



## from the Principal's Desk

### ASK THE PRINCIPAL

**Q:** I saw on the school's marquee something about the "Rising Stars". What's that?

**A:** The "Rising Stars" is a select choral group of 4th and 5th graders under the direction of Mrs. Manson.

**Q:** Is the tardy bell still at 7:40?

**A:** Yes it is. Students are considered late if they are not in the building by then.

**Q:** The other day, I saw people offering free coffee in the morning. Who were they?

**A:** They were members of Pioneer Baptist Church. We have 2 faith based community partners. The other is Willis United Methodist Church.

**Q:** I want to get more involved with the school. Any ideas?

**A:** Please consider being part of the PTA. There are many opportunities to make a positive difference at Ward. Please contact me for more information.

**Q:** I want to help my child at home do better at school, but I don't know where to start?

**A:** Your teacher needs your help. Please contact them and they will let you know exactly what you can do at home to help your child have more success in school.

**Q:** Can any 5th grader be in the Variety Show on April 18th?

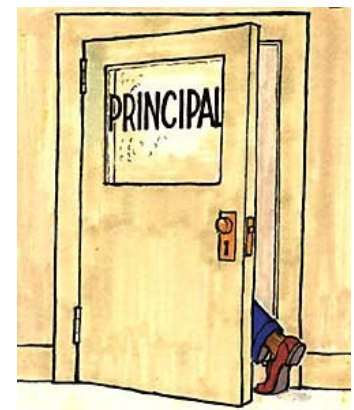
**A:** Yes they can.

**Q:** When is Field Day?

**A:** Field Day is Friday, May 3rd. The PTA is also planning a carnival on Saturday, May 4th.

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## from the PTA President

Hello Ward Families!

Happy March! I hope everyone has enjoyed their winter, because spring is on the way! Have you noticed the sun is hanging around a little longer everyday! Daylight Savings Time is March 10<sup>th</sup>. This means we will be pushing those clocks forward. Before you know it, we will be outside and starting to plant those flowers.

Last month we had another great program performed by the Rising Stars. Mrs. Manson continues to amaze us with the great things she does with our children. I can not wait to see the 4<sup>th</sup> graders perform this month.

We are hard at work on our first Carnival at Ward on May 4<sup>th</sup>. We would really like your input and participation in the planning. If you have a service that you would like to offer or know of someone who does, feel free to email me or anyone on our Carnival Committee:

As I mentioned in our last meeting and newsletter we are currently looking for parents to serve on our the PTA Board for the 2013-2014 school year. I have really enjoyed my time and would really like to continue however, my child will be taking on a new horizon this fall. If you are interested in finding out more about any of the positions available, feel free to contact us. We would love to have you on board!

Again I would like to thank the students that participated in our Reflections contest this year for an amazing job.

With Warm Regards,

Kim Dunning  
President, Ward PTA



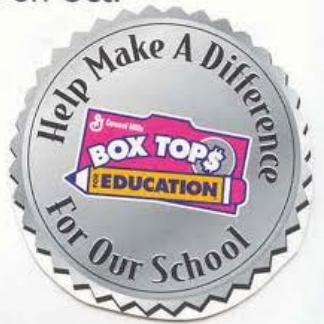
### MARCH

14 - Meghan Gouldin

15 - Nancy Salazar

21 - Allison Lewis

28 - Meghan Hyatt



### ATTENTION COUPON CLIPPERS!

Did you know that you can print coupons from Box Top site check it out: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

KEEP THOSE BOX TOPS COMING!

# REFLECTION CONTEST WINNERS!

**Lexy Colgin - 1st place music, intermediate.**  
*Lexy also won on the County level also*

Colin Ludwig - 1st place visual arts, intermediate

Ethan Hall - 1st place literature, intermediate

Justin Hallock - 1st place photography, intermediate

Antoinaya Fields - 1st place literature, primary



"When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts."  
-Dalai Lama

**BOOK FAIR - March 12 -15**

**MARCH PTA PROGRAM - March 14th**

**WARD SWEET FROG NIGHT - Monday, March 18th**  
(11 am - 9 pm)

**GRANDPARENT'S DAY - Friday, April 26th**

**FIELD DAY - Friday, May 3rd**

**SPRING CARNIVAL - Saturday, May 4th**  
(9 am - 1 pm)

**WARD SWEET FROG NIGHT - Monday, May 20th**  
(11 am - 9 pm)



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

What makes up our PTA membership.....  
We currently have 224 members  
158 female members  
66 male members

