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Positive Bits Dear Parents, If you would like to share a positive "bit" that you have seen or that has been done to help your child throughout their middle school years at Westglades, please email Ms. Giorgione (suzanne.giorgione@b rowardschools.com). Ms. Giorgione will share your positive "bits" with our staff. Thank You!

# The Wolf Tales

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER	
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Boys' Basketball Playoff Home Game – 4:30 p.m.
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Marino Walk for Autism Fundraiser – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Election Day Voting
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	BMI Screening - 6 <sup>th</sup> grade
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Early Release Day
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Magnet Assembly - 8 <sup>th</sup> grade
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	IMAX field trip – 7 <sup>th</sup> grade
February 6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	National School Counselors' Week
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Beginning Band – Rehearse–a-thon/Concert – 3:45 pm – 7:30 pm
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Issued
February 10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jr. Thespians State Competition
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Intermediate Band – Rehearse–a–thon/Concert – 3:45 pm – 7:30 pm
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	SAC/SAF - 8:00 am
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Temple Beth Chai - 7:00 pm
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Honor Band - Rehearse-a- thon/Concert - 3:45 pm - 7:30 pm
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Interim Reports Issued
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parkland Public Schools Fund meeting - 6:30 pm



Receive your
Wolf Tales by
Email - notify
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Visit www.westgladesPTA.com for PTA Updates

Check out the fast and easy way to pay for school activities like instrument rentals, field trips and more! https://estore.brow ardschools.com/O Congratulations to the girls' soccer team for their 11-1 season and their outstanding performance in the Broward County finals from Coach Lambard. The Lady Wolves played strong and represented Westglades in a tough game.

Way to go Lady Wolves!!

Application deadline for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in magnet high schools is February 15, 2012. Go to www.browardschoolsmagnetprograms...com to apply.

#### Spin-A-Yarn Club - Learn how to crochet.

Spin-a-Yarn club meetings are held every Monday morning from 8:30am - 9:10am. If you want to learn how to crochet or if you know how to crochet you are welcome. Come to Mrs. Haneski's classroom 201B in the Media Center. Learn how to make a stylish scarf or a blanket.

#### **3rd Annual Earth Day Celebration at WMS**

Saturday, March 24th from 9:00am-12noon come to Westglades as we feature all things GREEN! Have you heard about our new hydroponic garden? You can see it growing, it's right on our campus. There will be hands on fun, vendor booths, trash to treasure consignment, refreshments AND the Scholastic Book Fair will be open to buy popular books for all ages.

Parents: If your business features an Environmentally friendly product, or if you want to purchase a vendor spot contact Diana Haneski - 754-322-4800 or diana.haneski@browardschools.com.

Check our school website for more details about EARTH DAY 2012! Mark it on your calendar. We hope you can join us.





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## DATE!!

Let's celebrate the Westglades 5K!!! The race will be run Saturday May 5, 2012. The 5K organizers are looking for sponsors to donate prizes. Some great donations would be gift cards from local restaurants, ice cream shops, department stores, sporting good stores, bookstores, or any service you are happy to offer. Thank you! Please contact Mr. P.J Battaglia or Latanya Fondren regarding any donations at paul.battaglia@broward schools.com or latanya.fondren@browa rdschools.com



The boys' basketball team has won it's third straight division title.

Playoff Home Game is Wednesday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.



The Environmental Science class is selling our organic hydroponic vegetables that have been grown by the students this semester. We will have many vegetables and herbs available for sale each week. Parents may contact me or see the signs posted in the car lines. You may purchase the veggies/herbs in the car line. Examples of veggies that will be available are leaf lettuce, romaine lettuce, yellow squash, zucchini, radish, parsley, cilantro, cucumber, dill, spinach, Swiss chard, Chinese okra, tomatoes.

Thanks, Ms. Malkoff



Take a look at the beautiful sculptures/centerpieces that Ms. Golding's Art Class made for the tables at the Parkland Fund Gala...







