

# Westchase Elementary School Wizard News

## From the Principal's Desk.....

Westchase Families,

It's time to say goodbye to another school year. Take the time to enjoy special moments with your children. They grow up way too fast.

While it's important to help the children keep up their momentum, they also need to have fun and just be children. Be sure to balance the two. Some creative ways to help them at home without burning them out:

Going to a special destination?? Check the public library for appropriate books set in the same place you're going. It will help them understand the place they're visiting and improve reading skills for a purpose.

Working on writing skills? Have your child keep a travel journal. They can add pictures later. It's something they'll enjoy re-reading as adults.

Math? Have them add up (or estimate) the bill at a restaurant. Need more challenge? - Have them figure out sales tax and/or a tip.

Best of all—board games—Board games build skills while having family fun.

Whatever you do, enjoy the break with your children. Find some time to decompress yourselves, as well.

Thank You for Your Cooperation, Support, and Another Successful Year

Erik Holley, Principal

Westchase Elementary School



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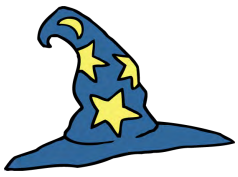
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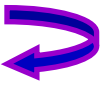
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# Reocognitions

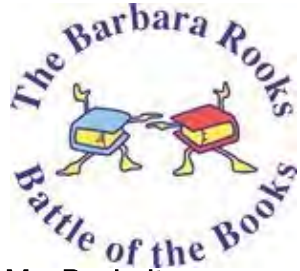
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Ms. Watson's class came in first at our 4th Grade school-level Battle of the Books. Then on May 28th, they represented Westchase at the District Battle of the Books and took home 1st place out of all Area 2 schools. (Not to brag for Mrs. Bollinger, but that makes three years in a row for Westchase!!)



The following children represented their classes at the school level Battle.



**Ms. Bucholtz**

Emily Mackechnie—Capt.  
Gianna Colucci  
Elizabeth Broden  
Destiny Jessie

**Ms. Kim**

Aditi Jakkula—Capt.  
Kayvan Haque  
Gurmastack Bedi  
Brinlie Bergman

**Mrs. Vega**

Carter Casey— Capt.  
Emily Battaglia  
Matt Griffith  
Evangeline Vo

**Mrs. Wise**

Bianca Levezeil-Lacalle—  
Capt.  
Reid Manning  
Andrew Foster  
Ryan Frank

**Mrs. Falcon**

Catalina Frey  
Christian Yu  
Luke Patterson  
Joshua Newman

**Ms. Rucker**

Jane Winslow, Capt.  
Emily Alvarez  
Nick Katzman  
Maddie Byers

**Ms. Watson**

Grace Barrett—Capt  
Kayla Hunter  
Abby Armstrong  
Joshua Willeke

## 4th Grade Battle of the Books Champion Readers

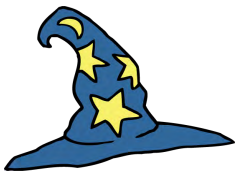
Congratulations to the following students for reading all 15 Battle books, passing all 15 AR Quizzes & doing a project for each of the 15 books.



Emily Mackechnie  
Abbie Kohler  
Christian Yu  
Maddie Byers  
Carter Casey  
Grace Barrett  
Joshua Willeke

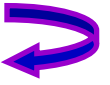
Gianna Colucci  
Joshua Newman  
Brinlie Bergman  
Jane Winslow  
Tara Senkowicz  
Kayla Hunter  
Tatiana Zambrano

Catalina Frey  
Luke Patterson  
Aditi Jakkula  
Ryan Frank  
Abby Armstrong  
Jack Urso  
Bianca Levezil-Lacalle



# Reocognitions

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Wow– the end of the school year provides children with multiple opportunities to shine in school and district competitions and our students are shining stars!

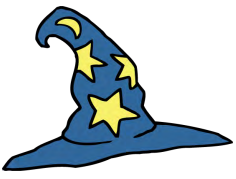
**Sofia DaCosta** represented Westchase at the **Regional STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Fair**. She was presented with an **Outstanding** award in the category of Individual Third Grade Behavioral Science

The following students represented Westchase Elementary in the County Math Bowl competition at the Trinkle Center in May.

