

Windy Hill Elementary's Wizard Wire

October 7, 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

FROM MRS. CLELAND

We all know competition can be good for kids. Competition helps children push themselves further, gain self-esteem, self-efficacy, and teach good sportsmanship. In a culture full of “winners” and “losers” how do we help our children gain the benefits of competition, without the harmful side effects of not winning?

At school, teachers plan cooperative activities teaching teamwork and cooperation. Walk into a math class and you will see small groups of students working together solving a single math problem and working to explain their answers. Not only are students strengthening their math skills and language skills, they are learning how to work as a team solving a single problem.

Teachers routinely plan “jigsaw” activities. These activities are assigned in small chunks to groups of students. Activities are dependent on another groups success. For example, in reading four comprehension questions might be presented to the class. Students will work together answering a single question then go back to their table group and share their answers. This breaks large assignments into small chunks, encourages discussion and helps all students be successful.

We often give awards for winning - first place, the most books read, and fastest runner. This type of competition is great for helping students push themselves further, but what happens when they come in second. At school we turn those conversations into, “Look how much faster you ran. Wow look how many more books you read this month. You exceeded your goal.”

At school we are going to continue encouraging competition in teams, setting individual goals and celebrating all success. We recognize that not everyone is going to be first, but everyone is going to feel proud of their achievements!

At home families can also help students set goals, monitor progress and celebrate goals met. Not every child is going to get all A's on report cards. Pick one subject and celebrate gains in just that course. Celebrate positive teacher comments. Play games with your children. Sometimes you win and sometimes you lose. Show your children how to win and how to lose.

The skills of positive winning and reflective losing support positive social emotional development! From this Ravens fan, good game Cleveland Browns. Much respect 😊

PBIS News

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

Did you know students and educators gain the following in PBIS schools?

- All students develop and learn social, emotional, and behavioral competence, supporting their academic engagement.
- All educators develop positive, predictable, and safe environments that promote strong interpersonal relationships with students through teaching, modeling, and encouragement.

During bus dismissal and arrival, buses always have the right of way. During dismissal the top row of the parking lot is used by several buses. Cars must wait for buses to exit the parking lot before moving.

The LOST & FOUND is FULL.

All items will be donated at the end of the week.
Encourage children to look for missing items in
the Lost & Found.

PTA Corner

PTA Meeting this week! Thursday October 11 at 3:30pm
in the Media Center. We'd love to see you!

General Meeting Agenda:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1NUE0Ju8sOarh-EslbvHro6iPwljHm4nj>

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Pirchio! Our October 2018
Staff PTA parking spot winner! There is still time to join and
become part of a great team supporting Windy Hill
Elementary.

We are still in need of volunteers!

October 4-10 to help Mrs Pike and the 5th graders for their tie
dye shirt projects.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0B49AFAE2DA4FC1-tiedve>

Weekly volunteers for Media Center on Wednesday and
Friday and Tuesday Folders.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49AFAE2DA4FC1-tuesday6/15523019>

See the sign-up genius links above or email
info@whespta.com to let us know when you would like to
help. We will be sending out sign ups this week for volunteers
for Make-Up picture day and another PBIS popcorn reward
event on October 30.

Mark your calendars!!

5 Guys Spirit Night in Prince Frederick - October 18 from 5-
9pm!! It's a 2 hour early dismissal day and a great way to mix
up the week day routine. Be sure to mention Windy Hill
Elementary School PTA when you go!

TRUNK OR TREAT - October 26 from 5:30-7:30. It will be
a SPOOKTACULAR time! We still have room for more
trunks if you're interested. Look for a sign up genius this week
if you would like to volunteer at the event.

COLOR RUN! October 31 - all day. Look for a sign up
genius this week to volunteer.

Use the WHESPTA promo code at Papa John's and
receive 40% off your entire order, and 10% will be
donated to the WHES PTA!

Upcoming Events

October 11th PTA meeting
October 16th 5th Grade Field Trip
October 18th 2 hour early dismissal
October 19th Schools Closed
October 23rd Make Up Picture Day
October 26^h PTA Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:30
October 31st Fifth Annual Color Fun Run

Student Hours 7:55am-3:05am

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