal

Important Dates

April - Character Counts! - All Pillars

- 15-18 - FCAT Testing for Gr. 3-5
- 19 - 2nd Gr. Field Trip
- 22-23 - 5th Grade FCAT Testing
- 23 - 1st Gr Field Trip (Oberholtzer, Frantz)
- 25 - 1st Gr. Field Trip (Keath, Marasigan)
- 26 - 1st Gr. Field Trip (Cooper, Johnson)
- 26-27 - Relay for Life - Pedro Menendez HS
- 26 - Rock Band Plays at Relay for Life @ 6:30PM
- 29 & 30 - 3rd Gr. Swimming
- 30 - Interims Issued

May Character Counts! Citizenship(Patriotism)

- 1 - Career Day - 9 AM -1 PM
- 2 & 3 - 3rd Gr. Swimming
- 3 - 4th Grade Field Trip
- 6-10 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- 6-10 - Penny War for Relay for Life
- 6 & 7 - 2nd Gr. Swimming
- 6 - PTO Meeting @ 3:30 PM
- 7 - School Advisory Meeting @ 6 PM
- 8 - Last Day for Good News
- 9 & 10 - 2nd Gr. Swimming
- 9 - Gr 5 visits Gamble Rogers Middle School
- 9 - Head Start Parent Mtg. @ 3:30 PM
- 9 - Spring Fling - 5:30 PM
- 9 - PTO Meeting @ 6 PM
- 13 & 14 - Gr. 1 Swimming
- 16 & 17 - Gr. 1 Swimming
- 20 & 21 - Kdg. Swimming
- 30 - Gr 5 Field Trip

June

- 3 - Fifth Grade Celebration Day
- 4 - 5th Gr. Ceremony - at Pedro Menendez HS
9 AM
- 4 - Last Day of School / Report Cards Issued
- 4 - Early Release at 1:45 PM

Attendance Line

Please call in your child's absence by 10 A.M.

Call: 904-547-8618

School Office Hours

8:00 - 4:00 PM

Morning drop off: 8:05 AM

School Day begins at 8:30 AM

School Times

8:05 AM - 2:50 PM - M, T, Th, F

8:05 AM - 1:50 PM - Wednesday

Word of the Week

degree

Smoke Free Campus

All St. Johns County Schools are designated Smoke Free Campuses. Please be aware there is no smoking on the grounds at anytime.

Principal's Notes

This week is Administrative Assistant Week. Special thanks to Mrs. Pierce, Administrative Secretary, Mrs. Mary Tatum, Front Desk Receptionist, and Ms. Renee Brown, Computer Operator/Registrar. Thank you, ladies for the service you provide everyone here at our school. We appreciate all you do!

Today we are sending home another set of registration forms with students who have not registered for the 2013-14 school year. I ask that all parents complete a registration form so your child will receive a letter from his/her new teacher in August to welcome them back to school.

Have a great week!

An E-Mail from a Spud Run Participant

I just wanted to praise your school, staff and community for the outstanding effort in the most recent Spud Run. I was attracted by the uniqueness of the event (the 10k + 5k) but left being impressed with everything about Hastings and South Woods Elementary.

Please pass my compliments along to any who helped with the Run. Good luck with the FCAT!

W. John McHale
Principal, Deerwood Elementary

Winners of District Crimestoppers Poster Contest

We are proud to announce South Woods students took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the elementary school Crimestoppers Poster contest. Special thanks to Mrs. Brotherton for coordinating the contest at our school.

We send a big round of applause and a big congratulations to the following students:

- 1st Place: Jenna Beck, 2nd Grade
- 2nd Place: Hannah Davis, 2nd Grade
- 3rd Place: Joshua Floyd, 3rd Grade

These students will receive awards of \$100 for 1st place, \$50 for 2nd place, and \$25 for 3rd place. Students will be recognized on Tuesday, May 14, at 9 AM School Board Meeting. State Attorney R. J. Larizza will present the awards.

AVID

Have you heard about AVID? AVID stands for "Achievement via Individual Determination." You may have heard of it at Gamble Rogers Middle School and at Pedro Menendez High School. AVID is a program that helps increase student learning through research-based methods and materials that help teachers provide effective instruction to their students in primary, secondary, and even post secondary education. AVID aligns itself with state educational standards and serves as an important strategy for closing the achievement gap and opening up the possibility of college attendance for all students. Just as Common Core Standards focus on helping students refine their reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening, and Language skills across the curriculum while at the same time challenging students as they move from one grade level to the next, so too does AVID with its focus on Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading.