- Our **3<sup>rd</sup> grade team** placed **second** in the county competition on Wednesday, May 27, 2015:  
**Jonah Roth, Drew Campbell, Quinn Gallagher, Emilie Park, and Dylan Swick**
- Our **2<sup>nd</sup> grade team** placed **second** in the county competition on Thursday, May 28, 2015.  
**Charles Sadler, Jago Stokes, Alexis Newman, Colton Kelly, and Violet Correa**
- Our **1<sup>st</sup> grade team** also placed **second** in the county competition on Tuesday, May 26, 2015.  
**Alice Bai, Ella Richardson, Angelique Le, Olivia Cortner, and Frankie Older**

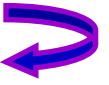
Way to Go Math Wizards!!





# 2015-16 Battle Books

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## Grades 3 & 4

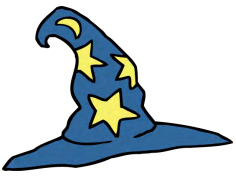
### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Battle of the Books

Author	Title	AR Level/Points	RC Level/Points
W.C. Mack	Athlete vs. Mathlete	3.9 / 5.0	3.4 / 10.0
Nate Ball	Blast Off!	4.6 / 2.0	4.3 / 6.0
Suzanne LaFleur	Eight Keys	3.8 / 6.0	3.3 / 11.0
Neil Gaiman	Fortunately, the Milk	4.3 / 1.0	4.2 / 4.0
Jennifer Holm	The Fourteenth Goldfish	4.1 / 4.0	3.2 / 7.0
Lutricia Clifton	Freaky Fast Frankie Joe	3.8 / 7.0	3.4 / 11.0
Christopher Healy	The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom	5.0 / 12.0	4.6 / 19.0
Gordon Korman	The Hypnotists	5.5 / 8.0	4.6 / 14.0
Jeri Watts	Kizzy Ann Stamps	5.2 / 6.0	6.4 / 11.0
Elissa Brent Weissman	Nerd Camp	5.1 / 7.0	5.3 / 10.0
Donna Gephart	Olivia Bean, Trivia Queen	4.0 / 7.0	4.2 / 11.0
Sarah Weeks	Pie	5.6 / 5.0	6.6 / 9.0
Natalie Lloyd	A Snicker of Magic	4.7 / 10.0	4.2 / 15.0
Patricia MacLachlan	White Fur Flying	3.1 / 1.0	2.5 / 5.0

### 3rd Grade Battle of the Books

Author	Title	AR Level/Points	RC Level/Points
Vivan Vande Velde	8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel / 1 Dog = CHAOS	4.4 / 1.0	4.5 / 5.0
Mary Pope Osborne	High Time for Heroes	4.1 / 2.0	3.2 / 4.0
Jane Paley	Hooper Finds a Family	3.4 / 4.0	3.2 / 8.0
Lauren Tarshis	I Survived the Great Chicago Fire, 1871	4.8 / 2.0	TBA
Andrew Clements	Jake Drake, Know-It-All	4.1 / 2.0	2.8 / 5.0
Kate Messner	Ranger in Time: Rescue on the Oregon Trail	4.5 / 2.0	TBA
Katherine Applegate	The One and Only Ivan	3.6 / 4.0	3.3 / 7.0
Jake Maddox	Windsurfing Winner	3.5 / 1.0	2.6 / 4.0

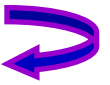




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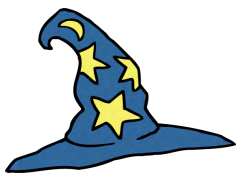
## 2015-2016 Recommended Supplies

