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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# The Dolphin News

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Dear Waters Landing Families:

I would love to say “Happy Spring” but I am not certain that warm weather is actually going to arrive anytime soon. The cold temperatures and snow have kept our students in for indoor recess. Our recess team is asking that if anyone has any board games or fun small activities that could be donated for our indoor recess, to please bring them to the office. We are trying our best to get the children outside but will we will only bring them out when the temperatures and wind chills are above 32 degrees and the ground is dry. Any donations would be appreciated.

Thank you to all of the families who came to the Winter Dance, Valentine’s Parties, and the Science Fair. It was great to see so many families at our school. Our students are great!

Interims for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter will be sent home on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Please take time to review this with your child. If you have any questions, please make certain you email or call your child’s teacher. You are an important part of your child’s educational team. We want to make certain that your child is making progress and learning.

The PARCC will be administered to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders starting on Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We want all of our students to do their best

Thank you for your ongoing support of your child’s education.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tina W. Shrewsbury, Principal

Mr. Troy Clarke, Assistant Principal

*“Readers are Leaders at Waters Landing Elementary School”*

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Waters Landing (WLES) PTA

## Physical Education (P.E.) News - Jump Rope For Heart

### Jump Rope for Heart

Wow! The gym was jumping and rocking on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at this year’s Jump Rope for Heart. 380 students in grades 1-5 participated in this event. Students have until March 2nd to turn in any sponsor money. All proceeds go to the American Heart Association to help fight the battle of heart disease and stroke. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped make sure each team had a rope turning during their entire jump. Currently, we have already raised \$ 4390 and I know more donations are on the way! The top money collectors will be named in an upcoming issue of the Dolphin News. Prizes will be ordered March 1<sup>st</sup> and be delivered after Spring Break. Ms. Miller would like to congratulate all jumpers on doing their part to keep active and support a worthy cause.



**\*\*\*Congratulations to the February Box Top winners\*\*\***

Maggie Odorisio & Hailey Dancik

Please continue to collect Box Tops for the monthly drawing, winners will be announced every month.

## From the PTA President ...

Dear Waters Landing Elementary School Families,

Welcome to March! As always we have more exciting events coming up for our WLES families to enjoy.

The book fair is here!!!! From March 9th to 13th, all kids will be allowed to visit the book fair and create a wish list so be on the look out for that. See flyer below for more information.

We can't do all of these events – and more ! – without the support and help from parents like you. So please consider joining the PTA, a membership form can be found in this newsletter and can also be found on our website at [www.waterslandingpta.com](http://www.waterslandingpta.com) under the Join tab. Also we are always in need of volunteers for many of our exciting events!

As always, we love to see parents at our PTA meeting, this is a great opportunity for you to ask questions or learn about any new upcoming events for our WLES families.

**Our next meeting will be at 7 PM on March 3 in the WLES Media Center.**

Thank you!

Danielle Deaver, WLES PTA President

## WLES SPRING BOOK FAIR!

March 9 - 13

WLES PTA is proud to announce our annual Spring Scholastic Book Fair! The Fair is scheduled to begin Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and run through Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 4pm daily. Family Night will be held on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm.

Your children's classes will be visiting the Book Fair during the school day and create a "wish list" to bring home for you to review together. Please note that some items on their lists will sell out more quickly than others and may not be available for purchase, but we will do our best to restock these books quickly. Students will be allowed to purchase books during the day, but we strongly encourage you to shop together at Family Night! This year, when you shop at our Family Night Sale, don't forget to enter your family's name into our **raffle** for a chance to win an amazing prize pack of books!!

