

# The Gecko Gazette

Robert E. Willis Elementary School

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## ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

It is hard to believe that the first quarter has come and gone. We received a lot of positive feedback from teachers, students, and parents in regards to conference night. We feel strongly that families should have open communication with our school so that we may discuss student's academic success and possible struggles.

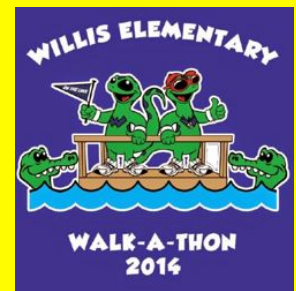
As we move into the second quarter please take a moment to look at the new [Language Arts Florida Standards and Mathematics Florida Standards](#). We realize that by having the best and highest academic standards for our students, we will prepare them for the jobs of tomorrow. The new standards are a big shift in how students and teachers approach academics. The academic bar has been raised significantly for our district, school, students, and teachers.

Willis teachers have been training since summer to focus on guiding students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills. Teachers are moving away from pure recall questions and are having students engage in strategic and extended thinking. By raising the rigor in our teaching, questioning, and our assessments, we can ensure students are being challenged and prepared for the future. One example of this is "close reading," which is a skill that teaches students to slow their reading down and dig deeper into text. Teachers may ask students to look at key details, the author's purpose, or structure of the text along with asking students to provide text evidence for their thinking. Close reading embeds a variety of the standards, which brings a higher level of complexity and rigor to reading.

Our goal at Willis is to empower students so that they may be successful in our competitive educational system. As the new Florida Standards are being implemented K-12, students at all grade levels will be taking an end of course exam for each academic course, including our Fine Arts classes at the elementary level. This year students in grades 3-5 will also take a new state assessment, the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). As we prepare students for the FSA, we encourage you to take advantage of the information and resources that are available on the [FSA portal](#). As new information arises from the Florida Department of Education and our district, we will keep you updated on our school website.

Bill Stenger, Principal & Michele Danowski, Assistant Principal

"ON THE LAKE!"



Friday, October 24th was our annual Walk-A-Thon and we are very proud to announce that we exceeded our goal of **\$50,000!** In true Gecko spirit, our staff, students, parents and business partners showed their support through this amazing generosity. We had beautiful weather, great music, over 700 smiling Geckos who walked/ran over 7,500 laps! Chants of "on the lake, on the lake!" added to the students' excitement!

Each year Mr. Stenger announces what he will be doing as a reward for reaching our fundraising goal. In the past, he has been on the roof and even duct taped to the wall! This year, plan on seeing Mr. Stenger AND Coach Morales "on the lake."

Finally, a big thank you to all of our volunteers who made the Walk-A-Thon a huge success!

## P.T.O. Prez

The year is off to a grand start! Amazing things are happening at Willis. Each teacher received their Mimio (interactive white board) and training was held to learn how to use and implement the Mimios in the classroom.

We hope your family has enjoyed the play dates and spirit nights! Over 90 children attended the first Jumpin Fun play date. Spirit nights help raise money for our school. A big thank you Freddy's, Chik-Fil-A, and Culvers who all sponsored Spirit Nights recently.

The book fair, "Sir Readalot," was a smashing success, selling over \$17,000 in books. Over 600 attended Doughnuts with Dad, many stopping by the book fair afterward.

Finally, our largest fundraiser, the Walk-A-Thon was held October 24th and

we met our goal and raised over \$50,000. We are so thankful for each and every contribution. By supporting all of these events, you are making a positive impact on all of our children.

Please be looking for more information about our Gingerbread Shop coming the first week of December, which is replacing last year's Holiday Fair that will not be held this year.

Our next P.T.O. meeting will be Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. We hope many of you will be able to attend. It was exciting to see so many new faces at our first two meetings. It's inspiring to work with such a group of enthusiastic parents and families. You make Willis a wonderful community.

Shannon McCoy  
Vice President

## P.T.O. MEETING

Please join us for the next P.T.O. meeting on:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2014  
at 2:00p.m. in the Cafeteria.

We look forward to seeing you there! Please contact [Ashley Henderson](#) for more information.

## BOX TOPS

Willis collects Box Tops for Education throughout the year to raise funds for our school. Cut and save those labels to send in to your classroom by:

DECEMBER 4, 2014

Congratulations to the following classes for winning our first collection of the school year:

Mrs. Georgas  
Mrs. Holbrook  
Mrs. Martin

Thank you for your support!