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Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade
<p>2 boxes 8 count Crayola crayons            4 boxes 24 count Crayola crayons            1 box Crayola Washable Classic Colors markers            2 dozen #2 pencils            2 large pink erasers            2 plastic dual pocket folders w/prongs (blue, yellow)            3 composition notebooks (blue, green, black)            1 plastic 5 x 8 inch pencil box            4 pkg. of white glue sticks **            1 bottle, Elmer's Glue            1 pair Fiskars scissors, 5" blunt            1 medium sized backpack</p> <p>1 change of clothing (top, underwear, shorts and socks) in a labeled ziploc bag.            *Please do not label supplies with your child's name.</p>	<p>5 boxes 24 count Crayola crayons            1 box Crayola Markers (Classic Colors, Broad)            2 dozen #2 pencils            1 pkg Dry erase markers, 4 pack, asst'd broad tip            4 Dry erase markers, black, broadtip            4 composition notebooks, black wide ruled            1 plastic 5 x 8 inch pencil box            18 Glue sticks, small pair            Fiskars scissors, 5" blunt            2 3"x3" yellow post-it pads            2 Large white hi-polymer erasers</p>	<p>2 boxes 24 count Crayola crayons            2 boxes Crayola Washable Markers (Classic Colors, Broad)            1 box colored pencils, 24 count            4 dz #2 pencils,            1 large pink eraser            1 Highlighter, fine, 4pack asst.            1 pkg Dry erase markers, 4 pack, asst'd chisel tip            3 plastic dual pocket folders w/prongs (blue, red, yellow)            1 Binder, 1" white, clear view cover            2 composition notebooks, black            1 soft pouch, zippered pencil case            12 Glue sticks, small            1 pair Fiskars scissors, 5" pointed</p>
Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
<p>1 boxes 24 count Crayola crayons            1 box 8ct Crayola Washable Markers (Classic Colors, Fine)**            1 box colored pencils, 12 count            48 pencils, #2            1 large pink eraser            2 Highlighters, broad, yellow            4 plastic dual pocket folders w/prongs (blue, green, red, yellow)            1 Binder, 1" white, clear view cover            4 composition notebooks, black            1 Paper, looseleaf, wide ruled            1 pencil case, zippered soft pouch            6 Glue sticks, small            1 pair Fiskars scissors, 5" pointed</p>	<p>1 boxes 24 count Crayola crayons            1 box Crayola Washable Markers (Classic Colors, Broad)            1 box 8ct Crayola Washable Markers (Classic Colors, Fine)            1 box colored pencils, 24 count            24 pencils, #2            2 Highlighters            4 plastic dual pocket folders w/prongs            1 pkg, looseleaf paper. college ruled            4 pkg Post-its            5 Scotch tape, ¾" refill            1 pair Fiskars scissors, 7" pointed            2 1" binders, 3 rings, hardcover, heavy duty</p>	<p>1 box colored pencils, 12 count            24 pencils, #2            2 pens, red            2 Highlighters, broad, yellow            1 4 pack asst. dry erase markers, chisel tip            5 plastic dual pocket folders w/prongs (assorted colors)            2 pkg, looseleaf, wide ruled paper            6 spiral notebooks (assorted colors)            1 pkg index cards, ruled, 100 count            4 Post-its (3x3, yellow)            5 Scotch tape, ¾" refill            1 pencil case, zippered soft pouch            1 pair Fiskars scissors, 7" pointed            1 ½" binder, 3 rings, hardcover, heavy duty</p>
AGP 1st – 2nd	AGP 3rd – 5th	Optional Items Requested :
<p>2 large pink erasers            1 box 24 ct. crayons            1 plastic dual pocket folder w/ prongs            1 spiral notebook            2dz. #2 pencils            1 wide-ruled composition book            1 1/2" binder- 3 rings, hardbound, heavy duty</p>	<p>1 large pink eraser            4 plastic dual pocket folders w/ prongs (blue, red, green, yellow)            2 spiral notebooks            6 pens, blue            2 dz #2 pencils            1 pencil sharpener            1 ½" binder, 3 rings, hardcover, heavy duty</p>	<p>1 ream of paper            Hand sanitizer            1 box of tissues            1 roll of paper towels            1 container baby wipes</p>
<p><b>Please, for everyone's safety:            No Backpacks with wheels</b></p>		<p>* Items such as colored pencils, crayons, and markers may need to be replaced throughout the year (Stock-up while they're on sale)            *When possible, pre-sharpened pencils are greatly appreciated.            *Note: This is a basic list of supplies requested by grade levels. Teachers may request additional items at the start of school.</p>





