

# PTA Pipeline

Sand Pine Elementary

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## WHAT'S COMING

### April 2009

- 1-3 Book Fair
- 3 Relay for Life Hat parade
- 6-10 Spring Break
- 14 Report Cards
- 15 Spring Picture Day!
- 24 PTA Bingo Night/General Assembly\*
- 30 Field Day\*

### May 2009

- 1 No School / Relay for Life\*
- 4 Kindergarten Registration
- 4-8 Teacher Appreciation week
- 7 Willy Wonka School Play
- 9 Family Dance
- 11 Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
- 15 New Dawn Singers
- 25 No School

### June 2009

- 3 Last Day of School

## SUMMER VACATION!

### August 2009

- 19 Orientation
- 24 First day of 2009-2010 School Year!

*\*Please volunteer your time to help with this event!*

# Spring has Sprung!

It is hard to believe Spring is here and we only have a short time left this school year. With all of the extracurricular activities and events in which our children are involved, I know this is a busy time of year for everyone. Please take some time to review the calendar of upcoming PTA and school events, including a **Family Dance** in May, and please plan on attending!



Kim Clarke, PTA President

Our **General Assembly Meeting/Bingo Night** is scheduled for April 24th. Families will once again come together to spend an evening filled with excitement and fun. We will sadly say farewell to the 2008-2009 PTA Board and enthusiastically welcome our new 2009-2010 Board. I would like to say thank you to our Nominating Committee—Darlene Basi, Tiffany Ragsdale and Nicole Auman for their hard work in putting a slate of officers together.

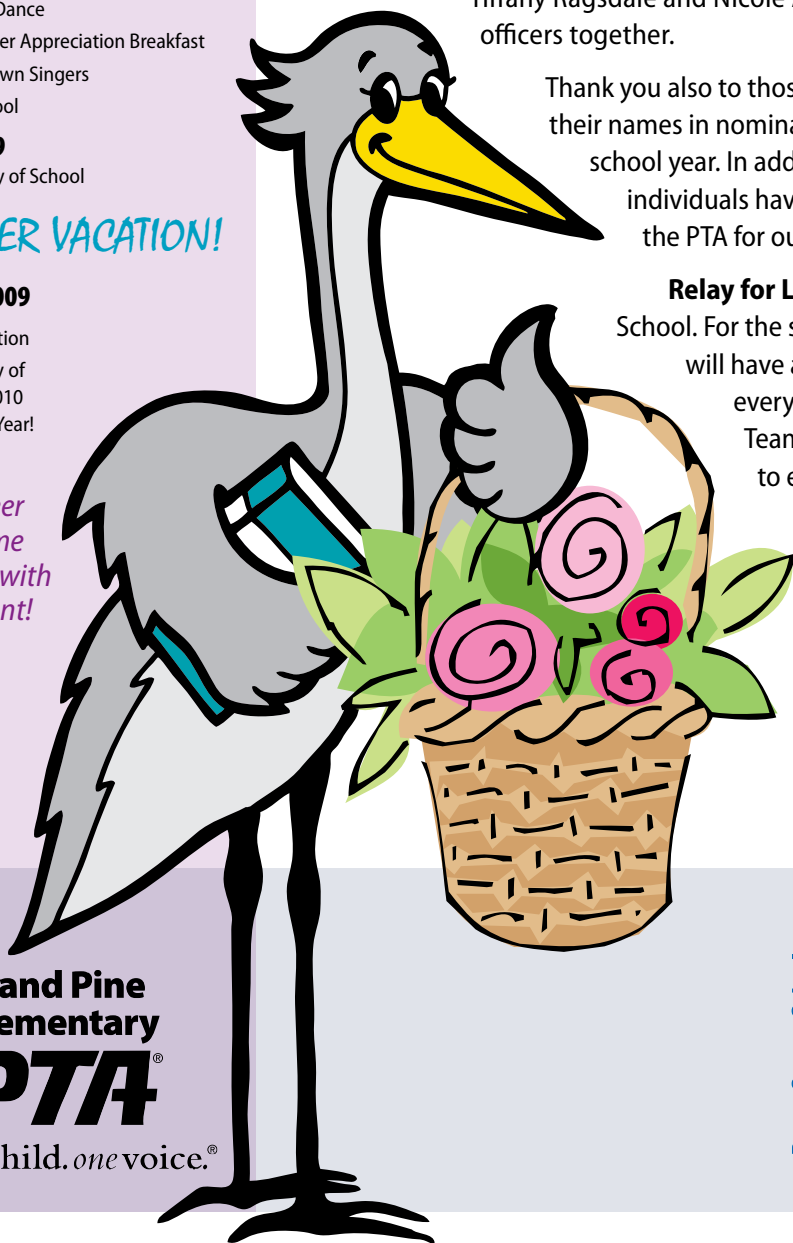
Thank you also to those parents who have stepped forward and placed their names in nomination for positions as PTA Officers for the next school year. In addition to everything else that fills our lives, these individuals have assumed the additional responsibility of running the PTA for our benefit and for the benefit of our children.

