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# The NEW Smart

Making sure kids have social and emotional smarts

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## Hot Wings

Summer Planning  
Without Whining

Here's how it often goes this time of year. Parents make summer plans for their kids without much input. Kids feel like they have little control over their summer. They whine and whine. Parents throw up their hands. No one's happy. Try something new – the WINGS Summer Planning Guide helps parents and kids collaborate.

• [See guide](#)

## She has Wings

SCBIZ magazine and the Charleston Regional Business Journal named WINGS COO Bridget Laird one of Charleston's top 40 executives under the age of 40 for her management savvy and tireless dedication that truly transforms kids' lives. She is featured in an article this month. Bridget Laird has WINGS!

• [Read the article](#)



## Amazing Video Says it All!

Do yourself a favor and watch this uplifting online video that really grabbed us this month. Called "Raising Small Souls," reproduced from work by R.Z. Greenwald, it's a powerful reminder of how unique all kids are - and how easy it is for them to become discouraged and misunderstood.

• [Watch video](#)

**"This emotional skill is a universally useful ability, but it has to be learned because we aren't wired that way."**

- Daniel Goleman  
Psychologist and author



Click to watch this video if you need a "glad" boost.





## The Wings Creed

I soar with Wings. Let me tell you why. I learn lots of skills that help me reach the sky.

I love and accept who I am on the inside and know my emotions are nothing to hide.

Life's full of surprises that make me feel different ways. If I can control myself I will have much better days.

I understand others are unique. I want to learn more about everyone I meet. I want to step into their shoe and see what they are going through.

I am a friend. I support and trust. Working together is a must. Kind and caring I will be. I listen to you. You listen to me.

I understand the choices I make should be what I want to do and what happens is on me and not any of you.

I soar with Wings. I just told you why. All of these things are why I fly high.

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## Meet Keyera

After four years in WINGS, Keyera Thomas-Keitt knows how to work well with others. A member of the Flamingos Nest supervised by Ms. Topper, this fifth-grader says that since she has learned to recognize that others are different, it's much easier to get along "without fussing or fighting" among friends.

If everyone were the same, Keyera says it would be boring! She now relishes differences among kids and learns from them.

She calls herself a tomboy and really enjoys playing sports and keeping active. A positive, upbeat kid, Keyera is a leader within her Nest who takes pride in being as helpful as she can to all the WINGS staff.



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