# 2015/2016 Student Academic Calendar

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Students' First Day of School	Tuesday, August 25
Labor Day Holiday/Schools and District Offices Closed	Monday, September 7
End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Grading Period	Friday, October 23
Non-Student Day	Monday, October 26
Veteran's Day Holiday/Non-Student Day	Wednesday, Nov. 11
Fall Break/Schools and District Offices Closed	Monday – Friday November 23-27
Students Return to School	Monday, November 30
Winter Break/Schools and District Offices Closed	Monday – Friday December 21 – January 1
Students Return to School	Monday, January 4
End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grading Period	Friday, January 15
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday/Schools and District Offices Closed	Monday, January 18
Non-Student Day	Tuesday, January 19
Florida State Fair Day/Non-Student Day – West Hillsborough County	Friday, February 5
Spring Break/Schools and District Offices Closed	Monday – Friday March 14 – 18
Students Return to School	Monday, March 21
Non-Student Day	Friday, March 25
End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grading Period	Friday, April 1
Memorial Day Holiday/Schools and District Offices Closed	Monday, May 30
Last Day of School/End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Grading Period	Friday, June 10

## Tentative 2015-16 School dates

### Meet the Teacher/ Open House— August 21, 2015

K,1	10:00-11:00	2-3	11:30-12:30	4-5	1:00-2:00
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### Picture Dates

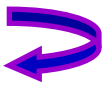
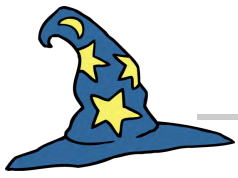
Fall Individual Pictures	October 1 & 2
Make-Up Pictures	November 12
Club Pictures	January 21
Spring Individual and Class Pictures	March 3-4

### Conference Nights

November 5th, 2015	3:30-8:30
February 4, 2016	3:30-8:30



Don't Forget- Every Monday is an early release day!



## Wonderful World of Websites and Online Resources

Need access to a textbook from home? Here is all the information you need to access online resources from home. It is our recommendation for you to open the online materials using [Google Chrome](#).

### Go Math - Mathematics and Journeys - ELA

[www-k6.thinkcentral.com](http://www-k6.thinkcentral.com)

- Select country, state, district and school
- Check Remember My Organization
- Enter your user name (student number) and
- Password (2 digit birth month, 4 digit birth year (no spaces))
- Click Login

### National Geographic – Science

[www.myngconnect.com](http://www.myngconnect.com)

- Enter **user name** (7 digit student number) and
- **Password** (lowercase h, birth month (1-12), 4 digit birth year (no spaces))



### Myon

[www.myon.com](http://www.myon.com)

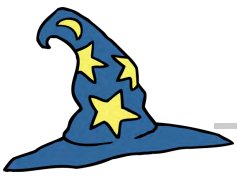
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### WORLD BOOK WEB

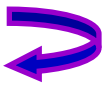
- <http://www.worldbookonline.com>
- User Name: hcpsfl Password: hcpsfl

### **Bookmark our Elementary Virtual Library**

- [www.sdhc.k12.us](http://www.sdhc.k12.us) (search “go library”)
- -or-
- [galesites.com/menu/index.php?loc=doem](http://galesites.com/menu/index.php?loc=doem)



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## OPPORTUNITY

### Student Advantage—Microsoft Office 365 Bundle—Free for students and parents

Hillsborough County Public Schools has chosen Microsoft Office 365 ProPlus for its educators and staff. This software license also includes a complete version of Office 365 to every student--**free of charge**.

The Office 365 bundle includes Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook and OneNote and can be installed on up to 5 compatible devices (PCs, Macs, or tablets).

EFP and Microsoft would like to support Hillsborough County Public Schools to ensure that this free software opportunity (\$129 retail value) is communicated to all students.



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

EFP is working with Microsoft and selected school districts to promote this valuable message to students and parents through school district communication channels. Microsoft is sponsoring the messaging costs to reach all students and parents in the district.

**Core Messaging:** Microsoft Office is now available for FREE to students in Hillsborough County Public Schools. Hillsborough County Public Schools' students can create, edit and share documents using Microsoft Office 365.

**Call to Action:** Students, get your free Office! For instructions, visit

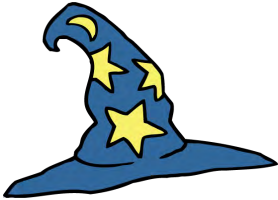
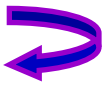
[http://www3.sdhc.k12.fl.us/pdf/office365\\_msa.pdf](http://www3.sdhc.k12.fl.us/pdf/office365_msa.pdf)

<https://login.microsoftonline.com>

Username: 9999999@hcps.net where 9999999 is your 7-digit student number.