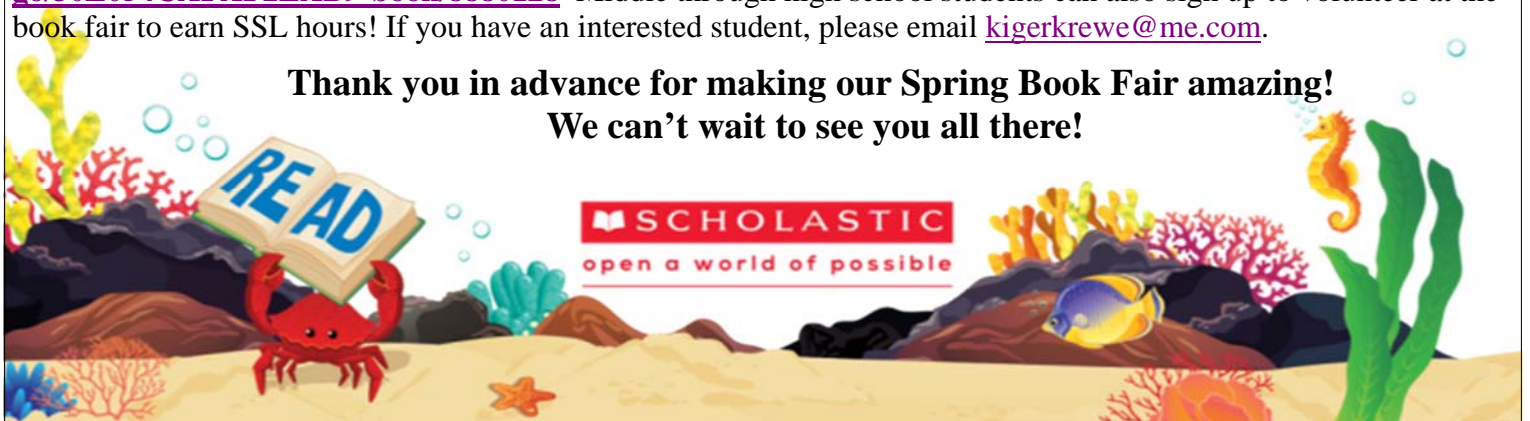
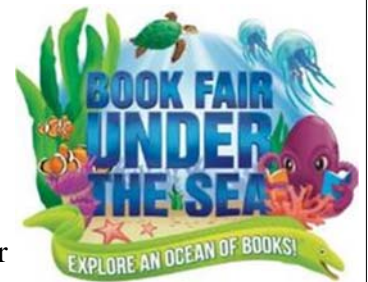
**Reminder: ALL PURCHASES ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS. NO RETURNS. THANK YOU!**

Teachers will also create wish lists for books to add to their classroom libraries. You can view these lists and purchase the books for your teachers any time the book fair is open. Our book fair volunteers will then deliver the books for you, or your child can take the book to hand-deliver it to your teacher. This is an AWESOME way to give a gift to our special WLES teachers!!

We are currently seeking volunteers to set up the Book Fair, help kids fill out their wish lists and shop, as well as pack up the Book Fair at the end of the week. Our book fair cannot run without the support and hard work of our parent volunteers. If you would like to be a part of this fantastic Book Fair Crew, please contact Heather Kiger at [kigerkrewe@me.com](mailto:kigerkrewe@me.com). You can also sign up online! It's quick and easy! The link is <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054CAF2EAB9-book/8880128> Middle through high school students can also sign up to volunteer at the book fair to earn SSL hours! If you have an interested student, please email [kigerkrewe@me.com](mailto:kigerkrewe@me.com).

**Thank you in advance for making our Spring Book Fair amazing!**

**We can't wait to see you all there!**



### **Rewards programs that benefit the PTA**

**Box Tops** - We receive money for every box top received. Simply cut them out of cereal boxes and other boxed grocery items. Each are worth 10¢ and they quickly add up to real cash for WLES. Forms available at the PTA table.

**Amazon** - Make contributions to Waters Landing by shopping through Amazon.com

Visit: <http://www.amazon.com/?&tag=walapt-20&camp=212677&creative=384113&linkCode=ur1&adid=0PYED184AS15RSXVZQ0&>

Shop amazon.com as you normally would.

### **COUNSELOR CORNER – MS. LAURENO**

During the month of February, we have been highlighting the character education theme of honesty. We as educators partner with you in modeling integrity and fairness. Boys and girls are always taking note of our behavior. They are learning from us, not only when we are telling them what to do, but from what they are observing. Here are some parenting tips on how to be the ideal role model for your child.

1. Use kind and supportive words with your child. Unkind words can hurt as much as, or even more than, physical punishment.
2. When resolving disputes or conflicts in the family, do your best to stay calm and control of yourself. Point out the specific behavior you object to and your expectation for the future. Do not attack the child personally with disparaging comments.
3. Beginning with yourself, make all family members responsible for keeping themselves and the house clean. Elementary school age children are capable of doing something to help in the home.
4. Show you child how to “just say no” by your own saying no to drugs and other harmful activities.
5. Don’t leave your child alone without appropriate supervision given their ages. Let your child know where and how to reach you. Teach your children their address and phone numbers. Teach them safety precautions both inside and outside of the home.
6. Let your child see you read. Visit the library with your child on a regular basis. At home provide a quiet, well-lighted space for your child to study and read.
7. Let your children know when you have made a mistake and apologize for it. None of us are perfect.
8. Share your own interests and knowledge with your children. Tell them about your work, your dreams, your own childhood experiences.
9. Expand your family’s horizons....explore local sights of interest, cultural events in the area, museums and historical monuments.
10. Talk with your children daily about their school day, their friendships, their feelings.

