



# THE ADVISOR



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*A master can tell you what he expects of you.  
A teacher, though, awakens your own expectations.*

~Patricia Neal



**Ms. Patterson's Best Behaved Bus Awards:**  
January winner.....bus 157  
February winner.....bus 156

Thanks to Walgreens for their donations of prizes for the Best Behaved Bus Awards!

## Meet Your PAC Board! – Marsha Atwood and Khristy Benson

We're getting to know the Parent Advisory Council Board by introducing you to our board members each month. These individuals are available to address your questions and concerns about White Oak Elementary. Please let us know what we can do to help you.

Marsha Atwood is serving in her first year on the PAC Board. In the past, she served on the PAC board for one year as the PTO president.

Marsha, her husband Howard, 4<sup>th</sup> grader Bailey, 2<sup>nd</sup> grader Riley and preschooler Wyatt moved to the Crystal Coast 4 1/2 years ago from Winston-Salem, NC. Before staying home to raise her children, Marsha worked in the aviation manufacturing industry and also in international sales.

Khristy Benson moved to Carteret County 2 and 1/2 years ago with her husband George and their four children. Stationed here by the Marine Corps, they hope to make the Crystal Coast their home. Kyle is a 5th grader, Andy is in 3rd grade, Annmarie is in Kindergarten, and Katie is a preschooler. This is Khristy's first year on the PAC board.



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| Lynn Daly, Chairperson | Marsha Atwood |
| Khristy Benson         | Lisa Guarino  |
| Kim Jones              | Bryson McLean |
| Martha Swiber          | Mac Holz      |



*We will try to print and distribute this newsletter as often as possible, but, in order to be earth conscious, this newsletter will be distributed primarily via email. Please tell your friends who do not use the internet about this newsletter to help keep them informed. ~Thanks!*

Look for us on the WOES website:

[www.carteretcountyschools.org/woes/pac.htm](http://www.carteretcountyschools.org/woes/pac.htm)

## Safety Spotlight – information about keeping you and yours safe

Officer Mitch wants you to know that he sees an alarming number of WOES students leaving school in an unsafe manner. Many students are riding in the front seats (**all children under the age of 12 should ride in the back seat**) and many children have stopped using child seats too soon.

SEAT BELT U.S.A. has developed a simple 5-step test to see if a child who is 8 years old and weighs 80 pounds is ready to ride in a lap and shoulder belt combination:

- Does the child sit all the way back against the auto seat?
- Do the child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the auto seat?
- Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and arms?
- Is the lap belt as low as possible, touching the thighs?
- Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?

If the answer is "no" to any of these questions, your child needs a booster seat to ride safely in the car.

*Please keep your children safe.*



WOES in

The Tideland News



WOES will be featured in the Tideland News on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Watch for WOES students in the news!

## “Enroll in Wildcat Academy” – Register on March 13!

In our last newsletter we introduced the concept of the Wildcat Academy, which will be a volunteer and professionally taught after school enrichment program for the students at WOES.

We’re sending out Class Descriptions and Student Information Forms via email and in backpacks for our Spring Semester now! We’re offering Spanish, Yoga, Gymnastics and Good News Club classes.

You can also find all the information on the PAC website!

We’d love to offer more to our students. We are currently looking for instructors to teach other classes next fall.

What skill would you like to share with our students? We also need an Academy Director to oversee and coordinate the activities of the Academy.

What a rewarding way to enrich the lives of these children!

See “Classifieds” below.



Please help us with this worthwhile program for the benefit of your children.

## Classifieds



**Wildcat Academy DIRECTOR(s) needed to coordinate Academy instructors.**

*This is a volunteer position.*



If you are interested in either of these positions, contact Marsha Atwood ([atwood49@hotmail.com](mailto:atwood49@hotmail.com)) or send us an email from the PAC web page: [www.cartercountyschools.org/woes/pac.htm](http://www.cartercountyschools.org/woes/pac.htm)



**Wildcat Academy INSTRUCTORS needed to teach a one hour class, once a week after school for 6-8 weeks beginning in the fall.**

*Compensation is negotiable.*

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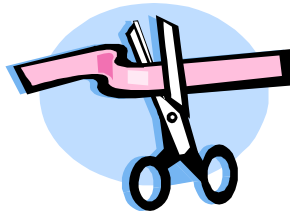
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## Cafeteria News



On February 22, 2009, the new cafeteria addition was dedicated as THE VICKY GUTHRIE DINING HALL.

Mrs. Guthrie tirelessly worked for 27 years as the WOES Cafeteria Manager from 1975-2002. Unfortunately, Mrs. Guthrie passed away in 2005. Family and friends of Mrs. Guthrie and WOES were on hand for this very special ceremony.

For more on this story go to:

[http://www.jdnews.com/news/cafeteria\\_62573\\_\\_article.html/school\\_guthrie.html](http://www.jdnews.com/news/cafeteria_62573__article.html/school_guthrie.html)