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Principal's Message

Dear Wayman Academy Family,
Thank you for choosing to send your child/ren to Wayman Academy. As I visited each classroom this week I was extremely pleased with the behavior of our students and respect demonstrated between teachers and students. **AWESOME!!!** Because of our team work, students at Wayman are doing a good job preparing for the next grade level. They are focused!! Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 start preparing to take FCAT the week we start school. **We teach the Sunshine State Standards daily!**

Therefore, our students are

prepared to pass when test time arrives.

Students in kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade are getting a good foundation to be successful prior to the FCAT grades. I cannot overemphasize the need for a good foundation. Our classroom teachers are doing an excellent job as they deliver instruction. We meet weekly to share strategies and discuss assessment results which drive instruction in the classroom. We also meet frequently with the students to encourage, celebrate, and remind them of school expectations. If we continue to work hard

and believe in our children we will be successful!!

As parents, you can volunteer to help in the following important ways:

1. Have your child in school and on time each day.
 2. Be sure that you read to or with your child each day. Have brothers and sisters read together.
 3. Show up at scheduled conferences.
 4. Attend Title I funded parent workshops.
- Refreshments are served, excellent ideas are shared, and there are always materials to take with you to help your child be successful.*

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Did you see the notice in the Times Union notifying of **FREE TUTORING** for some Duval students? Wayman Academy is a school which qualifies for FREE TUTORING !!! By now, you should have received a tutoring application from the Title I office. If so, the next step for qualifying is for your child/ren to receive free or reduced-price lunch. You must then choose a provider to deliver tutoring for your child/children. There are 72 providers in Duval county to deliver these services in reading, math, or science to your child/ren. We want students who qualify at Wayman to receive this FREE TUTORING!!! As a convenience for you, and to have you informed to make a wise choice, I have invited all 72 providers to come to Wayman Academy to talk with you about services they offer. Afterward, you make the decision who you would like to provide service. It is then very important for you to complete and return the application to the Title I office by September 2, 2011. **Here's the announcement!!!!**

What? Title I SES Providers Fair—All 72 have been invited!!

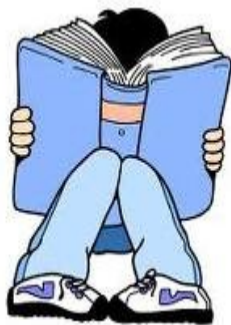
When? Wednesday, August 31, 2011

Time? From 3:00—6:00 PM Come at your convenience!!

Remember!! Your child needs YOU to come and check out these providers for **FREE TUTORING!!**

Thank you parents and Family Members!!

You did a great job of helping us during the first week of school by walking your children to their classrooms. It is now time for them to start rituals and routines which gradually leads to responsible students. School Employees will now be responsible for escorting students to class. If you walk your children to school they will remain with their classmates in their designated area, be supervised, and escorted to class by a school employee.



Welcome back! This year we will be implementing many exciting reading programs here at Wayman Academy. Through reading aloud and promoting positive attitudes about reading and writing, you can have a powerful impact on your child's literacy and learning. Here are some tips to help you get your child excited about reading.

- Invite your child to read with you every day.
- Visit the public library with your child to select books to read together.
- When reading a book where the print is large, point word by word as you read. This will help your child learn that reading goes from left to right and understand that the word said is the word seen.
- Read your child's favorite book over and over.
- Read many stories with rhyming words and repeated lines. Invite your child to join in on these parts. Point, word by word, as your child reads along with you.
- Discuss new words. For example, "This big house is called a palace. Who do you think lives in a palace?"
- Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.
- Ask your child to retell the story to you when you have finished reading the book.
- Read from a variety of children's books, including fairy tales, song books, poems, and information books.

Character Trait for September: Responsibility

What is **Responsibility**?

- * Knowing the right thing to do and doing it. If you are not sure what to do the responsible thing to do is ASK a teacher or parent.
- * It means that others can depend on you. you keep your promises, agreements and commitments. This means you are accountable.
- * Doing your best.
- * Focusing on YOUR part, not on someone else's. This is personal responsibility.
- * Admit your mistakes, don't blame others or make excuses.

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- * Accepting credit when you do the right thing and accepting correction when you make a poor choice.
- * Being on time.
- * Taking on new responsibilities when you're ready!