Cathy Dobson  
Box Tops Chair

## FLOWERS FOR TEACHERS

At the beginning of the school year, the P.T.O. surveyed the staff of Willis Elementary to find each classroom's specific needs. The "Flowers for Teachers" wish list board was created and displayed in the front lobby for several weeks. Our Willis families picked many flowers off the board and the donations began pouring into the school. Below are some of the wonderful supplies that are now enhancing our children's education:

- ◆ \$100 for science lab equipment
- ◆ Megaphones for P.E.
- ◆ Recess equipment

- ◆ Gift cards to Teachers Pay Teachers website
- ◆ White erasers for art class
- ◆ Pencils for Art class
- ◆ Reams of white paper
- ◆ Cones for P.E.
- ◆ Streamers for Music

Your classroom teachers do have an ongoing "wish list". Please check out their classroom websites for more information. Thank you for your amazing generosity. Together we can make a difference!

Shannon McCoy  
Vice President

## THANK YOU BUSINESS PARTNERS

Willis P.T.O. has a Partners In Education (PIE) program, where businesses get special recognition for their donations to Willis P.T.O. Here's how it works:

- ♦ If an entity donates \$250 - \$499.99 in goods, services, or cash/check during one school year, the business qualifies as a Silver Level Sponsor.
- ♦ If an entity donates \$500 - \$999.99, the business qualifies as a Gold Level Sponsor.
- ♦ If an entity donates \$1,000 or more, the business qualifies as a Platinum Level Sponsor.

Here are the perks of sponsorship:

- ♦ Silver Level: Recognition in the Willis Yearbook, P.T.O. Newsletter, P.T.O. Facebook page, P.T.O. Website, P.T.O. Parent Communications.
- ♦ Gold Level: All of Silver Level perks PLUS a 24 by 36 inch banner (that will be up at the school for 365 days).
- ♦ Platinum Level: All of Gold Level perks BUT a larger banner (36 by 60 inches).

A list of the current PIE businesses can be found in this Newsletter. Thank you to all of our fantastic Willis PIE businesses! Please help show your gratitude to these businesses by giving them your business.

Shelly Steiner, PIE Chair



Santa is coming to Willis! The Gingerbread Shop is returning to excited holiday shoppers the week of December 8th. We will have a special shopping night on Thursday with a few extra vendors and few activities for the kids. Santa will be joining us for a photo-op as well, so mark your calendars! Contact Bernice Capozzi for more information.

## BRICKS FOR SALE

Commemorate your child's enrollment at Willis by purchasing a 4" x 8" engraved brick for \$50 with your customized message. The bricks will be laid in the school courtyard. Please fill out this form or purchase directly from the Gecko Store.

## P.T.O. BOARD MEMBERS 2014-2015

Yazzie Bruss - President  
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[P.T.O. WEBSITE](#)

## HEALTH CLINIC - FALL IS HERE!

Did you know that the clinic collects can tabs? These are then donated to an organization that helps provide health services and needs to local children. So, please bring those tabs to the clinic and help us help others. It's our small way of helping those in need.

The news has also been abuzz with Enterovirus D68. Every year millions of people encounter Enteroviruses that cause coughing, sneezing, and fever. EV-D68 is not a new illness, but there has been an increase in the cases amongst children. Adults most likely have been exposed and have some immunity to this enterovirus so it is not making adults as sick as infants, children and teens.

The most IMPORTANT thing to prevent getting sick is to:

- ◆ WASH THOSE HANDS
- ◆ Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- ◆ Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- ◆ Stay home when you are sick
- ◆ Cover your cough & sneezes with a tissue or into your elbow area
- ◆ And clean frequently touched surfaces often.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the clinic. Also, check with your medical provider about the influenza vaccine for you and your family.

Staying Healthy is our goal!

Mary Fischer, RN, School Nurse &  
Kris Miller, LPN, Clinic Nurse x2010 or x2011

## STUDENT SUPPORT SPECIALIST

Christine Bradford has been a Willis Gecko since 2007 when she joined the staff as a Kindergarten Teacher. After three years of teaching Kindergarten, Mrs. Bradford joined the Third Grade Team. Following two years in Third Grade, she served as an Exceptional Student Education (ESE) teacher in the Varying Exceptionalities (VE) Resource Room. This year, Mrs. Bradford has taken on a new role as the Student Support Specialist. This newly created position was added to assist our school's Administration with implementing and monitoring discipline procedures and policies to ensure a safe and orderly environment at Willis.