The Common Core Standards map out a "common" set of educational goals and objectives for ALL students across the nation, just as the AVID system is consistent across the nation. The Common Core Standards lay down a path for students to follow; AVID supports students as they follow that path to educational success.

AVID has been shared at our monthly School Advisory Council Meetings and teachers have gone to visit other schools where AVID has been implemented. During the 2013-14 school year, all Title I schools in St. Johns County will be implementing the program. We will be sharing a short presentation on AVID at our upcoming Spring Fling for parents to hear and learn more about how AVID supports ALL STUDENTS on their

journey to academic success.

FCAT READY!!!

This is an important week for our students in Grades 3-5. They are taking FCAT through Thursday. Please be sure your child gets a good nights rest, eats a good breakfast, and is at school by 8:25 AM each morning. We appreciate your support.

CALLING ALL PARENTS: JOIN THE LICE SQUAD

Our school is taking every measure possible to address the LICE incidents at school. Head lice is very contagious. They spread through the sharing of personal items such as combs, brushes, hats, scarves, sleeping bags, and even stuffed animals. Major outbreaks can be avoided if each parent will check his or her child now, and on a regular basis throughout the year.

Although lice are small and difficult to see with the naked eye, the eggs (nits) are fairly visible, especially at the back of the head behind the ears. They appear as small grayish-white bodies attached to individual hairs and can be mistaken for dandruff. Itching and scalp irritation are symptoms of an active case.

If you suspect your child has head lice please consult your family physician or pharmacist for treatment recommendations. Possible cases could be reported to the school so that other parents may be notified and so further infestations do not occur.

If your child is found to have lice, we will call the parents to come and pick up the child. You are encouraged to check your child now and at least several times monthly thereafter.

Dress Code

As warm spring days have arrived, we want to remind everyone of the dress code at South Woods. Please DO NOT send your child to school in sandals or backless shoes. This type of foot wear poses a safety risk to our young students. Shorts and dresses need to be fingertip length. Tank tops or short shirts that show the midriff and spaghetti strap tops are NOT appropriate for school wear.

Voluntary PreKindergarten (VPK) Registration

South Woods is accepting applications for VPK for the 2013-14 school year. Students eligible for the 2013-14 VPK Program must be age four on or before September 1, 2013 and must live in St. Johns County.

Parents must attend an Episcopal Children's Services (ECS) VPK Round Up to receive their certificate of eligibility. Proof of residency and your child's age will have to be presented in order to qualify for the VPK program. A certificate will be issued to you by ECS at the round up. Parents will surrender their VPK Certificate to schools only when they have been accepted. Parents will be contacted by the end of June.

VPK Roundup schedules can be viewed at http://www.ecs4kids.org/vpk_round_ups. Parents are advised to bring a photocopy of their child's birth certificate or blue Florida Shot Records (both sides), and a photocopy of proof of the parent's Florida residency showing your physical address.

At this time, we are able to offer bus transportation to all VPK students who spend a full day at school. VPK funds the morning portion while parents will need to pay \$50. a week or apply for subsidized funds from Episcopal Children's Services. Registration is required ASAP so we can account for them on bus routes.

Head Start

A free Preschool program for low income families. Eligible children must be age 3 or 4 on or before September 1, 2013. Applications are being accepted every Tuesday from 9 to 11 AM. Applications are available in our school's front office. For more information, please call 547-4896.

Thank You, Volunteers!

Next Week, April 22-26 is National volunteer Appreciation Week. Due to FCAT, we will be recognizing our volunteers during the last week of April. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who give so generously of your time. Thank you, Volunteers!

Monday is Earth Day - Wear Green

This Monday, April 22nd, is Earth Day. Earth Day started in 1970 and has become a day to celebrate the Earth and commit to protecting it. South Woods is doing its part to protect the Earth through various recycling projects. We are now recycling plastic bottles, aluminum cans, plastic bags, and printer cartridges.

All of the products that we are recycling are being reused or recycled, and as a result, the amount of garbage in the landfill is being reduced! What are you doing at home to help reduce the amount of waste in our landfills? This year for Earth Day, ask your children about what they recycle at school and ask them to help organize your recycling at home. It only takes one modification to a personal habit, which, repeated daily could have a huge impact over a lifetime. We also hope that your children are conserving energy more at home by turning lights out and unplugging items not in use to save energy (and energy costs).

