



- Important DATES:**
- August 23**  
 First Day of School  
 Adult Welcome Breakfast  
 8:45-10am
  - August 30**  
 PTA Board Meeting 9:15am
  - September 6**  
 No School
  - September 14-24**  
 Fall Book Fair
  - September 16**  
 Evening Ice Cream Social/  
 PTA General Meeting
  - September 17**  
 Picture Day
  - September 20**  
 PTA Board Meeting 9:15am
  - September 23**  
 Elem. Open House 6pm
  - September 28**  
 MS Open House 6pm
  - October 5**  
 Hearing Screenings
  - October 7**  
 HR Rep Mtg 9:15am
  - October 11**  
 PTA Board Meeting 9:15am
  - October 15**  
 No School
  - October 22**  
 First Annual Silent Auction &  
 Family Dinner
  - October 29**  
 No School
  - November 17**  
 Teach In
  - November 22-26**  
 Thanksgiving Break
  - December 13**  
 PTA Board Meeting 9:15am
  - December 20-31**  
 Winter Break

## Welcome to the 2010-2011 School Year!

My name is Nanette Campbell and I am your new PTA President. I have twin daughters in 3rd grade at Windy Ridge, and I have been actively involved in PTA since they were in kindergarten. I am excited and yet feel a great sense of responsibility in my new role because I want to do a great job for all of you. This is a great school, not just because of its "A" rating, and you deserve the best. So let's get to it!

If you are new to our school or still don't feel 100% connected, I encourage you to come out to both school and PTA sponsored events and meet other Windy Ridge families. The BEST way to become comfortable with a place is to know it... be a part of it. If you want to be more involved in planning, come to our monthly board meetings held during the school day. If you just want to hear what has been planned and vote on budget and officers, join us at the general meetings which are held quarterly in the evenings. Either way, get involved, even if all you have to give is a few hours. Come! See what's going on!

We'd like to welcome everyone to our first PTA General Meeting of the year with an Ice Cream Social on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 16th. Meet up with old friends and new classmates. Hear what PTA has planned for this year and see how you can get involved!

Mark your calendars for our first ever Silent Auction and Family Dinner Night on Friday, Oct. 22nd.

We try our best to keep our website updated ([windyridgepta.org](http://windyridgepta.org)), so check it often. It is a good source of information. If you have any questions, please contact me or any board member. We'd be happy to help you or point you in the right direction.

PTA is looking forward to working with the administration, teachers and parents at Windy Ridge to make 2010-2011 a successful and enjoyable year. Come join us!

**Nanette Campbell | [ncampbell2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ncampbell2@cfl.rr.com)  
 PTA President 2010-2011**

### Congratulations to our Windy Ridge PTA 2010-2011 Executive Committee

President .....	Nanette Campbell.....	407-299-7723 .....	<a href="mailto:ncampbell2@cfl.rr.com">ncampbell2@cfl.rr.com</a>
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V.P. (Communications) .....	Ann Biro .....	321-287-3242 .....	<a href="mailto:abiro@cfl.rr.com">abiro@cfl.rr.com</a>
V.P. (Fundraising).....	Sally Sawyer .....	407-578-9334 .....	<a href="mailto:sassysally@cfl.rr.com">sassysally@cfl.rr.com</a>
Treasurer .....	Mary Walsh.....	407-822-8655 .....	<a href="mailto:mwalsh04@bellsouth.net">mwalsh04@bellsouth.net</a>
Recording Secretary .....	Susan Weems.....	407-446-2337 .....	<a href="mailto:sawdcw@gmail.com">sawdcw@gmail.com</a>
Corresponding Secretary .....	Michelle Dunlap.....	407-295-2662 .....	<a href="mailto:mdunlap12@cfl.rr.com">mdunlap12@cfl.rr.com</a>

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



## Help Your Child and Support Windy Ridge—Join the PTA!



Welcome to another school year! The PTA has many exciting events planned for this year. In order to continue to provide

quality programming, we need your support. 100% Participation is our Goal! Help us make it happen and join today!

By joining and supporting PTA, you make an even greater difference in the lives of our children.

Windy Ridge PTA is an active organization bringing fun events and educational enrichment to our students, such as: Reflections Art contest, funding for classroom and learning materials, mentoring program for new teachers, Spring Carnival, Fall Silent Auction, Teacher Appreciation luncheons, coordinating classroom homeroom reps, funding for Middle School textbooks and more!

**It's easy to join and an Annual, Single Membership is only \$5. With that Single Membership you receive a Chick-fil-A Coupon and a free copy of our School Directory.**

Membership forms are available online at [www.windyridgepta.org](http://www.windyridgepta.org) or email Mindy Gerber at [mgerber2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mgerber2@cfl.rr.com).