Mrs. Bradford is excited to take on this new role. "It is my pleasure to serve the students and families of Willis in this way. This school already has a strong foundation



of safety, respect, and responsibility. I am finding many ways to build on this foundation and strengthen the supports already in place."

In order to maintain an environment suitable for all students to meet rigorous academic standards, students are expected to comply with rigorous behavioral expectations as well. Mrs. Bradford is able to support students who need help building the skills for maintaining behavior in school that promotes learning. Recently, when asked why Mrs. Bradford was meeting with a student, she responded, "We are working together on a plan for success."

Mrs. Bradford is happy to consult with parents who have questions or concerns about their student's success in the classroom. She can be reached by email at [bradfordc@manateeschools.net](mailto:bradfordc@manateeschools.net) or by phone at 316-8245 Ext. 2003.

Christine Bradford  
Student Support Specialist

Florida state law requires that we report to parents the names of teachers who are teaching outside their certification areas. The teachers below all have college degrees, are highly qualified, and hold teaching certificates; however, they are teaching outside of their certification areas. Some are taking courses to enable them to teach limited English proficient students (ESOL), and some are in the process of adding the endorsement to their certificate. Please be assured that these teachers are competent to teach your children. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 316-8245.

Michele Danowski, Asst. Principal x2002

Out of Field Teachers--ESOL			
Teacher	Subject Currently Teaching	Areas Out of Field	Area of Certification
Grigsby, Diana	Kindergarten	ESOL	Elementary Education
Kovacik, Dagmar	2nd Grade	ESOL	Elementary Education
Lawerence, Stephanie	3rd Grade	ESOL	Elementary Education
Eschmann, Margaret	VE Resource K-5	ESOL	Elementary Education & ESE

## FOR THE LOVE OF ART

Looking back, it has been almost twenty years since I first became an elementary school art teacher, and I can't recall a summer that I was more anxious for school to begin.

During one of my many discussions with my former professor and current mentor from School of Visual Arts, Dr. Adrienne Leban, we discussed the many changes in art education. I mentioned in the early years every morning kids used to stop by the art room to show me drawings they made at home and how over the years that has tapered off.

Adrienne suggested, that one of my goals could be to instill the love of drawing amongst my students. In the beginning of the school year it is normal for students, teachers and schedules to get juggled until things fall into place, so I try to keep the first quarter art projects manageable. The students at all grade levels made a sketch book and had to complete four separate drawing assignments. The assignments were similar with adjustments made for each skill level. This proved to be a good starting point as most art activities and assignments involve some sort of sketch or drawing. Ask your child to teach them to you and you may find



yourself immersed in your own drawings. It brings me great joy when the students are once again visiting me each morning with drawings they are anxious to share with me. The exercises are fun for artists of all ages.

There have been adjustments made to the fine arts curriculum based on the new Florida State Standards and teacher evaluations. Not just in art, but in music and P.E. as well, the students will be required to take an end of course exam near the end of the year. I am confident that our students will do well on the test. The new Florida Standards require me to cover more of the theories and principals of art along with a bit more writing and history. There are six to eight classes at some grade levels in a twenty day month of school (not including days off) to prepare for the testing. That will leave three art lessons each month. Considering the time we will spend on writing and observing, the time left for the production part of art will be much less than normal. My intention is to provide the students more time creating art than the critique, although both parts are important.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding theses changes.

Mr. Roy London, Art Specialist x2053



## MUSIC MATTERS!



### Music Assessment

In May, all students will take the state mandated End of Course Music Assessment (EOC). I have developed a Quarter 1 study guide for all grade levels and placed it on my school web page. I highly encourage you to print out this guide and study with your child throughout the quarter. Please set aside just a few minutes each week to look over the study guide to ensure a successful grade on the test. You will find the study guide link [here](http://willismusicroom.weebly.com/study-guides.html) or go to <http://willismusicroom.weebly.com/study-guides.html>. Keep checking the website for sample tests and more study guides. Thank you for your support!

### Third Grade Holiday Program

Please mark your calendars for the third grade holiday musical titled "Snow Jubilee!". There will be two shows on December 11<sup>th</sup> and one show December 12<sup>th</sup>. Our first show will be a dress rehearsal at 1:45 p.m. for K/1st/2nd grade students. We will host a second show at 6:30 p.m. for all family members to enjoy. On December 12<sup>th</sup> there will be one last show at 9:00 a.m. for 4th/5th grade students. Third grade students will need to wear a nice white shirt and black bottoms, no shorts please. Students may wear any holiday accessories, such as Santa hat, elf ears, etc. to bring out the holiday spirit during the performance. See you there!

