

Thoughts from the Principal...

Dear Parents,

I am very excited about being the new principal at Terwilliger Elementary School. I have spent the past 19 years at J.J. Finley as a classroom teacher, Curriculum Resource Teacher and Assistant Principal. This is my first principal position and I am eagerly anticipating many, many years at Terwilliger.

During the past several weeks, I have discovered that the teachers are exceptional in their dedication to children, resourcefulness, and creativity. The support staff is enthusiastic and caring and has helped me feel right at home. I couldn't ask for a better group of people with which to work.

Your children are among the best students in the county. Many have come to introduce themselves to me and have also written wonderful stories and welcoming suggestions. Each morning, I'm greeted with smiles, hugs and friendly waves. As I walk through the classrooms each day, I see "on task" behaviors, and eager, appropriate participation in well-designed lessons.

I'm proud to say that the visiting committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools recognized the students for being "congenial, well mannered and academically focused" and commended the teachers for holding "the educational welfare of all their students as the top priority." Their report also recognized the support of our parents and volunteers in making this a community of learners.

Thank you for helping to make Terwilliger so special.

Sandi Medeiros



Upcoming Events!

- **May 8th – 12th**
Teacher Appreciation Week
- **May 11th 7:00 p.m.**
PTA Meeting – Media Center
- **May 12th 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**
LAST SKATE STATION!
- **May 25th**
Kindergarten field trip to Silver Springs
- **May 29th**
NO SCHOOL Memorial Day Holiday
- **June 5th 8:15 a.m.**
Kindergarten Graduation!
- **June 5th & 6th**
Half Days!!
- **June 6th 8:30 a.m.**
5th Grade Graduation! Last Day of School
- **June 13th**
First day of summer





The PTA Notebook...

Hi and welcome to the last edition of the Tidbits for the 1999-2000 school year. It has been a great year. I have been honored to work with so many of you this year through the PTA. I feel we have had a tremendous year! Thank you for all that you have done to contribute to this success.



I would like to invite you to our last PTA meeting of the year. On May 11th @ 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center we will say thank you to our outgoing board and incoming board. Please join me in showing our appreciation for these people. The board positions are a lot of fun. These positions are also time consuming. I would like to show our support to these people at our next meeting. I personally am very thankful for my experience as the PTA President. It was a lot of work this year and I know it will be again next year, however, it is also very rewarding. I have had a LOT of support. There have been so many volunteers this year that there is no way I can say thank you to each of them by name, but you know who you are and I do appreciate you.

The PTA has one more activity before the year is over. We have asked the teachers (each grade level) to submit a list of supplies for next year. Usually this list is given to the parents at Orientation (the Friday before school starts) or given to the student on the first day of school. We are taking the supply list and having the supplies put into individual student boxes that may be purchased ahead of time for the convenience of the parents. Please look for more information regarding the "School Supply Boxes" to come home soon. I know that I will be purchasing one for my children. Hey, if it means I don't have to take all four of my kids to several different stores looking for things - you bet I am going to take advantage of this program. It will save me time, money and a headache! Even though the prices are very comparable to the local stores - it is worth it to me to keep from having to say No! to every toy and Pokemon item in the store. Ha,Ha!

I hope you have enjoyed the tidbits this year. Debra Oberlin the Tidbits editor is no longer with our school - a special thank you to her for continuing this service even after she left. We will have a new editor next year - if you would like to help this person please let me know.

Have a wonderful rest of the school and year and ENJOY your summer.

See you next year!
Respectfully yours,
Tina Kaercher @ 335-7334
PTA President

A Special Thanks!

...to **Mr. Glen Erlich** for his many hours of research and organization regarding new playground equipment. Thanks to his hard work the committee was able to make the best possible decisions. Thanks to the playground committee's hard work and dedication our children will have a new and exciting playground for their enjoyment next year. Thanks again Mr. Erlich and committee for all the time you donated to

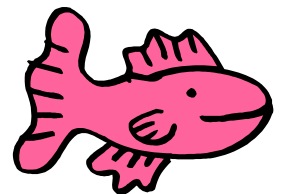
Kindergarten News....

Thank you parents for a wonderful year! The Kindergarten students are **READING!** Please have the students re-read old sheets throughout the summer.

Things to remember:

- **End of the year field trip to Silver Springs is May 25th.**
- **Kindergarten Graduation June 6th.**

Units of study:
-Dinosaurs
-Ocean Life





By Mr. Bergdorf

Four pieces of student art work have been selected for display in Mrs. Madeiras' office. These are the "Designer Cats" made by the following students in third grade art class: **Carrie Miller and David Mesh** from Mrs. McKisson's class; **J.J Guitton** from Mrs. Buckley's class; and **Erik Breuer** from Mrs. Williams' class.