**Relay for Life** will take place on May 1 at Wiregrass High School. For the seventh consecutive year, Sand Pine Elementary will have a team represent us at this incredible event. I invite everyone to come and support our Sand Pine Relay Team. There will be food, games, and lots of goodies to eat. The funds contributed to the American Cancer Society through this lifesaving event will be used for research, public and medical education, and patient services in our local community.

Don't forget to wear your hat for our **Annual Relay for Life Hat Parade Friday, April 3rd.**

I look forward to seeing everyone at our remaining PTA events!

—Kim Clarke  
 PTA President



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**Next Newsletter deadline:**  
**May 1st**



# A NOTE FROM THE Principal



Dear Parents and Members of our Sand Pine Community,

**W**ow! What a great time I had at Brewster's Wednesday night taking orders and preparing yummy ice cream treats for our students and their families. I even had some free samples! Thank you to those of you who were able to come out and support "Brewster's Night." The manager told me that our participation was the best they had had from any of the schools participating.

I have some great news to share with you. Each year the State Department of Education recognizes a reading specialist as an outstanding Literacy Leader and a school literacy committee as an outstanding Literacy Committee. A few months ago, we were notified that our reading specialist, Ms. Angie Westbrook, was chosen to represent all of Pasco County for the competition. Then, we received notice that our Literacy Committee would represent Pasco for the committee award. Best yet, we have now been notified that both Ms. Westbrook and our Literacy Committee are the nominees representing Region 4 for the State Competition. This is a huge honor. We are anxiously waiting to see if they will be the State award winners. I will keep you posted. In the meantime, our fingers are crossed!

So many activities have happened recently. We held our school science fair. The projects were just amazing. The judges had a hard time picking the top seven for the Pasco County Fair because so many were deserving. Congratulations to all who participated.


Of course, we had FCAT the first part of March, and we are happy that it has come and gone! The students, I am sure, are glad to back to the regular schedule of school. Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to a quiet campus on those days.

We also had a surprise visit from Melissa Forney who is the author who trained our teachers for the 4th grade writing camp. You might have seen the article in the *St. Petersburg Times* on her visit. She greatly enjoyed our fourth graders and getting to meet them. She was impressed with their enthusiasm for writing and the special connection they made with her book.

One of the highlights this month was the Tropicana Speech Contest. Each year it seems the speeches get better and better. This year, Amanda Sanchez took the honor of First Place, and she will represent us at the District Competition. We wish her well!

Remember Spring Break is right around the corner, April 6-10. Then, it will be back to business to wrap up the 2008-2009 school year. Many special activities have been scheduled. One that I want to mention in advance, is a visit from the "New Dawn Singers." The last time they were at Sand Pine was in 2002. Their show is just spectacular, filled with patriotic songs, dancing, and high energy! The PTA is partnering with the school to bring this program to us in May. Two performances will be held during the school day to allow all students to attend. Although April is a busy month, May is the time that we schedule many of the field trips, parties, and fun activities that go with ending the school year. Please mark your calendars when you receive our events calendars so not to miss out on programs and special events.

It is our belief that learning is the shared responsibility of the school, the student, the home, and the community. I thank all of you for your support.

Sincerely,  
  
Ginny Yanson, Principal



# From Our Reading Specialist

Angie Westbrook

*"For me, writing is exploration; and most of the time, I'm surprised where the journey takes me."*

—Jack Dann

## Writing Camp

On March 4th, we took the "campers" to Tampa's Cracker Country as a celebration and culmination for Writing Camp. While there, the kids got to help churn butter and sample it on crackers, make candles, use washboards, hoe, and play some old-fashioned games. The girls received bonnets and the boys wore straw hats for the day. While visiting the replica one-room schoolhouse, much like Teddy Bodain's, the boys also learned to take their hats off while inside. The kids had a chance to visit the little country store and purchase some of the items on display. The kids (and teachers) had a great time!