Christy Isaacs,  
Music Teacher  
x2079

### Happy Autumn Scientists!

The Willis Science Lab has been buzzing this first quarter. The fourth and fifth graders have been feverishly working to complete their Science Fair Projects. The boards were on display Thursday, October 23rd for all to see. The students then presented their boards to their class on their Science Lab days that followed.

The third graders have been learning about animal adaptations. I hope you'll ask your third grader about the demonstration we did with "blubber" and ice water. Hopefully, they took away that some warm-blooded animals have a layer of blubber (or fat) to help keep them warm in the winter.

The second graders started their unit on forms of energy. We learned about how electricity is generated and how it travels to and in our homes. If you have the opportunity, please show your second grader the circuit breaker box in your home. If you have a garage, it is most likely in there. They should be able to tell you about the switches and why they are important. The students are also enjoying learning about circuits and how to build one using batteries, light bulbs, and wires.

The Kindergarten and first grade students have been learning about properties of matter and using our five senses to describe those properties. I hope that you will ask your child about their five senses and making observations with them.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, concerns, or comments you may have about our Science Lab. Don't forget to visit [www.willissciencelab.weebly.com](http://www.willissciencelab.weebly.com) for useful information as well.

Mrs. Bradl, Science Teacher x2021



Science students studying electricity!

## Character Education in P.E.

In Physical Education class the students are learning important sportsmanship and character education skills. We work together with the students and encourage and expect positive behavior. They are learning the importance of being cooperative, responsible, respectful and trustworthy during our P.E. lessons and games. Our goal is to create an atmosphere where students are focused on improving and motivated to improve at all that we offer them. Through positive character education students will enjoy a P.E. class based on respect for one's self as well as respect for others.

Coach Quinn and Coach Morales

## CUP STACKING!

Students will be working on cup stacking the week of Nov. 10 - 14, 2014. Information will be sent home on how to order your own speed stacks. A school group order will be placed at added discounts which will help support the P.E. program.

Students from Willis Elementary will help set a new Guinness World Records mark in sport stacking on Thursday, November 13, 2014 as part of the 9th Annual World Sport Stacking Association (WSSA) STACK UP! Best time to attend is during P.E. class.

## 25 Ways to Increase Family Fitness Fun

1. Schedule a regular time throughout the week for your family to do a physical activity.
2. Start a log of daily fitness activities and help everyone find something active that makes them feel successful.
3. Designate indoor and outdoor play areas where rolling, climbing, jumping, and tumbling are allowed.
4. Buy toys or equipment that promote physical activity.
5. Select fitness-oriented gifts with the recipient's skills, interests or needs in mind.
6. Limit time spent doing sedentary activities such as watching television, surfing the net or playing computer games.
7. Use physical activity rather than food as a reward (example: family goes in-line skating).
8. Emphasize the importance of having fun and learning; avoid a push "to win."
9. Get off the couch and change the channel manually – or better yet, turn it off!
10. Spend as much time outdoors as possible.
11. Always use the stairs.
12. Make chores YOUR chance to be active.
13. Park the car AS FAR AWAY from the entrance as possible.
14. Discover what free and low-cost physical activity areas are near your home (park, bike trail, hiking trail, tennis court, etc.).
15. Volunteer to help a neighbor (mow lawn, rake leaves, clean up yard).
16. Dig and plant in the garden ... help everyone plant their own vegetables, fruits and flowers.
17. Take a long walk or jog on the beach.
18. Canoe or raft for an entire afternoon.
19. Visit outdoor education centers.
20. Take a nature hike.
21. Go up, up and away with a kite-flying day.
22. Go to a driving range or enjoy a game of miniature golf.
23. Go camping where you can pitch a tent, gather firewood, fish, bike, and walk.
24. Visit farms throughout the year where you can pick your own strawberries, tomatoes, or other vegetables or fruit.
25. Plan cycling trips on safe trails by calling your local bike shop or bike club.

## Kindergarten

The students are adjusting well to school. Fall season brings fun activities in the classrooms which involves pumpkins, fall leaves, and scarecrows. The pumpkin decorating home activity was amazing. It looks like the families had a great time coming up with an idea and decorating their pumpkins.