Spring Fling is Coming.....Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 9.

It will be a big event at our school called the Spring Fling. PTO and Title I will be hosting a picnic style dinner beginning at 5:30 PM followed by a number of events including our schools annual student art show, PTO Meeting and updates, AVID information, entertainment by different student groups on stage, visits to classrooms, and drawings for free gifts. It will certainly be a fun evening for everyone. Come and join us as we celebrate all the greatness at our school. Look for the flyer coming home this week.

Food That's In When School is Out!

Any student who is 18 years of age or younger may receive free, nutritious meals from the WE HARRIS COMMUNITY CULTURAL ARTS CENTER or THE TEEN CENTER or THE OUTREACH CENTER in Armstrong during the summer months beginning June 17-August 2. Please call 904-547-8688 to find out the serving times.

A message from your Box Tops Coordinator:

Happy Tuesday, Eagles! It's time for our weekly Box Top update! The overall participation on the part of all grade levels is outstanding! I don't know where you are all finding these Box Tops from but keep it up! This is just a small update since last week was such a short school week.

Currently South Woods Elementary School has \$3,443.22 in our account with Box Tops!!! This is not including our most recent submission on \$336.00!

Don't forget about our April challenge that is well underway! The winners of this month's challenge will have the opportunity to play Bingo with Mrs. Hutchins!

Our current standings for this month are:

Overall Class with the most for this month is Ms. Fazzari's 3rd Grade Class!

Pre-Kindergarten:

1st Place – Ms. Radloff's Class with 122 Box Tops

2nd Place – Tie with Ms. Sohn's and Ms. Pope's Classes, each having 10 Box Tops

Kindergarten:

1st Place – Ms. Crist's Class with 81 Box Tops

2nd Place – Ms. Flores' Class with 51 Box Tops

1st grade:

1st Place – Ms. Johnson's Class with 142 Box Tops

2nd Place – Ms. Oberholtzer's Class with 67 Box Tops

2nd grade:

1st Place – Ms. Blanton's Class with 288 Box Tops

2nd Place – Ms. Hodges' Class with 52 Box Tops

3rd Grade:

1st Place – Ms. Fazzari's Class with 307 Box Tops

2nd Place – Ms. Crapo's with 47 Box Tops

4th Grade:

1st Place – Ms. Meyer's Class with 235 Box Tops

2nd Place – Ms. Koller's Class with 166 Box Tops

5th Grade:

1st Place – Ms. Allee's Class with 61 Box Tops

2nd Place – Mr. Abbey's Class with 19 Box Tops

Way to go Eagles!

Don't forget that classes can earn the following parties:

Popsicle Party for 500 Box Tops

Fruit Snack Party for 1,000 Box Tops

Ice-cream Sandwich Party for 1,500 Box Tops

Popcorn Party for 2,000 Box Tops

Milk Shake Party for 2,500 Box Tops

Pizza Party for 3,000 Box Tops

Just a small reminder from last week's newsletter, don't forget to sign up online to support South Woods Elementary. Check out www.boxtops4education.com. Once you are there create an account and select South Woods Elementary as your school. Once you have created your account there are several ways you can earn money for our school. Finally, play around in "Bonus Box Tops" section under the green "Earn" tab.

Also, check out <http://earnmoreformyschool.com> just by registering you can earn 2 bonus Box Tops for our school! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at banksbes@gmail.com.

Thanks for all your help! Keep clipping! Mrs. Ashley Banks

Community Events/ Opportunities

14th Annual Wildwood Fishing Tournament, May 4 (raindate, May 21) Redfish, Flounder, Trout

Time: Safe light - Weigh in 11:00 AM to 4 PM

Place: St. Augustine Boating Club

\$25 per angler

For registration information contact John Ravan at 540-6153

Captain's meetings: April 26 or May 3rd, 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

885 Wildwood Drive, St. Augustine

To benefit St. Augustine Youth Services

FDLRS/NEFEC Child Find

Do you have any concerns about your child's;

Speaking.... understanding... moving or playing... seeing or hearing... getting along with other children... learning and paying attention.... self-help skills including: feeding, dressing and toileting?

If you have questions or concerns about your child, birth to 5 years of age, please contact

FDLRS/NEFEC Child Find

386-329-3811 or Toll Free 1-800-227-6036

Website: www.nefec.org/fdlrs