## A Special Visit

On Wednesday, March 25, we had a special visit from Melissa Forney, the author of Teddy Bodain. She met with the 4th grade writing camp students and several 5th grade classes who also read Teddy Bodain. She spoke to them about the craft of writing and answered questions they had about the story. Mrs. Forney also asked the students to share their favorite part of the book. The best news she shared was that there will be a sequel! What

a treat to have her visit our school! Find a link to the March 26th St. Pete Times article on our PTA website, [www.sandpinepta.org](http://www.sandpinepta.org)!



Amanda & her family

## Tropicana Speeches

Monday, March 23, we held our school-wide speech competition. We had a wide variety of speeches heard and all 12 finalists did an amazing job! We are so proud of them! Our SPES finalists are: 1st place: **Amanda Sanchez**; 2nd place: **Lauren Payne**; and 3rd place: **Caitlin Matthews**. Amanda Sanchez, our 1st place winner, will go on to represent Sand Pine at the District Competition on April 21st and will be accompanied by Mrs. Jordan, her classroom teacher.



## REFLECTIONS

Congratulations to **Isabella Forcino** for winning 3rd Place in Intermediate Literature in the 2008 Reflections competition. Isabella's name was inadvertently left off our last newsletter. Her work has been forwarded to State to compete with other schools!

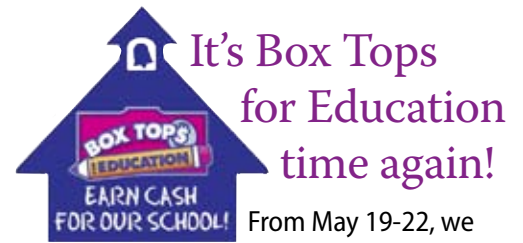
Way to go Isabella!

## Volunteers! Save the Date!

Attention all SPES Volunteers! Please save the date for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Monday, May 11th at 7:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. We really appreciate all you do and this is just one small way to let you know how much you mean to us! More information to come!



—Mrs. Pope, Media Specialist  
Mrs. Lattke, Technology Specialist, and  
Mrs. Chitty, Media/Technology Assistant



From May 19-22, we will be collecting the

## Technology at Sand Pine

Screens are glowing and keys are clicking as our creative and bright Sand Pine students use technology around the school! Some of our latest student work can be seen on our student project page on the Sand Pine website (<http://sandpine.pasco.k12.fl.us/podcasts.html>).

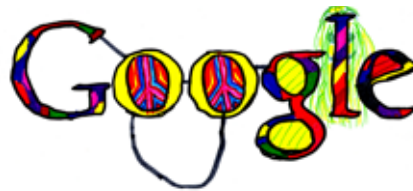


## Doodle for Google

Thanks to all of the students who participated in the school Doodle for Google competition; we had some fabulous submissions! Unfortunately, we did not have any entries from K, 1st, or 3rd graders. The following grade level winners will go on to the official Doodle for Google competition to represent our school and will receive a certificate to recognize their accomplishment!



2nd Grade: Hannah Gress—I wish the everyone in the world had a house.



4th Grade: Victoria Alba—I wish for peace in the world.



5th Grade: Alexander Wilson—I wish for an improved world economy.

Learning Express collection sheets in front of the school. The pod that returns the most collection sheets this time will win a popsicle party. Thanks to Learning Express for donating some fabulous toys that students can win. There will be one collection box for each toy, and one student collection sheet will be chosen on the news from each collection box. Additional collection sheets are available at [http://sandpine.pasco.k12.fl.us/publications/learning\\_express\\_collection\\_sheet\\_2.pdf](http://sandpine.pasco.k12.fl.us/publications/learning_express_collection_sheet_2.pdf), and each collection sheet offers a special coupon for \$5 off at Learning Express.

In our last Box Tops collection, the winner of the iPod Shuffle was Ethan Williams, and the Angelfish pod won the BoxTops cake party for bringing in the most BoxTops!

In order to help collect over the summer, we will be sending out a sheet in June to bring back next fall. A huge thank you goes out to Deb Rottum for serving as our school BoxTops volunteer this year; she has done a phenomenal job clipping, counting, and promoting this program. We earned \$850 in our last collection, so clipping those Box Tops really makes a difference! Thanks to our students and families for your support!

Between our Cookies and Cocoa with Frosty and Santa, Box Tops for Education, Pizza for Pod Printers, and Memory Blocks fundraisers, we have almost earned enough to replace our aging printers! Thank you so much for your support! Please look out for our April 30th and May 28th Domino's Pizza Nights so that we can make it all the way to our goal!