### **GUIDELINES FOR CARING PARENTS**

1. How your children learn to act depends on what they are taught – and YOU are their most important teacher.
2. Your children will learn more from watching what you do than from listening to what you say to do.
3. Remember that you were once a child, and treat your children with patience and understanding.
4. Be fair, consistent, and respect your children as you would have them respect you.
5. Stay close to your children, but give them room to learn from their own experiences and to think for themselves.
6. Show your children things in life that are beautiful, and show that you appreciate these things.
7. Love your children with all your heart, your mind, and your strength, and everything else will follow.

### **Expressive Therapy Center!**

Expressive Therapy Center (ETC) is a thriving multidisciplinary counseling center that provides a broad array of services for children, adolescents and adults living in the Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia areas. Our range of services include:

Support Groups, Social Skills Group, Therapy, Assessments, Adult Education and Summer Programs.

### **Attention Deficit Disorder**

If your child or someone in your family has been diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder, C.H.A.D.D. is an organization which can provide tremendous support. Check out C.H.A.D.D. on the following website:

<http://www.chadd-mc.org/category/montgomery/>

Don't forget to like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WLESPTA> or visit our website at [www.waterslandingpta.com](http://www.waterslandingpta.com) to stay on top of all the fun activities going on and upcoming.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PEACEMAKERS AND BYSTANDERS-TO-THE-RESCUE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

We have been discussing the importance of feeling empathy for one another. These students have demonstrated kindness and caring and were elected by their peers. We are very proud of them.

**KINDERGARTEN:** Ava Harris, Mayah Enagolo, Jeremy Parker, Maggie Odorisio, Olivia Hamilton, Luka Sandoval, Aidan Lisboa, Amy Zambrana, Marcos Street, Siena Stevens, Samuel Jupin, Payton Hamel, Aquinnah Moore, Samuel Salgado, Christopher Avila, Stefani Garcia-Vasquez, Ali Porter, Alexander Mitchell, Adriana Hanson, Erik Martinez, Akil Bruce, Jenna Moore, Hugo Molina, Leah Ayele, Matthew Uzwiak, Charlie Campola

**FIRST GRADE:** Jade Williams, Yong Zhuo, Teddy Akwaboah, Maria-Liseth Coreas Tereul, Kennedy Alfaro-Bright, Jayvon Martin, Minna Anifowoshe, Isaac Macauley, Tracy Espinoza, Aidan Ali, AJ BonJorno, Martin Roa-Hoyos, Morgan Edwards, Maya Forbes, Nevaeh Laryea, Maddie Schully, Hunter Preston, Lucy Garcia, Jayden DeLacruz, Breoni Hilliard, Abigail Adams, Christopher Alexander, Pharell Aziaka, Nathaly Silva

**SECOND GRADE:** Sanai Helms, Samuel Corbin, McKinzie Gray, Mason Mizzer, Christien Ferrel-Ward, Sadie Membreno, Melissa Kus, Max Young, Abby Heitzmann, Kell Maglo, Arnold Alvarez, Brianna Martinez, Christopher Uzwiak, Rane Gibson, Nathan Ayele, Isabella Hopper Kennedy Brokenborough, Dizon King, Trish Cao, Eli Lemus, Dallas Bell, Miguel Rodriguez, Kate Del Mar, Adrian Palmer

**THIRD GRADE:** Andrew Tucker, Flor Bonilla, Zachary Allanach, Maddy Beltran, Daniel Ranaivoarison, Yuika Ohtaki, Leia Graves, Elijah Frazier, Romeo Rivera, Brianna Sanchez, Sam Humpert, Shelby Pilouzoue, Javier Feliciano, Charity Velasquez, Gavin Shea, Ashlyn Maclean, Neha Sharma, Kyle Poudyal

**FOURTH GRADE:** Erin McCeney, Faith Velasquez, Daniel Salgado, Zain Syed, Samuel Davis, Abby Dexter, Jaylin Stephens, Paris Murphy, James Martinez-Solis, Matthew Stennett, Anissa Walls, Sarah Cil, John Karam, Aya Bouchti, Mythili Menon

**FIFTH GRADE:** Tre Phillips, Meghan Leavitt, Emir Ridzal, Michelle Miranda, Cheyanne Conway, Genesis DeLeon, Tiffany Matthews, Markyle Jolley



Educating parents.  
Enriching families.