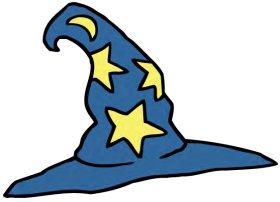
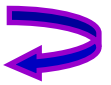
Password is student birthdate: 2digit month, 2 digit date, and 4 digit year (no spaces or characters between)





## Registration Checklist

- ☑ Student birth certificate
- ☑ Student Social security card
- ☑ Updated immunization record
- ☑ Physical—performed in the state of Florida, after August 25th, 2014
- ☑ Verification of parent/legal guardian address by two of the following:
  - tax receipt
  - homestead exemption
  - current electric bill
  - warranty deed or
  - lease agreement
- ☑ For transfer students new to Westchase, please bring a copy of the last report card from the former school.
- ☑ Remember to bring a list of emergency contacts, including names and phone numbers.



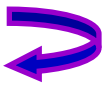
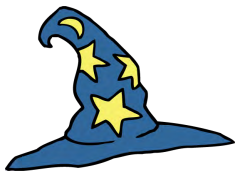
## Dress Code Reminders

Friendly reminders for when you're back to school shopping.

- Shoes shall be worn and be securely fastened to the feet and have a low heel height. Footwear must be suitable for outdoor physical education classes. In order to play outside safely, students may not wear flip-flops or sandals to play.
  - ★ **NOTE: Students have either Physical Education with coach or Teacher Directed PE daily.**
- Spaghetti straps, tube tops are not appropriate. **A rule of thumb—strap should be approximately 3 fingers wide.** A sweater or blouse may be worn over tops with thin straps.
- **Skirts and shorts should reach fingertip length** when students relax their arms at their sides.
- Hats and other head coverings shall not be worn in the building unless required for religious observance or health-related reasons.



NOTE: While there is no dress code for parents or staff, we do ask everyone to consider that this is an elementary school. Please model what you would expect of your children.



## After School Child Care—HOST

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Hillsborough Out of School Time (HOST) is a an afterschool child care program offered at Westchase from dismissal until 6:00 p.m.

HOST offers on-site child care at a reasonable cost. Weekly rates are listed below.

1 child \$48

2 children \$96

3rd Child is free

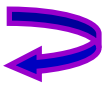
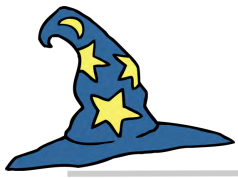
4 Children \$120

You may register for HOST at <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/doc/668/host-application>

Because many parents would benefit from having a before school program for their children, HOST offers a 6:30 am to 7:30 am program. In order to start a morning program at Westchase, they would need at least 15 students whose parents would commit to sending their children to a morning care program on campus. If they can get enough (15 or more) registrations for before school care, they can offer that service for only \$10 per week.

If you're interested in a before school program, please let them know.

For further information about HOST, please call HOST programs at 813-744-8941 ext 3 during regular business hours (8:00-4:45).



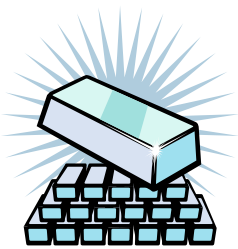
# Business Partners

2014-2015



## Gold Wizards — Contributions of \$1000 or more

- ★ Sharon Durrett, D.D.S.
- ★ LaFleur's Gymnastics
- ★ Older & Lundy Attorneys At Law
- ★ Westchase Legal Group



## Silver Wizards—Contributions of \$500

- ★ Brain Balance
- ★ Bright Eyes
- ★ DeVito Orthodontist
- ★ Grade Power
- ★ Carolyn Reynolds-Keller Williams Tampa Properties

## Bronze Wizards—Contributions of \$300



- ★ Camp Stay & Play
- ★ Cody's Roadhouse
- ★ Geric Orthodontist
- ★ Pediatric Dentistry
- ★ Tampa Bay Dental Implant
- ★ Mathnasium

If you are interested in becoming a business partner at Westchase Elementary School, please contact:

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