Finally, I would like to extend a very special thank you to PTA for supporting our teachers and classrooms this year with the donation of 17 classroom LCD projectors. This donation has helped Sand Pine have a total of 25 projectors, which is almost enough for one per permanent classroom

### Just a few of the other great projects include...

- Mrs. Steers' class** created keynote presentations about U.S. presidents or earth processes and shared their learning with their classmates.
- Mrs. Lambert's class** made brochures about topic that they researched in the media center.
- Mrs. Moore's class** learned the difference between fiction and non-fiction characters using a Kidspiration graphic organizer.
- Mrs. Mandell's class** used ComiLife software to create a poster about an animal with facts they learned about that animal.
- Mrs. Lopez's class** organized their thoughts on animal research with a Kidspiration graphic organizer and then recorded their reports with a podcast.
- Mrs. Simmons class** used Kidspiration to create a class book of foods they like to eat.
- Ms. Dilworth's class** put together a step by step video of how to log on and use Accelerated Reader to teach other students the process.
- The Loggerhead Turtles pod** shared their Tropicana Speeches with a class at New River Elementary using Skype to video chat.



# Guidance

## In the Classroom *Corner*

I'm currently visiting all the Kindergarten and first grade classes to talk about Manners. Using Manners is not just about following a set of rules but also about being considerate, honest, and thoughtful towards yourself and others.

I visited all second through fifth grade classrooms prior to SAT and FCAT testing to review test-taking and student success strategies. My next Classroom Guidance lesson for all grade levels will focus on Safety.

### Group Counseling

Small group counseling is also happening for Family Changes (separation and divorce), and Cool Cats (anger management). I will be starting a Friendship Builders group soon to help students with social skills. If you would like your child to participate in group, please contact me.

### Parenting Tip

Please be aware that as parents we have an extra responsibility to teach our children about being respectful and responsible citizens through our own example. The way we solve problems, keep our cool when driving, and cope with neighborhood challenges, teach our children how to be successful and happy in the world. During this time of economic challenges, please be extra aware of how our stress as parents can impact our children. If you would like help with any of these issues, I would encourage you to seek counseling or give your local Guidance Counselor a call (that's me)!

**Linda Matthews, MEd**

Guidance Counselor | 794-1917 | lmatthew@pasco.k12.fl.us

## SPES Sunshine State Votes Results are in!

**Third-fifth graders results** of the Sunshine State voting are...

**1st Place:** *The Ghost's Grave* by Peg Kehret (73 votes)

**2nd Place:** *Stumptown Kid* by Carol Gorman and Ron Findley (39 votes)

**3rd Place:** *The Homework Machine* by Dan Gutman (25 votes)

**Kindergarten through 2nd graders** voted for their favorite Florida Reading Association book for the Children's Book Award.

**1st Place:** *Max's Words* by Kate Banks

**2nd Place:** *Woolbur* by Leslie Helakoski

**3rd Place:** *Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale* retold by Carmen Agra Deedy

## Media Dates:

April 12-18: National Library Week

May 10-16: Children's Book Week

May 11: Last Sunshine State Lunch Bunch in the Butterfly Garden – (for students new to the 7 book level)

May 15: Sunshine State End of Year Party for all 15 books level

May 15: AR Point Cut off date for Points to count toward leveled prizes and the Top 25 Student parties

Last day to check out books

May 22: All Media Center books Due

### Mrs Pope's Literary Skills Lessons

Here are collaborative information literacy skills lessons that have been going on with Mrs. Pope and some of the classes:

**Mrs. Malphurs', Mrs. Ryan's, and Ms. Petrella's Classes:** Great Inventors Research

**Mrs. Suarez's and Ms. Turner's Classes:** Landform Research

**Mrs. Whaley's Class:** Debate Topic Research

**Mrs. Townsan's and Ms. Dilworth's Classes:** Famous African American Research

**Mrs. Staney's Class:** Famous Women from History Research

**Mrs. Lambert's Class:** Student Topic Choice research for newsletter



# WONKA

Willy Wonka  
Thursday, May 7

Willy Wonka has hidden Golden Tickets in his delicious Wonka Bars! Each golden ticket is worth a valuable prize! Get your Wonka Bars, and have a chance to win!

Wonka Bars are \$2 (proceeds benefit the play production).

## Retired & Senior Volunteer of the Year:



### Mrs. Renee Glassman

Mrs. Glassman is a faithful, second year media center and classroom volunteer. She regularly volunteers two days per week and reads with small groups of students, assists with a variety of media tasks, helps prepare classroom materials and enhances our students' school experiences. Mrs. Glassman is the grandmother of Sean Glassman in Mrs. Carter's classroom. She is a Meadow Pointe Community Resident and is involved in her community. We love our retired and senior volunteers and appreciate their dedication to serve at Sand Pine.

