

# The Bolt

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## Message from Administration:

I am excited to welcome everyone back for the start of the 2021-2022 school year and hope you had an enjoyable, and tranquil, summer. A special welcome to the families who are new to Janie Howard Wilson Elementary. We are happy to serve you and your child.

We thank those who participated in orientation on August 6th, 2021. We had a tremendous number of students and parents here to meet their teachers. We love having parents involved here at Janie Howard. We recognized the need to increase parent involvement and celebrate cultural diversity. Due to Covid-19 and the variant, we are hosting a volunteer training on zoom on September 16th at 10:00am. You can find the link for this meeting on our website, Facebook, and Instagram page. However, we are in constant contact with the Department of Health and following their guidelines that are constantly changing.

We are excited to hire 18 new staff members to our school! These new staff members are excited, motivated, talented and willing to assist you and your child in every way possible. We are pleased to add this talented group to Janie Howard Wilson Elementary School.

We completed our purchase of Chromebook made possible through a grant. This will allow all of our kindergarten through 5th grade students access to a Chromebook. We are thrilled to continue the implementation of one-on-one devices for all our students. Our goal this year is to increase our enrollment by 50 students which is approximately 12%. We also want all students to increase their learning by setting individual goals. Please review your child's performance by going on the parent portal and accessing test history. There you will find your child's test scores. If you need a pin to get into the parent portal, please see Mrs. Lawson in the front office. If there are any questions in interpreting the results of your child performance, please contact your child's teacher.

We encourage you to follow us on our webpage, Facebook, and Instagram for the latest information and the monthly principal's message.

Onward and Upward Silver Streaks!

Affectionally,  
Linda J. Ray, Ed.D  
Principal

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## September Calendar

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- Sept 6-10- Interim reports go home.
- Sept 8- Pray at the Pole at 7a.m. Early Release at 12:20p.m.
- Sept. 9- Open House at 6:00p.m./ Kona Ice-5th fundraiser
- Sept. 13- No School - Teacher Work Day/ Conference Day
- Sept: 16- Volunteer Training- Zoom Meeting at 10:00a.m. Link on Website, Facebook, and Instagram



Rico welcomes all the Silver Streaks with open paws!

# Featured articles

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## Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been working on procedures and how to navigate around the school. We are also working on fine and gross motor skills along with independence in the classroom.

Kindergarten would love to host "Breakfast with Santa" on Friday, December 10, 2021. The breakfast will be \$5 to take a picture with Santa. Look for more information to come home later. The kindergarten students will also put on a Christmas show for the parents.

We are looking forward to having our first field trip of the school year in October. More information will be sent home soon. We are encouraging all parents to keep working with their child on sight words, letter and letter sound recognition, and reading for at least 30 minutes each day.

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## First Grade

We are reviewing and refreshing Kindergarten skills. We are introducing skills that help the students become more responsible for their own learning. In Math we are working on addition, using manipulatives which makes the concept of number sense real. In ELA/Writing, we are working on short vowels in words, sight words, and retelling a story using simple sentences and pictures. The students are really excited about being exposed to music this year and they really love Ms. Rudd.



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## Second Grade

Second grade is moving along with all of our beginning of the year testing. The students are enjoying reading books on epic and playing prodigy in their extra time.



# Featured articles

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## Third Grade

Third grade is hoping to visit Lowry Park Zoo this Fall, go to the Lakeland Tigers Game in the Spring, and possibly a couple other field trips this year. We will need approved volunteers to help chaperone on the upcoming field trips and look forward to new experiences with our students. In math will be working with strategies to multiply and divide. In reading we are working on creating readers who can ask important questions while they read and are able to identify the main idea with supporting details. In science we are working on classifying matter and the states of water.

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## Fourth Grade

For the month of September, both 4th and 5th grade will be learning how to write expository essays. They will learn how to plan, write, and revise 5 paragraph essays. In reading, 4th grade will be learning about Expository text and Realistic Fiction, while 5th grade is learning about narrative nonfiction and Realistic Fiction.

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## Fifth Grade

For the month of August, both 4th and 5th grade have been learning about the Scientific Method and will begin learning about Earth, the Milky Way, the Solar System and the Phases of the Moon. In Math, the 4th grade students are learning about place value, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing whole numbers. While the 5th grade students will be learning about decimals while adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing.

5th grade has a Kona Ice fundraiser scheduled for September 9th at Open House!!



# SAC & PTO

Betty Finnell

Joining Janie Howard Wilson PTO helps enrich our children!  
**Join today for just \$5.00.**

The Janie Howard Wilson PTO helps to create a strong community for our children and raises money to fund special programs throughout the school year.

You don't need to attend PTO meetings or volunteer your time.... Just by joining, you will make a positive impact! So be a part of our community and become a member today!

This fall, we'll celebrate our membership with a safe social distanced popsicle party!

Parents, please send in your membership form and \$5.00 by Friday, September 17, 2021 so your child may attend the rocking celebration during the school day on September 24, 2021.

Please join today, support the Janie Howard Wilson PTO and support our children!



## Volunteer Information

**JANIE HOWARD WILSON**

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**You're Invited**

SEPT. 16 | 10 AM - 11 AM  
VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING  
LINK POSTED ON FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE

We're looking for volunteers who can assist in the classroom, field trips, and special events.

## Home and School Connection

**New Law Requires Students to Observe a Moment of Silence Daily**  
This year, all Florida public schools will be required to begin each day with a moment of silence. Under the new law, known as a "Moment of Silence in Public Schools," first-period teachers at all grade levels will be required to set aside one to two minutes at the start of the school day for a moment of silence and student reflection. Each student will determine how to best use this time. Parents are encouraged to have conversations at home and provide guidance.

Teachers cannot suggest how students spend this time, and no student can interfere with another student's moment of silence.

## Social Media

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