In the subject areas we are moving right along. In Math, The Kindergarten students will be moving from Counting and Cardinality 0-10 to Adding and Subtraction. In Language Arts, we will be moving from growing ideas about stories to learning all about how Informational Text and Details make topics interesting. In Science, the students will be moving from Objects and Materials Physical Properties to learning about Earth and Space. In Social Studies, we will be moving from learning about Living in our Community to learning about Tools of a Historian and History. This will include comparing families of today and the past, comparing our National holidays to other cultures, and Symbols of the United States.

Please remember to have your student read to you daily and study the sight words!

## 1st Grade

During the next quarter in First Grade our students will be reading stories about communities we live in, communities in nature and the people that help in our communities. Students will be required to respond to text dependent questions by using both key details from text and illustrations to describe characters, settings, and major events in the stories. A good graphic organizer for you to use at home can be found at:

[www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/graphic-organizers-reading-comprehension](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/graphic-organizers-reading-comprehension)

In our next Math Unit, the students will expand their understanding of addition and subtraction by digging deeply into the relationship between the two operations. Students apply strategies, which focus on the relationship between addition and subtraction to solve problems with numbers to 20. Students will work on developing their fluency with addition and subtraction facts of numbers from 1 to 10.

The First Grade Team would like to thank all the parents for their support and contributions that made this year's Walk-A-Thon such a huge success.

### Kindergarten Pumpkins!



Mrs. Santello's 1st Grade Class enjoying the Walk-A-Thon.



Mr. Violette's 1st Grade Class at the 2014 Walk-A-Thon!





Mrs. Lambertson's 2nd Grade Class.



Mrs. McLaurin's 2nd Grade Class.



## 2nd Grade

We are having a wonderful time in second grade! The students have been working really hard. Please continue to review basic addition and subtraction facts. Our next unit in math is double-digit addition and subtraction. Knowing their basic facts will really help them.

We are moving from Narrative writing to Explanatory writing. Students will be asked to write to explain. By the end of this unit students should be able to write to clearly explain a topic. They should also be able to provide facts and definitions in their writing. Please review the difference between fact and opinion at home.

It is very important that you read with your child. When reading ask them to make predictions. They should also be able to ask and answer questions and provide key details when reading.

The second grade team wants to thank you for all of your support at home. We know that it is going to be a very rewarding year for us all!

## 3rd Grade

It has been a whirlwind start to the school year! It is so hard to believe we are already in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of school. We are looking forward to the Holiday Musical "Snow Jubilee" on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Isaacs and the kids are working hard to put together a memorable performance!

In the second quarter of school we will focus on the relationship between multiplication and division. An understanding of the meaning behind the operations is fundamental, but automatic recall of the facts is also necessary for your child. Basic flash cards are a great tool, but there are apps and other games available to support this memorization. Students are able to recall basic facts will have an advantage when it comes time to dig deeper and explain the process of multiplication and division.

We are practicing a variety of comprehension skills and strategies to support our understanding of complex text, including note taking and providing proof for our claims. We are studying strategies for determining the meaning of unknown words, such as synonyms & antonyms and common affixes. All of these strategies are helping develop thoughtful readers who can meet the demands of the Florida Standards for Language Arts.

Thank you for all of your support both at home and at school!

The Third Grade Team

## 4th Grade

Science: We will compare and contrast the major stages in the life cycles of Florida animals, such as those that undergo incomplete and complete metamorphosis. We will learn how some characteristics of animals are inherited, some characteristics can be affected by the environment. We also will recognize that animal behaviors may be shaped by heredity and learning.

Social Studies: We are studying Florida using the newspaper *Florida Studies Weekly*. We began with maps, moved on to our government structure and function, and are currently studying Florida's Flora and Fauna and the Natives of Florida. As we move through history we will be covering everything from the Spanish Explorers, to current day tourism in Florida. The newspapers are student friendly with photos and puzzles.

Math: We are working hard finishing up our double digit by double digit multiplication unit. Next, we are looking forward to tackling our division unit!

Keli Georgas, Terri Holbrook, Emily Ross & Lisa Scherpf

## 5th Grade

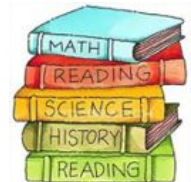
Hello from 5<sup>th</sup> grade! We have had a wonderful start to the year and the students are excited about being the leading role models of Willis! Along with all of the instruction in the classrooms, we have even been able to visit the symphony at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall. In language arts, students have already been reading and writing about some great novels! Students are also using reading strategies to synthesize information, learning Greek and Latin roots along with plenty of grammar skills, and focusing in on story elements such as theme, conflict, rising action, etc.