The district Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is for volunteers over 55 years of age who wish to share their experience, abilities, and skills for the betterment of their community and themselves. There are no financial, educational, or experience requirements to become a volunteer. All registered members of RSVP are provided with accident and liability insurance while volunteering.

If you are interested in registering to volunteer as a RSVP volunteer at Sand Pine, please call Belinda Pope at 794-1920.



## Congratulations to our SPES Chess Club!

In a recent 3-day Carrollwood Chess Gran Prix tournament, Cutter DiMotta took 1st place in his age division and our team of 3 took 4th place for SPES! The SPES club has only been active since January, and look how far they've come!

For those interested, the chess club meets every Friday for 1.5 hours at the school and it is \$45 per month. There are several students in the club, but only 3 signed up for this tournament which competed against other schools. There are tournaments all through the year that are optional. The chess club is still open for people to join. Contact Candi Suarez at [csuarez@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:csuarez@pasco.k12.fl.us) if interested.



Cutter DiMotta, Arden Carregal, Joey Perrotta and Coach Steve Crookston proudly show their trophies!



## USF Study on Kids Reaction to Strangers

Parents, how would your child react if approached by a stranger? Would you like to teach them what they should do to stay safe?

Researchers at USF are looking for parents of first and second grade students (6-8 yr olds) to participate with their children in a study to evaluate the effectiveness of a DVD designed to teach children how to safely respond to strangers.

By participating in this study, your child will learn how to safely respond when approached by strangers, a necessary skill for all children.

Space is limited, so if you are interested in participating, call **Victoria Fogel**, Department of Child & Family Studies, College of Behavioral & Community Sciences, University of South Florida at **813-484-6747**, or email [victoriafogel@hotmail.com](mailto:victoriafogel@hotmail.com).

My son and I participated in this study in March. If you are interested, but have concerns, feel free to contact Dawn at [dawnkhalil@mac.com](mailto:dawnkhalil@mac.com), or 991-4249 to find out more.





# Friends, Romans, Countrymen, Lend me your ears!



From the dawn of civilization people have stood in front of their peers and spoke their minds. Likewise, at Sand Pine our older students are expected to offer themselves up and participate in the dreaded Tropicana Speech contest. As part of a balanced curriculum, all students are expected to use effective writing skills to practice another important skill, public speaking. Although this process is very educational, teaching students to organize their thoughts and present a speech to their peers, also helps us see some very unique characteristics of our student population. Over the years, I have seen most students fall into one of three special speech groups.

The first group who stands out is those special students who bring joy to the classroom day after day. These students have a unique calling in life and bring their enthusiasm to the class. Of course, these are none other than our wonderful class comedians. When these students get a chance to stand in front of their peers and talk for two to three minutes on the topic of their choice, it is like they have died and gone to heaven. Speeches about how a younger brother is really an alien sent to torment his family, how someone survived a spaghetti monster's wicked attacks on a pure white baseball uniform on picture day, or the best ways to get out of doing a science project are sure ways to have peers rolling on the floor with laughter. This speech opportunity is simply a platform for these attention seekers to command a captive audience. Ah, the thrill of making your class laugh...it's addicting for them!

A second group I see is the students who are dedicated to share information about those things they value. This group rises above any fear of public speaking in order to change the world one student, one classroom at a time. Sometimes the cause spoken about is wonderfully naïve, such as "Why we shouldn't have homework" (dream on, little ones!), and sometimes the cause is deeply profound, like "Why you should NOT begin smoking." These passionate speakers are hoping to transform the thoughts and beliefs of their peers as they use data and emotions to talk about issues that are important to them. No matter what the topic, as the students stand and speak, we get a two to three minute glimpse at some of the world's future leaders taking their first public steps.

The final group is the rest of the students. These students tend to have a different motivation driving them to do this very important assignment. Those students take on the obligation of planning, organizing, writing, and delivering a speech with a very compelling force. For this group, overcoming the fear of speaking in front of their peers (which some studies have shown is right up there with our fear of dying) is met head-on for one single purpose: GET IT OVER WITH AND SIT DOWN. This group will speak about anything as long as they can end the process as quickly as possible. Of course, a good grade is always nice, but that is usually something they think about long after their racing hearts have slow downed when they are back in their seats.

Tropicana Speeches are much more than just preparing students for their adult lives. It is more than learning about the skills of public speaking. It is more than just a competition to win a ribbon or a trophy. It is a way of seeing who our students are, whether class clowns, world changers, or simply academic survivors. It's a brief observation into the mind and motivations of these small orators and a perfect way to convey vital truths that the world must know. And speaking of such, I am compelled to make sure that everyone clearly knows, that, even though he is 39 now, my younger brother really is an alien sent to torment me!