**20% early bird discount** off the fees for PEP I: Parenting 5 to 12 Year Olds and ALL spring core classes at PEP.

Sign up for a core class (8-10 weeks) by March 17, with the discount code: **EARLYBIRD15**

Register at [PEPparent.org](http://PEPparent.org) or call to register: 301-929-8824 or 703-242-8824 Spring classes begin April 2.

### **PEP I: Parenting 5-12 Year Olds**

Learn why children behave in annoying or maddening ways and the proven, positive strategies to address misbehavior when it occurs and prevent it for the future. Your family will grow closer and have more fun as your children become more respectful, cooperative and responsible

### **PEP II: Next Steps for Parenting 5-12 Year Olds.**

Find new ways to motivate the behavior changes you want, as you learn more about sidestepping power struggles, using consequences and communicating effectively with your children. Individual problem solving, with input from your fellow class members, is part of every session.

\$255 per course: **\*Take the 20% early bird discount when you register by March 17! Use code EARLYBIRD15**  
*The early bird discount applies to all spring core classes (8-10 weeks).* Space is limited, and preregistration is required. Register at [www.PEPparent.org](http://www.PEPparent.org) or call 301-929-8824 or 703-242-8824

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU, OFFICER RUSSELL LARSON, SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) FOR THE SENECA VALLEY CLUSTER SCHOOLS**

*Interviewed by our 5th graders: Kiyah Thompson and Tenaysia Tucker Officer Larson stops by frequently to say hello and speak to us at our Town Hall Meetings about our WLES core values: Respect, responsibility and Safety. He is a great friend and helper to students and staff alike.*

**How long and what schools have you been working at as a School Resource Police Officer?** Since 2003 I have been working in the Watkins Mill, the Springbrook and the Clarksburg High School clusters.

**Do you have a family?** Yes, I have three children: two boys, 18 and 16 and a daughter who is 14.

**What is your cultural background?** My mother is from Peru and my father is from Pittsburgh, USA.

**What college did you graduate from?** I graduated from University of Maryland. My major was criminal justice.

**What do you most like to do when you are not working?** I spend time with my family, attend family and sports events.

**What is your favorite food?** Cereal, **Your favorite color?** Blue, **Your favorite movie:** The original Superman, **Your favorite book:** The Bible, **You favorite vacation spot?** Florida. **Your favorite season?** Spring, because it brings new life. **Your favorite holiday:** Christmas, because it celebrates the birth of Jesus.

**What do you like best about working as a police officer in schools?** That you can work with younger people. Pre-K- 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**If a fairy godmother could grant you one wish, what would it be?** That others become healed from anything afflicting them.

**Where in the world would you most like to visit?** Israel

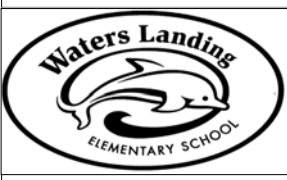
**What were your favorite subjects when you were in elementary school?** Recess!

**What is the one thing you are most proud of?** I am most proud of my family.

**What is one thing you would like everyone to know?** That "Good is Cool!" Everyone should do good in the world.

**If you could pass a new law in Congress, what would it be?** People making laws couldn't lie. They would lose their jobs.

**If you had one message, what would you most like the students to know?** The most important message I would teach children is that God loves them and has a special plan for them.



**It's never too late to join the PTA! Just fill out this form and return it to school in your child's daily folder.**

**The membership fee is \$12.00 for every adult who wants to join.**

Please complete the form below if you haven't already filled one out and return it to school. You can put the form with the membership dues in an envelope marked PTA and simply put it in your child's daily folder. Cash or checks welcomed. Please make checks payable to WLES PTA.

We encourage donations through the membership process, as well as multiple members per family.

**Mother's Name (Nombre de la Madre)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Name (Nombre del Padre)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Member's Names (Nombres de Miembros Adicionales)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Members (Miembros en Total)** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$12.00/each(c/u) = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

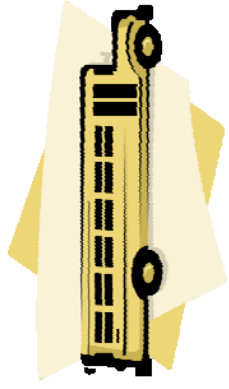
**Contact Information (Informacion)**

**Address (Direccion)** \_\_\_\_\_

**City (Ciudad)** \_\_\_\_\_ **State (Estado)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Name (Nombre de Hijo/a)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Teacher (Nombre de Maestro/a)** \_\_\_\_\_



# March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 WLES PTA Mtg Media Center 7PM	4	5	6	7
8	9 Book fair	10 Book fair	11 Book fair	12 Book fair	13 Book fair	14
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