

MOMS Club®



of Lakewood Ranch

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2011

Happy Holidays!

Dear MOMS,

I love the holiday season and the traditions my family celebrates! Like you, it's these memories that are so fun to look back on year after year. We are so excited that our members came together to ensure that our annual Sunday with Santa event will take place again this year! This event has become such a beautiful tradition that so many of our families genuinely look forward to each year. Sure, someone is always crying on Santa's lap, but it wouldn't be Christmas without it!

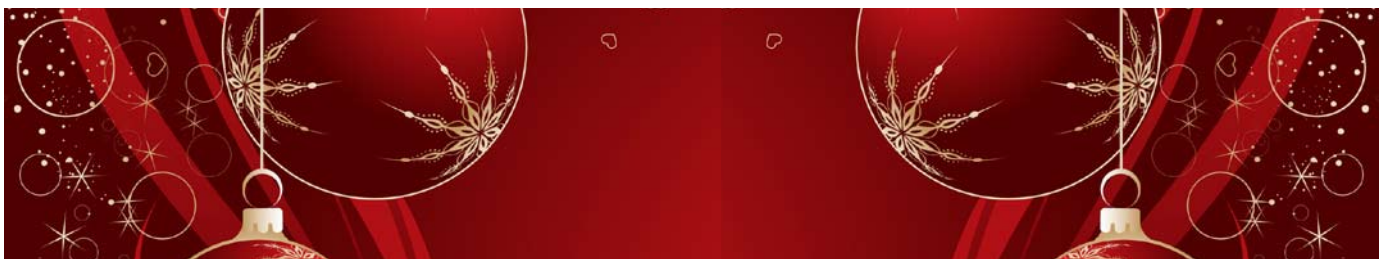
A big thank you to Carrie



Schwarzbauer for all of her hard work with the Adopt-a-Family program. Thank you for giving us an opportunity to help create a very special holiday for families who need it most.

Our monthly meeting will be on Thursday, December 8th at 9:30 am. It is held at Sarasota Baptist Church, on the 2nd floor of their preschool building. Children are definitely welcome, so there's no excuse not to come. Hope to see many of you there!

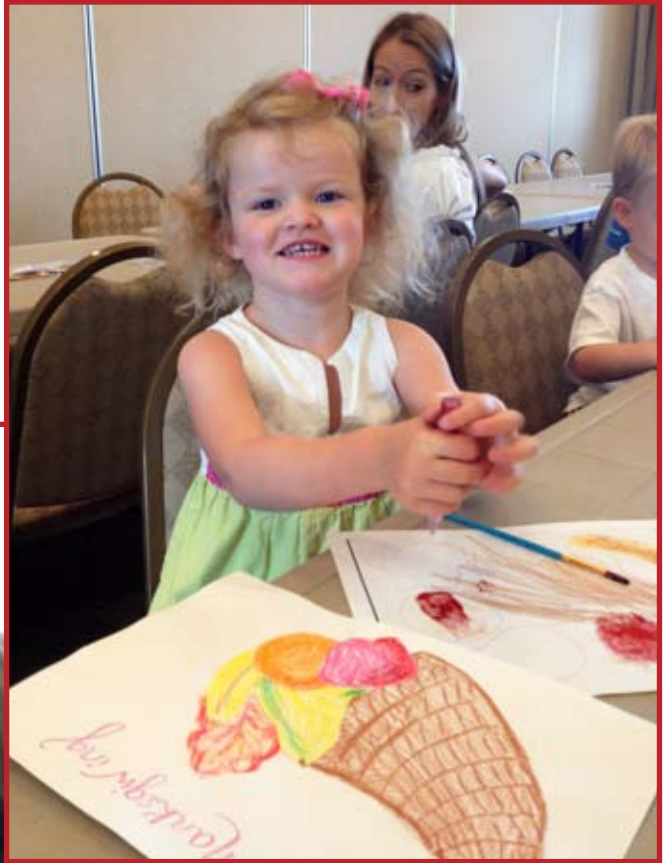
Happy Holidays! *Lauren M. Kelly*



November Events!

Preschool Picasso

Our Preschool Picasso's got to kick off Thanksgiving week with lots of fun crafts. The kids got to color, feather, and glitter their own turkeys and cornucopias! Be sure to reserve one of the limited spots for our December class!



Robert E. Willis Elementary

Robert E. Willis Elementary School has received the Apple Distinguished School award every year since 2007 due to their commitment to integrating technology into learning. With their 24/7 laptop program for 4th and 5th graders, the 100% participation in the eportfolio program and teachers who think outside the box to incorporate the technology into their lesson plans, the students at Willis Elementary are learning how to become 21st century learners.

To start, each classroom from kindergarten through third grade has four to five desktop computers which can be beneficial for group work or centers. If a lesson plan requires each student to be on an individual computer, teachers also have access to carts of laptops. Every fourth and fifth grader is given a laptop to use, 24/7, throughout the school year. In addition to computers, teachers and students have access to ipods, digital cameras, document cameras and more. Teachers can grab a snippet from a video to show students, upload an interactive quiz, share a page from a research book or enlarge a specimen so everyone in the class can see it. Students have the opportunity to practice new skills and touch on all of their learning style preferences by doing more interactive activities. For instance, students can talk about what they're learning by creating podcasts or videos. They can also easily dissect literature with a document camera, highlighting and circling pertinent elements on the white board.

