

## Principal's Prowl Newsletter



October 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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### From the Principal:

Hello Wildcat families! I hope you enjoyed the weekend and the beautiful, cooler temperatures.

October is National Bullying Prevention month. In addition, tomorrow is World Day of Bullying Prevention. To honor this important day, we are asking all Wildcat students, staff, and parents to wear the color blue. Help us support bullying awareness and ensure we spread the word about bullying prevention by wearing blue. For more information on World Day of Bullying Prevention, visit

<https://www.stompoutbullying.org/campaigns/world-day-bullying-prevention/>

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month! We encourage our Wildcats to wear pink every Friday during this annual campaign to help spread the word about early detection. Thank you for your support of this important cause!

Coming up is our end of first grading period teacher/parent conferences. This conference is required for parents. All WDES classroom teachers will be scheduling the conferences. During the parent/teacher meeting, teachers will review the current progress of your Wildcat and

### Calendar of Events:

#### October

National Bullying Prevention Month

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

**10/7/19 – World Day of Bullying Prevention – wear blue**

**10/8/19 – Early Release Day – All students dismiss at 11:00 a.m.**

**10/9/19 – Teacher Workday – No school for students**

**10/11/19 – Pink Out – Wear your pink**

**10/18/19 – Race, Rock, and Roar Day**

**10/23/19 – WMS rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting – 6:00 p.m. – WMS gymnasium**

**10/25/19 – Race, Rock, and Roar – Rain Date,**

**10/25/19 – WDES Pink Out – wear your pink if no Race, Rock, and Roar**

#### November

**11/1/19 – Union County Arts Council Play – Grades 3-5, 8:30a.m.**

**11/8/19 – National STEM Day**

**11/11/19 – Veteran's Day Holiday – No School**

**11/11/19- 11/15/19 – WDES Book Fair**

**11/12/19 – WDES Family Night at the Book Fair**

**11/13/19 – Thanksgiving Feast**

**11/14/19 – Thanksgiving Feast**

**11/27/19 – 11/29/19 – Thanksgiving Holiday – No School**

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will answer any questions you may have concerning the classroom structures. Teachers will be sending information to assist you with signing up for your parent/teacher conference. Be sure you are scheduled to meet with the teacher by the end of the grading period, October 30th.

Finally, administration would like to send along an important safety reminder. We ask all parents to refrain from allowing students to exit the car prior to our school staff reporting to their stations on the sidewalk at 7:00 a.m. This includes the middle school drop off. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important safety reminder.

I hope you have a wonderful week at Weddington! Thank you for your continued support of our school and events.

With gratitude,  
Mrs. Klein

### Weddington Cluster Information:

Attention Parents of rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students. Weddington Middle School will help you “Fall” into Middle School on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The WMS staff and administration will provide an introduction to life as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student. Parents will learn about daily schedules, school dress code, and the Athletic Booster Club will also be on site. The information session for rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents will take place on October 23<sup>rd</sup> in the WMS gymnasium, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

### Principal Prowl Newsletters:

Have you missed one of our newsletters? You can access all Principal Prowl Newsletters on our school website. Just click on our school website link, <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/54>,

**\*Please see the school calendar on the WDES webpage for additional dates of events.**

### From the WDES PTO:

#### RACE, ROCK, ROAR

Race, Rock & Roar is Weddington Elementary School’s annual student fitness fundraiser that gives the entire community; parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors and friends, the chance to support our school. On Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, all students will **RACE** around our elementary school field, **ROCK** out with our awesome WDES staff DJ, and **ROAR** to show their Wildcat Pride! This is done as part of our Capital Campaign to raise funds for our school’s needs and to help Weddington continue its tradition of excellence for our outstanding academics and extracurricular programming. The WDES PTO, along with administration, have researched and discussed two amazing programs that would benefit every classroom, and every student at Weddington. The proposed programs that we’d like RRR to benefit are:

#### \$20,000 for a new STEAM Lab, Media Center Update and Global Center

Our district’s EmpowerED framework encourages all schools to provide students with opportunities to “Connect, Collaborate and Create”. By utilizing funds raised through PTO Fundraisers such as Race, Rock and Roar and Winterfest, it is our hope to update our school library and purchase resources for our new STEAM lab! We are looking forward to adding books with increased diversity and with a global focus. We want to continue to update the media center by purchasing flexible seating. We want to transform our media center into a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning environment! We are thrilled to add a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Lab to our specials rotation. Each week, students attend STEAM Lab, where they are able to collaborate to solve real world problems. In order to give our students the most authentic learning environment, we are in need of purchasing Lego Kits, STEAM Project Kits and licenses to online resources such as NearPod and Lego Online. We appreciate your support of our EmpowerED focuses for the 2019-2020 School Year!

#### \$18,000.00 for the Lü Interactive Playground

This interactive playground helps educators foster smart and curious children by engaging their intelligence and learning styles

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using compelling activities, tools and immersive experiences. Lü Interactive Playground supports health, sports, fitness, and physical education leading to a quality active lifestyle. It will bring powerful experiences to help develop confidence, empathy, self-esteem, interpersonal skills, anxiety and stress reduction; all which are crucial for the world we live in. This can be a game changer in our school on how children are engaged in physical activity as well as offer some key tools to help them learn through kinesthetic activities and play. Lü uses giant interactive projections, immersive lighting and powerful sound to deliver groundbreaking experiences, activities and applications that make kids active, curious and passionate about learning. To learn more about the Lü Interactive Playground please visit [www.play-lu.com](http://www.play-lu.com)

**While the above options are highly recommended by WDES staff, as always, we welcome parent input and any recommendations on programs or ideas you would like to see RRR funds go towards. If you'd like to share your ideas, please email Erin Bonsall at [wdesptopresident@gmail.com](mailto:wdesptopresident@gmail.com) or Joy Misocky at [wdesptovpfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:wdesptovpfundraising@gmail.com)**

Don't forget to get or renew your annual PTO membership! The WDES PTO supports the educational needs of students and is an important link between the parents and staff at WDES. **Membership is only \$15 per family** and can be purchased online at [www.weddingtonpto.com](http://www.weddingtonpto.com).

**YEARBOOK:**

Want to remember all the memories of 2019-2020 school year? Purchase a yearbook for your child at [www.jostenyearbooks.com](http://www.jostenyearbooks.com). If you have any first day of school or spirit rock pictures you would like to be in the yearbook, please upload them to [replayit.com](http://replayit.com)

**MEDIA CENTER**

The Media Center is looking for volunteers! Volunteer slots are available throughout the school day. This is a great volunteer role to get to know the school and students. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848ABAD2AA6F49-wdes>.

**SCHOOL STORE**

The WDES School Store is now open. Students are invited to shop at the school store on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:00 a.m. to 7:25 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering at the store, sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AADA822A0F85-20192020>

**SPIRIT WEAR**

Spirit wear store is now open online. Take a minute to look at all the new designs. Please visit <https://squareup.com/store/weddington-elementary-pto>

**BOX TOPS**

We're collecting Box Tops for our school. Send in Box Tops with your child this month. We're hoping to make January our largest collection month to date. Ask your relatives, neighbors and friends if they will help. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents which adds up quickly. Remember! Box Tops cannot be expired so send them in and our Box Top Coordinator will mail them in. We get two checks a year from the program and the next one is coming up in April. Keep clipping! Thank you for your support!

**SHOPPING CARDS**

Link your shopping cards for Harris Teeter, Publix and Amazon Smile to Weddington Elementary. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our Treasurer at [wdesptotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:wdesptotreasurer@gmail.com).

For up to date PTO reminders and information about WDES, please like us on **Facebook** at **Weddington Elementary School PTO**.

**Ashley Espinosa, Secretary**

**Weddington Elementary School PTO**

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**Thank you,  
Your WDES PTO Board**

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**Yearbook Pictures Needed:**

Do you have pictures from any of our school events? Be sure to download them all year to our "replayit" link so we can include them in our 2019-2020 Weddington yearbook. We look forward to seeing all of the great memories throughout the school year!  
[www.replayit.com](http://www.replayit.com)