Adults at Wayman are expected to role model responsibility. Please help us by modeling this at home.

Our **guidance counselor, Shannon**

Ross, has been visiting classrooms already this year and teaching lessons on responsibility.



Volunteer Orientation

Volunteer orientation will be held Thursday, September 15th. If you would like to volunteer at the school for any reason, including chaperoning on field trips, you are required to have a volunteer

card. Please plan to attend the 9:00 am or 12:30pm session. We look forward to working with you this year! Thank you for your support and participation.

Early Check-Out

When students are continuously picked up early, it interrupts the learning process for all children. The end of the school day is very busy as teachers bring closure to a day of learning. At times, there are doctors appointments scheduled or emergencies and we understand. If this is the case, please pick your child up no later than 2:30PM. Otherwise, we



need all students to remain in class until the end of the day. **Students cannot be called after 2:30PM.** The intercom is being used for dismissal and the teacher is responsible for all students at that time. Please understand that this policy is for the benefit of the entire Wayman family. If you have questions or concerns you may speak to the Administration for further clarification. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Parent Workshops

We have scheduled our first parent workshops for this year. This workshops will be lead by the academic coaches and will give you tips, suggestions and information about how to help your child academically. K-5 parents are invited.

Math Workshop

Monday, September 26
at 9:00AM and 12:30PM

Reading Workshop

Thursday, October 13
at 9:00AM and 12:30PM

Principal's Birthday Party

We celebrate all students at Wayman Academy. Each month the principal has a Principal's Birthday Party. The celebration for August/September birthdays will be Friday, September 16. If your child was born in August or September and you would like to donate store bought cupcake,

candy, balloons, party favors or other goodies, please call the school and speak with Mrs. Sumpter. You are also invited to come and help

with the party. We do this because there is less disruption to the educational setting and the children love the celebration!



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September
16, 2011**

Planning for a Parent/Teacher Conference



It is important that you spend some time talking with your child's teacher about his/her progress at school. Write a note to your child's teacher and request a time for a conference. You can prepare for the conference by making a list of questions or concerns that you may have. Involve your child in the conference. Make a three way plan and hold each other accountable for roles discussed. You may also request that a member of the Leadership Team be available for the conference. Please know that we are here to work with you as a team.

Tips for a Successful Conference

- ◆ Ask your child if there is anything that he would like you to discuss with the teacher.
- ◆ Jot down everything that you want to talk about at the conference.
- ◆ Arrive promptly or a few minutes early.
- ◆ Begin with positive comments about the teacher or classroom.
- ◆ Avoid lengthy discussions of topics that are not related to the purpose of the conference.
- ◆ Be open-minded to suggestions from the teacher.
- ◆ Keep your emotions under control.
- ◆ Take notes about what has been discussed.

August/September Events

Wednesday, August 31 Free Tutoring
Providers Fair 3:00—6:00
Come at your convenience!

Monday, September 5 Labor Day Holiday
No School

Wednesday, September 7
Early Release Day
Open House

Thursday, September 15 Volunteer Orientation

Friday, September 16 Principal's Birthday Party

Wednesday, September 21 Early Release Day

Monday, September 26 Math Parent Workshop
(9:00AM and 12:30PM)

Tuesday, September 27 Mid-Term Progress Reports

Thursday, October 13 Parent Reading Workshop
(9:00AM and 12:30PM)



Tidbits to Know

Change in the Way Your Child Gets Home

If you need to change the way your child gets home you will need to send a written note to the classroom teacher. You may write the note in your child's agenda book or send a note. Be sure and put the date on the note and sign it. We cannot accept a phone call due to not knowing who is making the call. **Your child's safety is important to us.** Therefore, we must be cautious since we are responsible for each child entrusted to us. I am sure that you are happy to know that we take this responsibility very seriously.

Classroom Observations

Due to safety concerns and the need to keep the learning environment as normal as possible, please call the Principal (Erdine Johnson) or Desginée (Deborah Lockwood) if you would like to schedule a time to observe in your child's classroom. Always remember—you are welcome at Wayman Academy!

Lunch

Ask your child what time they have lunch this year! If you are available, come to school and eat lunch with your child. Just come to the school and sign in at the front office. We will set up a table for you to enjoy lunch with your child.