

## Principal's Prowl Newsletter



September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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### From the Principal:

Hello Wildcat families! I hope you enjoyed the weekend!

Grandparents/Grandfriends Day was a tremendous success! It was wonderful to see so many family members come out to visit our Wildcats and have a nice lunch with them. Thank you to our amazing PTO for organizing and facilitating Grandparents/Grandfriends Day. Thank you also to all of the parent volunteers for assisting our visitors and ensuring the safety of our students. Finally, thank you to our hard working office staff for managing the front office, visitor sign in, directing family members and assisting the teachers. It truly takes a team effort to coordinate family events. This group exemplifies teamwork.

**As a reminder, tomorrow night, October 1<sup>st</sup> is the WDES Curriculum Night. Below is the schedule of events for Grades 1-5.**

**5:30-6:00 - \*EC Resource Meet and Greet with Burns, Wolf and Spicer, drop – in, *optional*, room 411**

### Calendar of Events:

**September 15 – October 15 – National Hispanic Heritage Month**

#### October:

**10/1/19 – WDES Curriculum Night:**

**5:30-6:00 - EC Meet and Greet – optional, drop-in**

**5:30 – 6:00 – Principal's update – change from STEAM lesson**

**5:30 – 6:00 – AIG session – same information in all sessions**

**6:00-6:30 - Session 1 – in classrooms**

**6:00 – 6:30 – AIG session – same information in all sessions**

**6:40-7:10 - Session 2 – in classrooms – same information as session 1**

**6:40 – 7:10 – AIG session – same information in all sessions**

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

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

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

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

**10/25/19 – WDES Spirit Wear Day – all Wildcats sport your spirit wear for school!**

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

## WEDDINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**5:30-6:00 - \*Updates from the Principal, optional, (change from STEAM lesson), Media Center**

**5:30 – 6:00 – AIG session – same information in all sessions, Mrs. Best’s room**

**6:00-6:30 - Classroom Session 1**

**6:00 – 6:30 – AIG session – same information in all sessions, Mrs. Best’s room**

**6:40-7:10 - Classroom Session 2**

**6:40 – 7:10 – AIG session – same information in all sessions, Mrs. Best’s room**

Finally, we are looking for parent input as we approach our annual Race, Rock, and Roar Fundraiser. Please see the PTO section of the newsletter to find out more!

We look forward to seeing our Wildcat families tomorrow night! Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Klein

### **From the School Counselor:**

Hello Weddington families

Our Start With Hello week was a huge success! Students practiced saying hello in different languages while being challenged to spark up conversation with students they otherwise may never have spoken too. On Thursday, students had fun in the cafeteria learning more about their peers with fun conversation starter questions and Friday inspired acts of kindness throughout the school. Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders also took their time learning about empathy and perspective talking while creating a mural of many different ways to simply say “Hello!” Check out our Start With Hello week wall, located next to the Media Center in our Main Hallway!

Have a great week!

Best,

### **Media Center Makeover**

Do you have a business or know a company interested in donating to our school? We are currently looking for donations for our “Media Center Makeover” campaign. Be sure to go to our WDES website under Announcements for full details. There, you can click on the “Donate” button for your opportunity to help our cause. Our Wildcats deserve a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Media Center. Let’s continue our partnership and help us create a future focused learning environment. <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/54>

### **From the WDES PTO:**

Grandparents’ Day was a huge success. We would like to thank Ashley Whitley for organizing such a great success. Also, we couldn’t have done this without our volunteers checking in visitors, monitoring the gym and helping with spirit wear.

### **RACE, ROCK, ROAR**

**TIME TO GET LOUD AND PROUD!**

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, 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

Mrs. Jewell

### **Weddington Cluster Information:**

The WHS cheerleaders will be hosting their 5th annual "Varsity Experience" this October 2nd and October 4th for any K-5th grader! Help spread the word to come experience what it is like to be a Varsity cheerleader at a cheer clinic on October 2nd from 3:30-5:00pm at the high school. Then, experience Friday Night Lights with these amazing athletes and role models on October 4th during pre-game and 1st quarter. Sign up by Sept 25th at

<https://forms.gle/TPrr5SDXV4CdMkK69>

Any questions: contact Angie at 704-307-2119

Angie McDuffie

### **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>,

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK!**  
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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 more 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**

Lü helps educators foster smart and curious children by engaging their intelligence and learning styles using compelling activities, tools and immersive experiences. Lü supports health, sports, fitness and physical education leading to a quality active lifestyle. Lü will bring powerful experiences to help develop confidence, empathy, self-esteem, interpersonal skills, and anxiety and stress reduction, all which are crucial for the world we live in. We believe Lü 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'd 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)**

### **WEDDINGTON CURRICULUM NIGHT:**

Mark your calendars, WDES Curriculum Night will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup>, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

### **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)