If you are a member and have not received your membership card, please send an e-mail to [wardptavpm@gmail.com](mailto:wardptavpm@gmail.com)



## from the School Counselor



### IMPORTANT DATES:

- 3/1 - Spring Pictures
- 3/5 - 4th Grade Writing Multiple Choice Test
- 3/6 - 4th Grade Writing Short Paper Test
- 3/7 - 4th Grade Writing Make Ups
- 3/12 - 3/15 - BOOK FAIR
- 3/14 - PTA Night
- 3/18 - 3/22 - COGAT Testing for 2nd Grade
- 3/19 - 5th Grade Writing Multiple Choice SOL Test
- 3/20 - 5th Grade Writing Short Paper SOL Test
- 3/26 - 1st Grade Field Trip to Zoo
- 3/29 - CAREER DAY
- 4/1 - 4/5 - Spring Break

Happy March! I hope you have noticed that this month we have writing tests for both 4th and 5th grade! Make sure your students are well rested and fed before coming to school on those days! Remind them the importance of working hard and trying their best to pass the test!



On another note: **Career Day is March 29th!** That means that during the month of March I will be focusing my classroom lessons on careers and responsibility!

I am so excited about this year's career day. We have parents and volunteers all ready to come in and talk with K-4 about the careers they have and hopefully inspire our students to start thinking about what they want to do when they grow up!

Try having that conversation with your student and help prepare them for dressing up on March 29th as the career they want to have. It's a half day of fun right before spring break!

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You can also visit my website at:  
<http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/layates/>



### From Ward Elementary Clinic:

Below is a link for teachers, parents and students concerning proper flossing and brushing techniques. There is an interactive quiz on the site to pass along to students and their families.

<http://kohlsdental.org/index.php/kids>

# What's GOING ON in the Library?



Dear Ward Families,

The Scholastic Book Fair ~ *Story Laboratory: Reading Gives You Super Power!* ~ is coming soon! The attached book list features many titles, including award winners, classics, popular authors, sports, activities and much more.

Students will come with their classes to the library to make a wish list on Monday, March 11 or Tuesday, March 12. Younger children will get help from volunteers in filling out their wish lists. Keep in mind that wish lists will give you an idea of your child's interests, but do not commit you to a purchase.

#### When can I purchase items at the Book Fair?

Tuesday, March 12	Before school from 7:15-7:40 a.m.
Wednesday, March 13	Before school from 7:15-7:40 a.m.
Thursday, March 14	Before school from 7:15-7:40 a.m. After school 2:15-3:00 p.m. PTA night 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Friday, March 15	LAST DAY! 7:15-7:40 a.m.

Purchases at the book fair are easy. We accept cash, and checks made to Ward Elementary. Per HCPS policy, **no credit cards at the school fair, please.**

**We are required to charge 5% sales tax. Please be sure your payment includes tax.**

#### Teachers' Wish Lists

You can also give your child's class a special gift – the gift of a book. Teachers will fill out wish lists of books that they would like to have as permanent parts of the classroom library. Each gift will be recognized with a bookplate identifying your child or family as the giver.

If you have any questions about the Book Fair, or would like to volunteer, please contact:

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Linda Atkinson	<a href="mailto:lwatkin@henrico.k12.va.us">lwatkin@henrico.k12.va.us</a>	795-7030

Can't make the school book fair? Find even more books online and purchase with your credit card. All purchases benefit Ward and are delivered to the school – no shipping charges!

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/wardelementaryschool1>

SCHOLASTIC

Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.



There are many ways to stay connected with your PTA this school year.

- Follow our blog to keep informed with the latest Ward PTA updates!
- From the blog, click on the Newsletter tab and sign up to receive our PTA monthly newsletter via e-mail!
- Facebook fans can also follow our *Henry Ward Elementary PTA* Facebook group.



## Ward Elementary

*Monday, March 18, 2013*

*11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.*

**Must present this flyer at time of purchase**