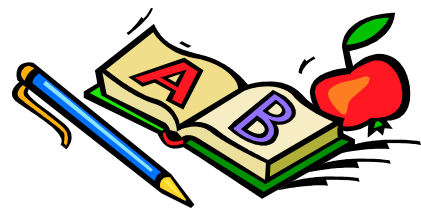
Parents, teachers and students can also track a child's learning with the eportfolio project. This is a voluntary program the county has created, and Willis Elementary has 100% participation. The concept

is simple – students can post work (photos, podcasts, videos, etc.) in their eportfolio. Once a file is posted, the students are also required to write a reflective essay about the work. Not only does this help the students practice essay writing, but it also builds their critical thinking skills. Because a student can decide what is included in their portfolio, this also gives the child plenty of opportunity to take ownership of his or her education and, by the end of the year, look back to see what has been accomplished! A student can even share these items with parents or other family members to show them what they are learning in school.

As technology can sometimes be difficult to incorporate into lessons, the teachers at Willis Elementary make sure to share ideas and brainstorm new ones during their planning periods and the students' early release days. Principal Stenger shared a couple of great lessons with me during my visit to Willis Elementary. During math, students create presentations explaining how they learned a particular math concept. These are then posted to the teachers' websites so future students can view them from home if they are having difficulty learning the concept. This is not only a great exercise for the students who create the videos, but also for the students who review them. We all think differently and learning from peers can often be a key to learning. Essay writing graduates to another level with the 24/7 laptop program. Since 4th and 5th graders get to take their laptops home with them, they have the ability to edit and rework their drafts at home and during class. Peer, teacher and personal reviewing/editing can be tracked by adding

balloons with comments or simply by saving various drafts. By using a word processing program, the goal of creating a perfect essay or presentation is more easily accomplished.

It isn't the technology that Willis Elementary has that is out of the ordinary. The teachers' abilities to creatively integrate the technology they have into their lessons and the administration's encouragement, is what makes the students thrive. Willis Elementary school has received an "A" grade status since they've opened the doors in 2005, and I'm sure the school's ability to embrace technology, which often makes learning more fun, helps!



Robert E. Willis Elementary

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Join the Welcome Committee

Our committee has wonderful volunteers who have agreed to help make new members feel welcome and to also act as a mentor for the new member. Our goal is let each new member know that she immediately has a friend whom she can go to with questions or concerns, and also to help her get involved. The committee is in need of a few more volunteers so that we can quickly accommodate our new members. It requires little time and resources, so if you're willing and able, please e-mail Denise Drizos at denisedrizos@yahoo.com for more information.

Looking for a Playgroup?

We are always happy to start new playgroups or help place you and your child in an existing group. For more information, please contact Rebecca Johnson at rebecca.v.johnson@gmail.com

Eco Moms

We are still selling our adorable reusable tote bags with the LWR Moms Group logo for \$2. You can contact Carrie Schwarzbauer, xenson@yahoo.com. They will also be available at the luau!



Happy Birthday!

Birthdays are nature's way of telling us to eat more cake. Enjoy!

December

- 1 Kim Casano
- 2 Michele Dillingham
- 3 Janelle Omatseye
- 7 Violet Szalkai
- 11 Sarah Barker
- 12 Susie Ellis
- 12 Lisa Higgins
- 14 Crystal Rothhaar
- 16 Kathleen Catlett
- 19 Kim Smith
- 20 Naz Qureshi
- 22 Victoria Cobb
- 24 Jenny Pfeiffer
- 29 Tracy Fox
- 30 Rebecca Egan
- 30 Nicole Stablein
- 31 Carrie Ellis

Welcome Our New Members

A warm welcome to our latest members: **Karen Nowadly** lives in Greenbrook Walk with her children Quinn (9) and Eammon (5).

Heather Macek lives in Greenbrook Terrace with her husband Eric, and their child Camden (11 months).

Sunshine News

If you or someone you know in the Moms Group delivers a baby please contact Lisa Higgins and she will arrange for three members to deliver meals in a timely manner. lisahiggins02@yahoo.com

Open Positions

Growing Up Sale Co-Coordinator:

The growing up sale will be February 25th this year and I'm looking for someone to help me coordinate the event. Marcy and I did this together last year and had a great time. Unfortunately, Marcy is unable to help with the event this year and she will be missed. Thankfully though, she has already booked the date with Sarasota Baptist Church for us. This is not a difficult job at all and we have all the prior year's info to use as well. It really is fun!! If you're interested at all please email Dana Mitchell at cmitch9@tampabay.rr.com

Advertising Liaison

Volunteer:

The Newsletter Ad Liaison position is open if anyone in the group would like to volunteer to take it over. This position is especially important now that we are a 501c3. We are no longer allowed to pay for events from dues so our sponsors are the only way to have all of our great moms group events without having to pay for them ourselves. In return, the sponsors get free advertisement in the newsletter. This job does not require a lot of time, just regular maintenance. I'd also like to thank Danielle Pullam for doing such a great job. Please let me know if you're interested and I will be happy to discuss. Contact Dana Mitchell at cmitch9@tampabay.rr.com

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Admission: *Includes individual time with Santa, Cookies, and crafts*

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Sarasota Baptist Church

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