

Principal's Prowl Newsletter



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From the Principal:

Hello Wildcat families! I hope you enjoyed the weekend!

September 23rd – 27th is “Start with Hello” week. Our school has activities planned each day this week to support the Sandy Hook Promise. By our Wildcats participating in the activities, we are bringing attention to the growing epidemic of social isolation and our students learning to build empathy for others. We encourage all Wildcats to show their support this week. For further information, please see Mrs. Jewell’s information below.

Also, this Friday, September 27th is our Elementary Cluster Night at the Weddington High football game. Bring your Wildcat out to cheer on our Warriors as they compete against Sun Valley High School!

You may have heard of the new UCPS Peachjar electronic flyer and communication system. Peachjar is way to post information to all parents electronically on our school website. The link is located under “Announcements” on the Weddington Elementary School website. If you are looking for information concerning our school

Calendar of Events:

September:

- 9/24/19 – Room Parent Meeting – 9:00 a.m., cafeteria
- 9/25/19 – Site Based Team Meeting – 2:30 – Media Center
- 9/26/19 – Grandparents/Grandfriends Day – K-2
- 9/27/19 – Grandparents/Grandfriends Day – 3-5
- 9/27/19 – Elementary Cluster Night at WHS game
- 9/27/19 – WDES Spirit Wear Day – all Wildcats sport your spirit wear for school!
- 9/30/19 – Teacher Workday – No School for Students

September 15 – October 15 – National Hispanic Heritage Month

October:

- 10/1/19 – WDES Curriculum Night:
5:30-6:00 - STEAM Activity with Ms. Wright and Mrs. Klein
EC Meet and Greet
6:00-6:30 - Session 1 – in classrooms
6:40-7:00 - Session 2 – in classrooms – same information as session 1
- 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*

activities and clubs or you would like to post information, please contact Mrs. Michele McKenna in the front office, michele.mckenna@upcs.k12.nc.us

From the School Counselor:

Hello Weddington families! I hope you are having a fantastic start to the 2019-2020 school year.

This week is "Start with Hello" week! "Start with Hello" week is a week to promote inclusion among our students and remind them of the importance of just starting with saying "hello" when they see someone who looks lonely or left out. [You can learn more about the Sandy Hook Promise and Start with Hello week here.](#)

Here is a list of activities students will be participating in throughout the week:

Monday: Learn how to say "Hello!" in a different language.

Tuesday: Say "Hey!" day. Keep track of how many times you say hey, or someone says hey to you.

Wednesday: Give a high five to someone new today!

Thursday: Learn something new. At lunch, there will be posters for students to ask each other questions about one another.

Friday: Complete random acts of kindness throughout the day.

Best,
Mrs. Jewell

From Mrs. B, Media Center:

This year, Media Center lessons will focus on supporting learners in building the global competency and self-awareness that will prepare them for today's global society. During our first unit, students will explore their own personal cultural heritage as they collect information about the country of origin of their ancestors and create a visual presentation in the format of Google

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

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

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 21st 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:

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.

Save the date! Grandparents Days will be on **September 26th (K-2) and 27th (3-5)**. The safety of our students is the number one priority. In order to maintain compliance with school policy and minimize wait times during check in, we ask that you fill out the online google doc form by Monday, September 23rd.

<https://forms.gle/vZIWobscY1ZqmyLu8>. Please make sure all visitors have a government issued ID. If you would like to volunteer for Grandparents Day please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AFAE29A13-grandparents>.

ROOM PARENTS:

A Room Parent meeting will be held on **September 24th at 9am** in the cafeteria. All Room Parents must attend. If you can't attend, email the Room Parent Coordinator at wdesptoparentcoordinator@gmail.com

Slides. Students will collaborate with other students in sharing about diverse cultures, environments, and people.

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!
Mrs. Klein



WEDDINGTON CURRICULUM NIGHT:

Mark your calendars, WDES Curriculum Night will be held on October 1st, 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. 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

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.

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**

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