Ms. Yanson      Amanda Sanchez 1st Place      Lauren Payne 2nd Place      Ms. Westbrook      Caitlin Matthews 3rd Place      Mr. Cluff

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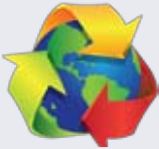


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This program awards schools free educational merchandise! Attention Parents: Remember to include the UPC code off of the packages. They will no longer accept the front labels off products. Please continue to help out our school by sending in your UPC codes! Visit [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) for a complete list of eligible products.

**Recycling Program**



What do **Ink Cartridges, Cell Phones, Batteries** and **Newspapers** have in common? Recycling these items at Sand Pine benefits our school! Don't clutter our landfills with spent ink cartridges, cell phones, and batteries (AAA, AA, C, D & 9-volt), bring them to Sand Pine. Drop off your newspapers in the dumpsters at (a) Meadow Pointe 1 or 2 clubhouse, or (b) Sand Pine parking lot. Together we can keep our environment healthy while earning much needed cash for our school!

**Market Day— order online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com)**



Don't forget Market Day! If you haven't tried it before you should, as everything bought helps us earn money for our school's technology needs.

	Orders Due	Pick Up Date
Flyer	Web	(2:30-4:00)
Apr 8	Apr 14	Apr 23
May 5	May 12	May 21

**PTA Sports Totes**



Your PTA has donated sports totes for every pod. These totes include sports balls, jump ropes and sidewalk chalk. The PTA would like to ask all families to help replenish these packs throughout the year. Donations of any new or gently used sports equipment would be greatly appreciated! These items can be turned in to the front office, or sent in with your child for their pod.

**Spirit Day**



Don't forget to wear your Sand Pine Elementary T-shirt on Fridays! **Last Chance to get your Spirit shirts—**get them while you can! Short sleeves are \$7, or 3 for \$20, and long sleeves in very limited colors are special order only for \$14. Show that Sand Pine Pride! Call Jenn at 728-7980 or e-mail [2ndvp@sandpinepta.org](mailto:2ndvp@sandpinepta.org).

**[www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)**



Do you search the Internet? Why not raise money for Sand Pine while you surf online! Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com), enter "Sand Pine" for your charity, and search like a normal. Each search will produce one penny for SPES! Be sure that SPES gets credit for the searches, make sure that is always says Sand Pine Elementary School under "Who do you GoodSearch for?"

# This month and around the corner...

**Spring Break**

**April 6-10** is spring break. We hope you all have a fun and safe time away from school!

**Spring Picture Day**

Bring your best smile to school on **Wednesday, April 15th** when our Spring school pictures will be taken.

**PTA Bingo Night**

**Friday, April 24,** we will hold our last PTA General Assembly and Bingo night. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments will be available before the games start at 7 p.m. Come test your luck, win some cool prizes, and meet next year's PTA Board!

**Field Day**

**Thursday, April 30** is Field Day! We are still looking for volunteers, so come enjoy the activities and help our PE teachers!

**Willy Wonka Play**

**Thursday, May 7th** our talented students will perform Willy Wonka for parents and friends at 7 p.m. The kids have been rehearsing since February! Come support those Oompa Loompas!

**Family Dance**

The PTA will be hosting the first ever Family Dance on **Saturday, May 9th**. This event is invitation only and limited to 250 attendees. It will be a formal evening of fun and dance for the entire family. Watch our website for more information!

