



WILLIS PETERS EXCEPTIONAL CENTER



DRAGON NEWS

August 2022

"Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!"

— Dr. Seuss

Welcome Back, Everyone!

We are so grateful for the start of a brand new school year! We have lots of fun activities and celebrations planned for our students and staff. Our theme for the year is Dr. Seuss! We will have monthly celebrations based on different books from this iconic children's author.

For August, our spotlight will be on "One Fish, Two Fish".



A big thank you to the FFA volunteers who helped with landscaping over the summer break. We had volunteers representing 10 different schools in the area. We appreciate you all, and our campus is looking beautiful!



How Can We Help?

813-757-9463

Principal: Cara Yacinich (ext. 260)
ESE Specialist: Rebecca Nance (ext. 258)
Social Worker: Kelley Touchton (ext. 265)
School Psychologist: Iana Labarbera (ext. 265)
Secretary: Claudia Jimenez (ext. 262)
Data Specialist: Teresa Lynn Phillips (ext. 263)
Clinic: Tara, Mary, and Jeanie (ext. 255)

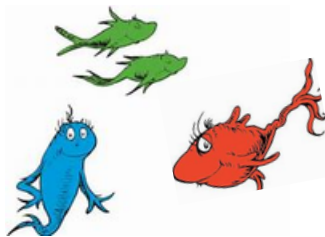
You can reach any employee by email at staff first name. last name@hcps.net



Meet the new Principal: Cara Yacinich

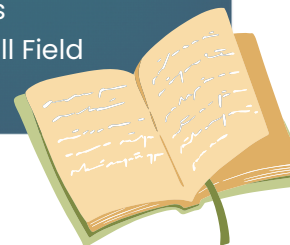


We would like to introduce our fabulous new principal! Cara has attended USF and NOVA Southeastern Universities, earning degrees in Varying Exceptionalities and Educational Leadership and has worked at different schools throughout the district. Outside of school, she enjoys working with her animals, going to livestock shows with her daughters, or enjoying a day on the boat.



Important Dates

- 8/9 Annual Title 1 Meeting
- 9/5 Labor Day
- 9/26 Fall School Pictures
- 9/30 Fall Field Day



WPEC Expectations:
We expect all of our dragons to:

- Be Positive
- Be Respectful
- Be a Team Player
- Be your best

This is how you can earn a FireBuck and a shout out!

Attendance is Important!

We need our students at school every day and on time. If your child is sick or has an appointment, please call the attendance line at (813) 757 9462 ext. 1. If you have regularly scheduled therapy sessions, please contact Lynn in the office to be excused.

Excused Absence Contest!

This year, the class that has the highest % of excused absences (absences that are reported to the attendance line or front office), will get a class party at the end of the year to celebrate both students, and parents & guardians! Make sure you are reporting each time your student is absent.