I hope you have had chance to see the "Amate Bark Paintings" which have been on display in the office. These were made by **Jacquelin Goldberg, Christina Chung, Carly Muir, Lauren Keister, Daniela Contreras, Alexandria Pishotta, Caitlyn Lomonte, Brianna Handy, Matthew Formisano, Alex Muir, Tori Roig, Christopher Bahr, Ryan Murphy, Ashley Walker, and Jennifer Hall**. All of these children are in second grade.

We also have many pieces of art work displayed at other locations. The following 5th Grade students will have art work displayed at the Harn Museum of Art at UF **May 10-31: Zach Labby, Jennifer Brown, Kayla Handy, Megan Horner, Javier Contreras, Byron Hu, Amber Gilliam, Tyler Holt, Laura Ly, Sissy Bell, Crystal Rivers, Louella Lledo, Jatoria Brown, Leah Pablo, Rhiannon Schneiderman, Neal West, and Jesse Little**. Their pencil drawings were created during a tour of the American Impressionist Exhibit at the museum last fall.

In addition, beginning **Thursday, April 27 through Wednesday, May 24** art work by Terwilliger students will be featured at Kirby-Smith. The art work selected is by the following fifth graders: **Mindy Bryant, Tommy McGee, Stephanie Burroughs, Jonathan Anderson, Lisa Suter, Javier Contreras, Brian Whiddon, Whitney Green, Jessica Manning, Jacob Mitchell, Jonathan Driaza, Giselle Levy, Kayla Handy, Akeem Haynes, Alex Reeves, Darius Stacey, Mark Richardson, Louella Lledo, Laura Formisano, Kylie Olson, Sissy Bell**.

First Grade News

Upcoming Events
& Dates to Remember:

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| May 3 | <i>Report cards go home.</i> |
| May 8 – 12 | <i>Teacher Appreciation Week!</i> |
| May 12 | <i>Mothers, please come and eat with your child today. We would also like to share some special songs and stories with you. Look for more information from your child's teacher soon.</i> |
| May 29 | <i>Memorial Day Holiday – no school.</i> |
| June 6 | <i>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!</i> |
| June 13 | <i>Summer school beings for those students who are eligible.</i> |

Curriculum Focus:

Thematic Units/Social Studies:

Continue the Earth and the Environment

Language Arts:

- Spelling *Unit 6 – review*
- Writing *Narrative & Expository Writing*
- Phonics *Unit 5*

Math: *Chapters 27-28*

*Exploring Multiplication/Division
2-digit Add/Sub.*

**Be sure to look at your child's math daily. There are home activities on each worksheet. Also remember to review basic addition and subtraction facts.*

Science: *How living things interact with their environment.*

Reading: *Reading Mastery & Weekly Reading Logs (share books)*

**Thank you parents for
all your help and support!
Keep reading to your
child!!**



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This is an easy way to help our school.

So don't forget next time you shop online to go to **www.schoolpop.com** first. Thank you.

Two new shopping sights are: Etoys and Petopia

Got Something to Say?

The Tidbits Newsletter is sponsored by the Terwilliger PTA. It is the intent of the PTA to increase communication between the school and its families. This newsletter will contain important information regarding school activities, events, recognition's, happenings plus a school lunch menu and other school related news.

If you have information pertaining to the school and would like it to be printed in Tidbits, please submit a typed copy (or put it on a disk) and place it in the PTA box before the **15th of each month**. You may also e-mail submission to **doberlin@aol.com**.

We hope you enjoy Tidbits and that it brings helpful and enlightening information to your homes.

Musical Notes by Mrs. Neal

May will be a very busy month in the music classes! There are Spring musicals, new curriculum, and graduation to prepare for.

The 4th grade musical "Rock On" is scheduled for May 11, during the school day. This musical includes songs from the 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's. Each class has a decade they are going to dress-up as. Mrs. Thompson's class is 50's, Mrs. Shintock's are 60's, Ms. Rush is 70's, and Ms. Burke is the 70's and 80's. The students have been having a great, fun time working on this musical.

The chorus also has a musical near the end of May. The title is "Possibilities," and it is about the students' many possibilities. The students have even made up several small group dances that will be included in the musical.

Both Kindergarten and 5th grade will be working on graduation music during the month of May.



P.E. News



by Mrs. Rhine

The Springtime weather has been wonderful in PE lately. During the month of April all students in grades 2-5 have completed their Health Related Fitness Testing. The Florida Sunshine State Standards require testing two times a year. In the winter, students in grades four and five established their personal goals for this spring testing, and many of them have reached those goals. All students who complete their mile run in ten minutes or faster will have their names listed on the Honor Board in the hallway of building 5 and all those who perform two pull-ups or more will get a "Pull-Up" Club certificate. Ask your student about these tests.