In math, the students have been working on multiplying decimals and are moving into division with interpreting remainders ... wow! The students' interactive notebooks are filling up quickly with great study materials. Be sure to ask your child to show you!

In science, we dove right into the nature of science and Earth science, including a variety of space topics, weather, and the water cycle. The students loved learning about the objects in our solar system, our Milky Way galaxy, and how everything that exists throughout space makes up our universe.

The students will probably tell you that the first quarter has flown by, but we have so much more to learn and experience with our fabulous fifth-graders!

The Fifth Grade Team



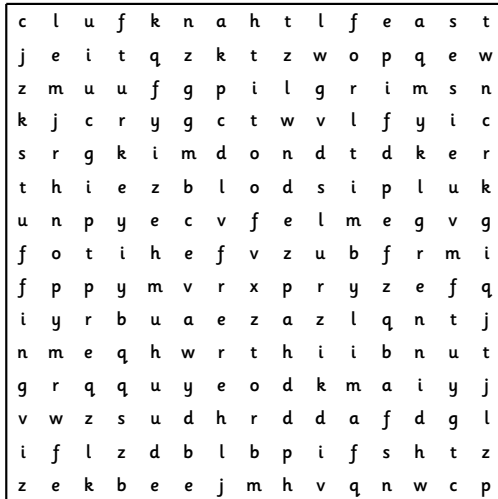
Mrs. Tomlin's Class at the Walk-A-Thon - go Geckos!

## FUN & GAMES!

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES CAN BE FOUND ON THE PTO WEBSITE [HERE](#).



### Thanksgiving Word Search

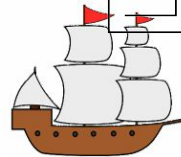
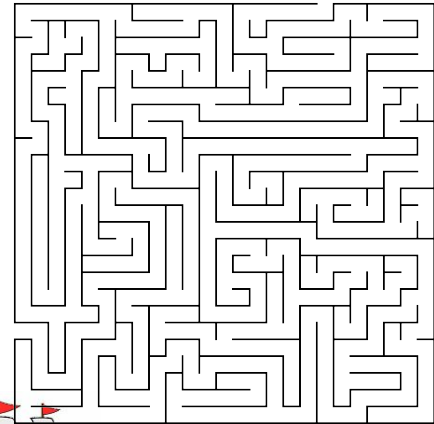


celebrate	dinner	family	feast	harvest
november	pie	pilgrims	pumpkin	stuffing
thankful	turkey			

### Thanksgiving Maze



Can you help the Pilgrim find his way through the maze to the Mayflower?



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2014  
Walk-A-Thon  
Fun!

## **THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS IN EDUCATION!**

### **Platinum (\$1000+)**

**Burnett's Wholesale Nursery, Inc.**  
**Cooper Creek Dental**  
**Ian Cutmore, Keller Williams Realty Lakewood**  
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**Coldwell Banker, Tami Cashi & Lori Cashi-Haught**  
**APC Pedicatrics**  
**Geckos**  
**Let's Create Art**

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A BUSINESS PARTNER, LINK [HERE](#)

## **Calendar of Events**

### **October**

31 Parade & Parties  
Early Release (12:30pm)

### **November**

4 Health Screening  
5 Runner's Club (7:30-8:00a.m.)  
6 Jumpin Fun Playdate for 4th and 5th  
Grades (\$9; 4:30-5:30p.m.)  
7 P.T.O. Meeting (2:00p.m. in Cafeteria)  
11 NO SCHOOL (HOLIDAY)  
12 Runner's Club (7:30-8:00a.m.)  
Dress Down Day (\$2)  
17 SAC Meeting (6:00p.m.)  
19 Runner's Club (7:30-8:00a.m.)  
21 EARLY RELEASE (12:30p.m.)  
24-28 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

### **December**

3 Runner's Club (7:30-8:00a.m.)  
3 Fall Picture Retakes  
4 Box Tops Collection  
10 Runner's Club (7:30-8:00a.m.)  
EARLY RELEASE (1:15p.m.)  
17 Runner's Club (7:30-8:00a.m.)  
22- 1/6/2015: HOLIDAY BREAK

For more information please [link](#) here.

### **GECKO GAZETTE**

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