**Volunteer Appreciation**

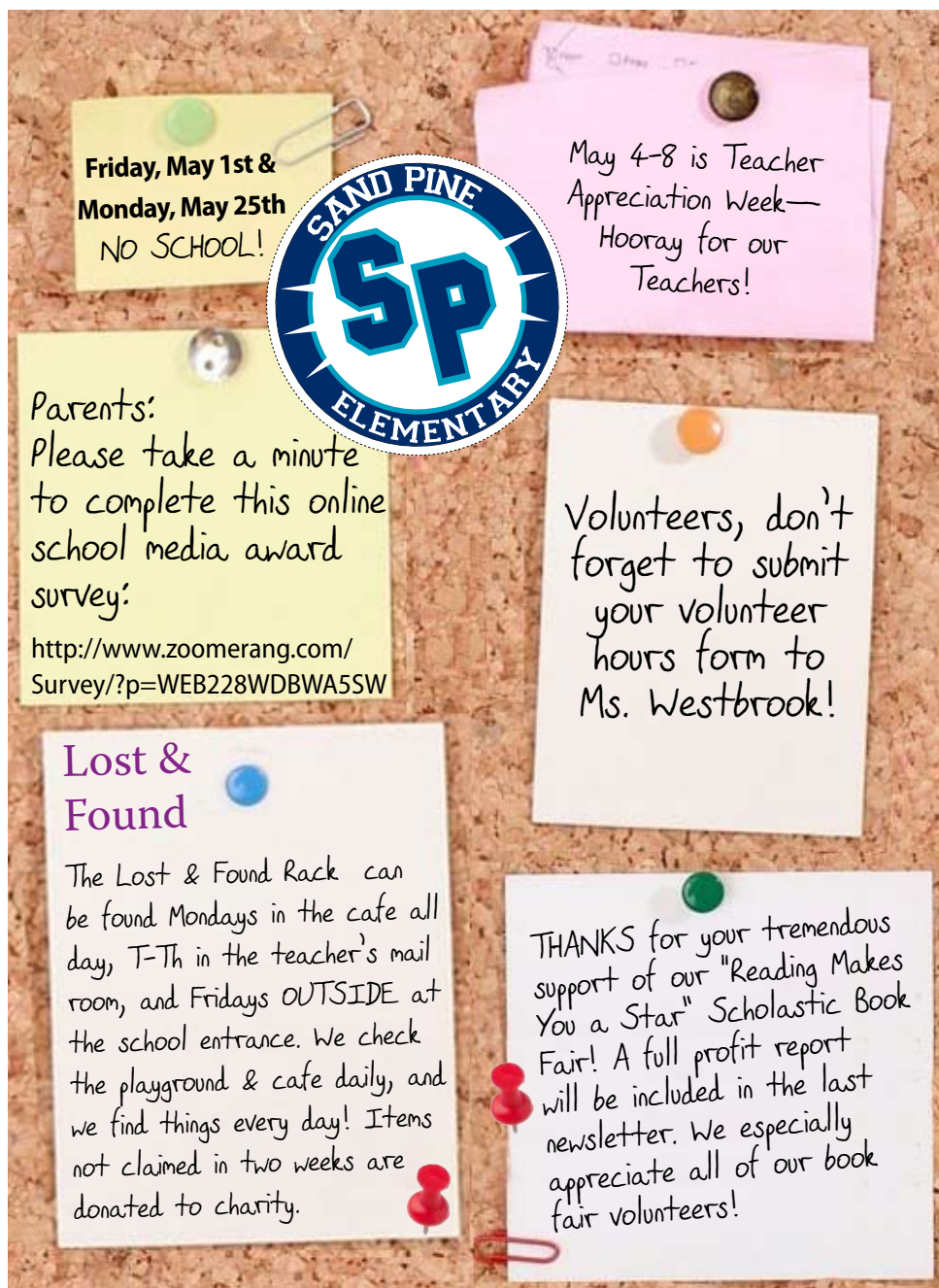
Volunteers will be honored at the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on **Monday, May 11th** at 7:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Thank you to all our volunteers!

**New Dawn Singers Show!**

This traveling group of college age performers will bring a high-energy song and dance show to Sand Pine on **Friday, May 15th** for our students to enjoy!

[www.sandpinepta.org](http://www.sandpinepta.org)

# Odds-n-Ends...



## Business Partner News

Thanks so much to our Business Partners, **Cosi Café** and **Starbucks**, for allowing us to put the "One for Books" coin collection tubs in their stores. This collection was a part of our Scholastic Book Fair sales and the benefits are threefold: money collected is used for books for the school, counts as part of the book profit and cash profit that benefits the media/reading/technology team and Scholastic donates one book for every dollar collected to the Marines Toys for Tots Foundation, Children in Distressed Situations, Inc., and the National Center for Family Literacy Program. The totals collected will be reported in our book fair report in the next newsletter.

### Please show your support and appreciation to this year's business partners:

**Domino's Pizza** (next Pizza nights are April 30 & May 28) Domino's Pizza has donated ALL of our pizza for our monthly Star Student Pizza Parties for the entire year! They also donate 20% cash profit for our SPES orders on our pizza nights.

**Tijuana Flats** has donated free student meal coupons for many awards at SPES (Star Student Awards, Sunshine State and more!), served on our School Advisory Council as our business partner representative and sponsored a faculty/staff night.

**Cosi Café** has sponsored our "Pass the Flag" peer recognition award each month by donating a gift card to the faculty/staff member recipient.

