

Winding Springs Elementary

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Dear Community Partner,

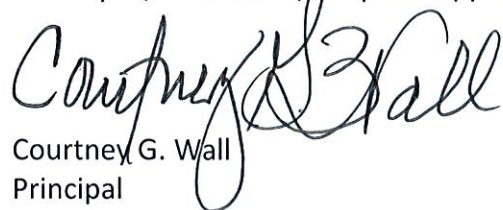
Winding Springs Elementary School is a Title 1 school located in Derita. Approximately 50% of our students are African American, 40% are of Hispanic descent and the remaining 10% are of other nationalities. More than 90% of our student population qualifies for free or reduced breakfast and lunch.

Have you ever heard of the term summer loss? This is not a seasonal diet or exercise program, but a troubling trend in which students lose valuable literacy skills when they stop reading during their summer break from school. Low income children are especially susceptible to this problem because they often go home to an environment where there are very few books or other reading materials or resources. As a result, by the end of fifth grade, these students are approximately 2 ½ years behind their more affluent peers in terms of reading ability, primarily because of summer loss.

To address this significant need, Winding Springs is participating in a very worthwhile, statewide reading initiative to support our students of low income. The program is called **"Give Five, Read Five"**. We are working hard to avoid summer loss by collecting 10,000 books so that each child from Pre-K to 5th grade goes home for the summer with 10 appropriate books on their reading level.

We hope your company, organization or church will be inspired to support this initiative to help Winding Springs reach our goal of 10,000 books by May 20, 2016.

Thank you, in advance, for your support,



Courtney G. Wall
Principal



Connie West
Give 5, Read 5 Coordinator