At the time of this writing, there have been many outstanding performances. Fifth graders **Tyler Holt** and **Zach Labby** set new school records for the mile with times of 5:53 and 5:54 respectively! In the minute sit-up test, **Kylie Olson** completed 62 sit-ups and **Sissy Bell** did 60 and fourth grader **Sheneetra Graham** achieved 19 tricep pull-ups. Congratulations to all students who worked hard and improved their physical fitness.

For the remainder of the year the upper grades will be working on track and field skills including sprinting, long jumping and hurdling and the primary grades will be tumbling. On May 1st and 2nd representatives from Fire Rescue will be providing bicycle and helmet safety to all students. May is Bicycle Safety Month so get out your bikes and ride with your children.

Remember to help your students dress for the warm weather ahead, especially on PE days.



Fifth Grade Tid-Bits

The end of the year is very busy for our 5th graders. May 2nd will be a trip to their assigned middle schools for next year. May 3rd - 5th will mean 5th graders are at Camp Crystal, and May 10th will be a trip to Florida Field and the O'Connell Center.

Fifth grade graduation will be on Monday, June 5th at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Friends and family are invited to join us at this time. Students are asked to wear good clothes to this event. The ceremony will last to approximately 10:00 a.m. A graduation party for JUST the graduates will be held immediately afterwards. Students will be asked to bring in snacks for this party. Please wait until you are contacted to do this so we can coordinate our "menu".

The 5th grade teachers thank all their parents for their support this year! Have a great summer! Good luck in middle school!



Last Skate Station!

We encourage all Terwilliger families to come out and enjoy the evening for our FINAL skate for this school year! Our PTA will receive all the admission proceeds for this night, so bring your friends! This is a great fundraiser for our PTA & a great time of fun for your kids! As always, the class with the most skaters wins a pizza party. In addition, we will be giving away Toys-R-Us gift certificates in our drawings.

**Friday
May 12th
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Admission \$3.00
Join in the FUN!**



Media News

AR RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the following for their hard work:

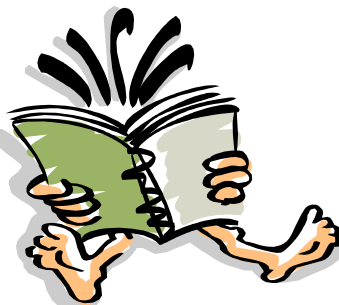
Berney Pellett	45.0 Points	Mrs. Shintock's class
Tyler Burchfield	40.0 Points	Mrs. Watkins' class
Victor Gomez	40.0 Points	Mrs. Watkins' class
Ryan Kaercher	40.0 Points	Mrs. Watkins' class
Abby Novak	40.0 Points	Mrs. Watkins' class
Megan Ward	40.0 Points	Mrs. Watkins' class
Sissy Bell	Points	Mrs. Watkins' class
Mark Richardson	Points	Mrs. Watkins' class
Heather Taylor	Points	Mrs. Watkins' class
Ruhiyyih Bannister	33.6 Points	Ms. Calvert's class
Chastin Taylor	31.9 Points	Ms. Calvert's class
James Overstreet	30.3 Points	Ms. Clavert's class
Raheed Bannister	68.0 Points	Mrs. Thompson's class
Caity Dicks	54.2 Points	Mrs. Thompson's class
Son Nguyen	26.4 Points	Ms. Calvert's class
Justin Kaercher	28.4 Points	Miss Baker's class
J.J. Guitton	38.7 Points	Mrs. Buckley's class

BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to the following parents who helped at the Spring Book Fair: **Tina Kaecher, Tammy Paxon, Cathy Nelson, Bob Flaherty, Karen and Glenn Ehrlich, Julie Hill, Jennifer Joy, Sandie Muir, Victoria Williams, Betheny Kiely, and Mrs. Smith.** The book fair was a big success. The profits will be used to buy new materials for the Media Center.

INVENTORY

Inventory will be done May 1 through May 3. This would be a good time to check and see if your child has any overdue or lost library books. Lost books must be paid for so that the books can be replaced.



Third Grade Thoughts

As we come to the last six weeks of third grade, we find ourselves gearing up for next year! Take a look...

Reading: Most students will complete level 9 in our basal readers. We are also practicing short and long response questions for the fourth grade FCAT.

Writing: We are continuing writing expository essays and narrative pieces. We are also encouraging our students to write in cursive.

Math: We are working on multiplication (two and three digit numbers multiplied by a one-digit number). We will also introduce our students to long division.

Science: We will learn about how plants and animals interact with their environments.

Social Studies: We will be learning about the colonization of America and about famous inventors.

We truly appreciate all your support throughout the school year. Have a safe and happy summer!

The 3rd Grade Team
Ms. Augspurg
Mrs. Buckley
Mrs. McKisson
Ms. Williams