**Horace Mann Insurance** has donated gift cards each month for a faculty/staff member with perfect attendance that month and for the classroom teacher with the least number of copies (Going Green Award recipient).

**The Nattiel & Morris Foundation** has donated a variety of local area business coupons and certificates to the "Pass the Flag" peer recognition faculty/staff recipient.

**Beef O'Brady's** has donated Star Student Awards.

We certainly do appreciate and thank all of our wonderful business partners!

If you would like business partner information for next year, call Belinda Pope at 794-1920.

Friday, May 1st &  
Monday, May 25th  
NO SCHOOL!



May 4-8 is Teacher  
Appreciation Week—  
Hooray for our  
Teachers!

Parents:  
Please take a minute  
to complete this online  
school media award  
survey:

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Volunteers, don't  
forget to submit  
your volunteer  
hours form to  
Ms. Westbrook!

### Lost & Found

The Lost & Found Rack can be found Mondays in the cafe all day, T-Th in the teacher's mail room, and Fridays OUTSIDE at the school entrance. We check the playground & cafe daily, and we find things every day! Items not claimed in two weeks are donated to charity.

THANKS for your tremendous support of our "Reading Makes You a Star" Scholastic Book Fair! A full profit report will be included in the last newsletter. We especially appreciate all of our book fair volunteers!

## Relay for Life is May 1st!

Relay for Life will take place on **Friday, May 1st** at Wiregrass High School. For the 7th consecutive year, Sand Pine will have a team represent us at this incredible event. Relay for Life is a community event where we celebrate survivors, remember those we have lost, and fight back against cancer. Teams will join together to set up a campsite for the 18-hour Relay Walk. The funds contributed to the American Cancer Society through this lifesaving event will be used for research, public and medical education, and patient services in our local community.

## Help find a cure

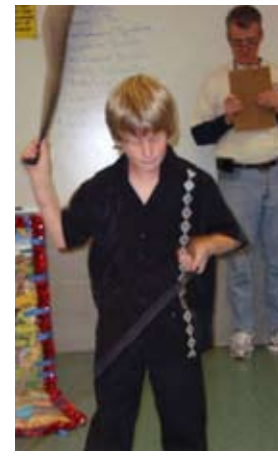
Our team's participants will spend from noon until 6 a.m. at Wiregrass High School walking relay-style. The last 2 years, our team raised over \$10,000 – our goal this year is to raise that same amount or more.

If you would like to be a part of this amazing event, make a contribution of any new item to be included in our drawing baskets, give a donation or would like to attend the survivor's dinner, please contact Sand Pine's Relay Team Captain, Mari Blank at [blankm@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:blankm@tampabay.rr.com).

## Sand Pine's Matt Attack Team Walks for Autism

On Saturday, March 28, a team from Sand Pine participated in Autism Speaks' Walk Now for Autism. This is North America's largest grassroots autism walk program and signature fundraising and Autism awareness event. Our team raised close to \$600 to fund research for Autism!

*"Never doubt that a small group of dedicated people could change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead*



## Odyssey of the Mind

Congratulations to the Odyssey teams who competed in the regional competition! We saw lots of wonderful ingenuity from our students!

## Thank you!

A huge thanks to Bruster's, the over 200 Sand Pine families that came out to Sand Pine's Bruster's Night, and to Ms. Yanson for scooping our treats! Congratulations to our ice cream party winner—**Mrs. Ryan's class** for the most Sand Pine Bruster's form entries!



# FIELD TRIPS



Tree Frogs at the Aquarium



Panthers at MOSI

Looking for ways to help?...



We Need YOU!

Spring is upon us, and with that, we are on the home stretch—leaving just a handful of events and **opportunities for volunteers** this school year! Please consider volunteering at our last **PTA Bingo Night on April 24** and our first-ever **Family Dance on May 9**. Beyond volunteering your time at these events, please keep in mind that volunteering to donate food and beverage items is also a vital contribution to help ensure these events are successful. Please contact Nicole Auman (nmauman@aol.com) or Mary Burstiner (mbelleburstiner@aol.com) to get involved!

**FIELD DAY is Thursday, April 30!** Many volunteers will be needed for both morning and afternoon shifts! Save this Date! You and your child will have fun, and it's a great photo op for all! More details will follow—watch your e-mails!

Thank you so much to all of our wonderful volunteers that have helped make this school year a success! **A special Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast is scheduled for May 11.** This breakfast is served in honor of all of the volunteers who have given their time, donations and energy to help support Sand Pine throughout the year. We hope you will make plans to attend. Keep an eye out for your invitation!

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