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#### EVERY CHILD CAN HELP FEED A HUNGRY CHILD

WGMS will be participating in the "Ruth W. Shapiro March for the Hungry" community wide food drive. Please bring to school non-perishable food items such as rice, peanut butter, and canned meats. We will be collecting food during your 1<sup>st</sup> period class the week of **March 1 - 8, 2012**.

Everyone who donates is invited to the collection night, which is the culmination of the food drive. This event will take place at Sawgrass Springs Middle School, 12500 W. Sample Road, Coral Springs from 6:00pm – 8:00pm on March 8, 2012. There will be entertainment, food, and fun for all who attend.

All food collected will be donated to the WECARE, the Cooperative Feeding Program and the Family Resource Center in Coral Springs. Please check out our brand new website:

www.marchforthehungry-ncjw.org.

The NCJW Northwest Broward Section is sponsoring this food drive.

Thank you for helping to feed the hungry in our community!

Westglades is participating again this year in the Dan Marino Foundation WalkAbout Autism Fundraiser. We would like your participation this year to support "Team Westglades"!! The Walk will take place on Saturday, January 28 at Sun Life Stadium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is sure to be a spectacular event like last year.

To donate/and join our team: Go to <a href="www.dmfwalkaboutautism.org">www.dmfwalkaboutautism.org</a>, find "Team Westglades" and click on it and follow the prompts. Or just come and join us even if you can't donate so you can support our Team at the event.

All money raised here stays right here in South Florida and most importantly, 25% of what "Team Westglades" raises comes right back to our school to help support our own struggling students. It's a win, win!!

Thank you in advance for your support!

Elizabeth Paul, Team Captain Any questions, please email me @ejpaull@aol.com



### <u>CITY OF PARKLAND – UPCOMING</u> <u>EVENTS</u>

**Yugioh Trading Card Tournament** 

Saturday, February 11, 2012 from 10AM to 2PM

Yugioh Trading Card Tournament & Yugioh Tournament Rules Workshop (Beginners to Advanced Welcome)

What is the Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME?

In this game, two players Duel each other using a variety of Monster, Spell, and Trap Cards to defeat their opponent's monsters and be the first to drop the other's Life Points to 0.

Here you can download the official Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME rulebook. It's important to learn how to play correctly, so you should read this rulebook before playing if you're new to the game. Understanding the rules will help you make the best use of your cards, so keep the rulebook handy during your first few games. **Must have a Yugioh Card Deck (40-60 Cards).** For official rules, go to www.yugioh-card.com

Registration Begins: Monday, December 12, 2011

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#### **Video Game Tournament**

On Friday, March 9, 2012 the The Parks and Recreation Department will be holding a Videogame Tournament from 5:00PM-9:00PM at Parkland City Hall, 6600 University Drive. Calling all Call of Duty Modern Warfare 3 and NBA 2k12 players! Think you have what it takes to be the best? Well, here is your chance to show off your skills. Come out and compete against your friends in some of the hottest video games around~ Games will be played on XBOX 360. Prizes and much more will be given out to the winners.

The age of the gamers are 11-17. The entry fee is \$7.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. This tournament is a single elimination and only tournament participants are permitted in the facility. The tournament is limited to 40 participants.





CELL PHONES NEEDED

IF YOU HAVE ANY OLD, UNWANTED CELL PHONES, PLEASE DONATE THEM TO WOMEN IN DISTRESS. THE CELL PHONES WILL BE COLLECTED AT WESTGLADES. THE CELL PHONES ARE GIVEN TO WOMEN TO USE IN AN EMERGENCY (911). PLEASE SEE MS. BENGOA WITH YOUR DONATION.

THANK YOU



First Lego League Competition is an invaluable experience that teaches members about robotics, team building, and working together for the benefit of all. "What we learn is more important than what we win." First Lego League competitions are divided into 3 parts: the robotic game, the research project, and core values. The theme of this years' competition was "Food Factory", where students had to identify, research, and solve a real-world engineering problem dealing with the effective and safe growing, harvesting, and or delivery of food. This year the competition took place on December 10<sup>th</sup> at Crystal Lake Middle School. The Westglades Middle School team, "The Technobots, placed fourth overall out of sixteen teams from all over South Florida.