**Mindy Gerber - [mgerber2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mgerber2@cfl.rr.com)  
Denise Groux - [dgroux@aol.com](mailto:dgroux@aol.com)  
PTA Membership Co-Chairs**

## How to Stay Informed at Windy Ridge?

- 1) Subscribe to our Windy Ridge eMail List at [www.windyridgepta.org](http://www.windyridgepta.org). **In an effort to "Go Green", this will be our last "printed" newsletter. All future communications will be sent via our Constant Contact eMail system.**
- 2) Attend monthly PTA Board Meetings. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 9:15am in the Media Center. All PTA members are invited to attend. Come check it out and Be Involved!
- 3) Other useful websites include:  
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)  
ProgressBook - <https://parentaccess.ocps.net>

## 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 new 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. If you missed signing up at Meet the Teacher, please fill out the form included in your Windy Ridge folder and return the bottom portion to your teacher.

There are many ways to volunteer in the classroom, big and small, once or ongoing. Please explore how you can be involved. For those of you who do sign up to be homeroom representatives, there will be an informational meeting Thursday, October 7 to explain the program. We look forward to working with you!

**Kim Richard - 407-521-0564  
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**Michelle Dunlap - 407-295-2662  
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Homeroom Representative Coordinators**

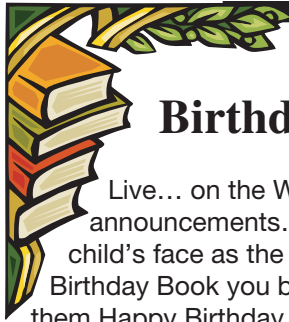
## Kindergarten Liaison and Welcoming Committees

We would like to welcome our new families to Windy Ridge and let you know that the PTA is here to support you and your children. We are chairing the Kindergarten Liaison and Welcoming Committees this year at Windy Ridge. If you are a Kindergarten parent or are new to our school, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail us with any questions. If you are interested in volunteering to help out with either of these committees, please let us know! Being a part of these committees and others through the PTA is a great way to get involved and meet other Windy Ridge families.



**Heather Engelhardt | [rhengelhardt1@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rhengelhardt1@cfl.rr.com)  
Kindergarten Liaison**

**Ulupi Amin | [uamin@cfl.rr.com](mailto:uamin@cfl.rr.com)  
Welcoming Committee**



## Birthday Books

Live... on the Windy Ridge morning TV announcements... Imagine the look on your child's face as the Principal presents them with the Birthday Book you bought. Their friends are wishing them Happy Birthday all day because they saw them on tv!

It's so easy to do! Birthday books are books you buy and donate to the school media center to commemorate any special occasion. A plaque is placed inside the book dedicating it to your child, with a personalized message and date. The Principal then personally presents this special gift to your child on the morning tv announcements. They have the first opportunity to check it out, then it will remain a part of Windy Ridge's library for all to enjoy. It's a great way to teach your kids about giving back and sharing special occasions with others.

AND... they're not just for birthdays! Consider giving a birthday book in your child's name to celebrate the holidays or in honor of your child's teacher. Check it out on [www.windyridgepta.org](http://www.windyridgepta.org) under the Birthday Books link. There you will find a list of books you can buy from the school to give and the forms necessary to do so. Please email me if you'd like more info or if you'd like me to send you a reminder in the month of your child's birthday.

**Kim Thomson | [ksthomson@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ksthomson@cfl.rr.com)**  
**Birthday Books Chair**

## Box Tops for Education

The Box Tops for Education program is back again. Hopefully, you have been busy clipping Box Tops this summer.



### How Can You Help Us Succeed?

- > **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 contests.
- > **Coupon MUST have an expiration date** and it **MUST** be current.

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

**Pam Bishop | [pambis@cfl.rr.com](mailto:pambis@cfl.rr.com)**  
**Box Top Coordinator**

## Please Support our School Nurse

Did you know that our school nurse is not paid for by the Orange County Public School System? One half of her salary comes from the Health Central Foundation and the other half is paid for by donations from our school.



Windy Ridge must raise over \$22,000 this year to pay for Nurse Garrison. We have several fundraisers planned so look for flyers to come home soon. **If each child in our school made a donation of \$25.00 we could cover this bill without fundraising.**

I can't imagine our school without our Nurse Garrison. She takes such good care of our kids with her kind and gentle demeanor. Won't you please support her today by sending a check to our school? **Please make your tax deductible check payable to "Health Central Foundation."** Thank you for your support!

**Maggie Stewart | [stewarm@ocps.net](mailto:stewarm@ocps.net)**  
**Nurses Fund Chair**

## Disney Awards \$1000 Grant

Windy Ridge PTA was awarded a \$1,000 grant from Disney. Thank you to Joanna Bradford for completing the application process and making this happen!

## Windy Ridge T-Shirts



Show your school spirit and purchase your new cooler than cool, blue, Windy Ridge, Tie-Dyed T-shirt. T-shirts can be worn on school field trips, spirit days and other special events. Parents & teachers can purchase them too!

**Mindy Bender | [Lorminno@aol.com](mailto:Lorminno@aol.com)**  
**T-Shirt Chair**

## School Directories

Every year, Windy Ridge PTA publishes a school directory that is available to Windy Ridge families and staff who join PTA. This is a great resource for planning play dates, finding a phone number to verify homework assignments with a classmate, etc. **You will be included only if you have submitted a completed form.** The form is provided in your Windy Ridge folder and at the front desk or on the PTA website at [windyridgepta.org](http://windyridgepta.org). **Your directory is FREE with your \$5 single PTA membership.**

**Mily Hernandez | [tonymily@aol.com](mailto:tonymily@aol.com)**

## 2010-2011 National PTA Reflections Contest



**Theme:**  
**“Together We Can...”**

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 - Susan & Jason Wald  
 swald@cfl.rr.com  
 407.292.5724

## Fall Book Fair...Save the Dates

The Fall Scholastic Book Fair will run September 14 - 24 in the Media Center. As always, we will need volunteers to set up, run and pack up the event. Volunteer shifts will run from Set-Up first thing Monday, Sept. 13 to Pack-Up on Monday, Sept. 27. Please contact me via email to get your preferred time slot!

The Book Fair sales hours are during school: 9am-2:40pm (1:40 on Wednesday), in the evening after the PTA General Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 16 and during Elementary Open House night, Thursday, Sept. 23: 5:30 – 8:00 pm.

**Note to Parents:** When sending in a pre-written check with your child to purchase books at the Fair, please make sure to add in 6.5% sales tax and make your check payable to Windy Ridge, not Scholastic. Thanks! Also, look for the Teacher Wish List display to help add books to your child’s classroom library.

**Nanette Campbell**  
**Book Fair Co-Chair**  
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## Congratulations to our ‘10/’11 Board Members & Chairs

If you are interested in joining a committee or filling an open chair position, contact Nanette Campbell at **407-299-7723** or **ncampbell2@cfl.rr.com**. (\* indicates that people are needed to help the committee chair.)

**Programs Committees..... Joanna Bradford**  
 5-Star Book ..... Nicole Kalicak  
 ADDitions..... Josephine Medcalf  
 Awards ..... Katrina Ruiz  
 Beautification/Environmental\* ..... Carolyn Binder  
 Book Fair ..... Nanette Campbell & Mily Hernandez  
 Dads’ Committee\* ..... OPEN  
 8th Grade Celebration\* ..... Mindy Bender  
 5th Grade Celebration\* ..... Sally Sawyer  
 Hospitality\* ..... OPEN  
 Programs\* ..... OPEN  
 Reflections..... Susan & Jason Wald  
 Teacher Welcome Luncheon-August\* ..... Executive Board  
 Father/Daughter Event\* ..... OPEN  
 Mother/Son Event\* ..... Rene Weising

**Communications Committees ..... Ann Biro**  
 County/Legislation..... OPEN  
 Directory ..... Mily Hernandez/Mindy Bender  
 Directory Ads..... Ann Biro  
 ESE Liaison ..... Valerie Cronk  
 Homeroom Coordinators ..... Kim Richard & Michelle Dunlap  
 Kindergarten Liaison ..... Heather Engelhardt  
 Membership ..... Mindy Gerber & Denise Groux  
 MS Liaison..... Mily Hernandez  
 e-Newsletter\* ..... Ann Biro  
 Nominating Committee\* ..... TBD  
 Public Relations..... OPEN  
 SAC Liaison..... Valerie Cronk  
 Teacher Liaison ..... Mindy Bender  
 Web Site..... Ann Biro  
 Welcoming Wagon\* ..... Ulupi Amin

**Fundraising Committees ..... Sally Sawyer**  
 Birthday Books..... Kim Thomson  
 Box Tops ..... Pam Bishop  
 Fall Family Dinner\* ..... Sally Sawyer  
 Fundraising Co-Chair ..... Susan Weems  
 Fundraising Co-Chair ..... OPEN  
 Health Central Nurses Fund ..... Maggie Stewart  
 Partners in Ed ..... OPEN  
 Silent Auction\* ..... Ann Biro & Nanette Campbell  
 Spring Carnival\* ..... Sally Sawyer  
 Spring Carnival Concessions\* ..... OPEN  
 Spring Carnival Baskets..... OPEN  
 Spring Carnival Drawing Room\* ..... OPEN  
 Spring Carnival Marketing/Publicity ..... OPEN  
 Spring Carnival Tickets\* ..... Rene Weising  
 Spring Carnival Volunteers\* ..... OPEN  
 T-Shirts..... Mindy Bender

Contact info can be found on our PTA website at [www.windyridgepta.org](http://www.windyridgepta.org). **Get Involved Today!!**