

Principal's Prowl Newsletter



November 4th – November 8th, 2019

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From the Principal:

Hello Wildcat families! Welcome to November!

Do you have questions for the Principal or just want to sit and talk? Please come out and join me for "Coffee with Kristen" in the Media Center from 7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. this Friday, November 8th. We will have coffee, a light breakfast, and conversation. Hope to see our Wildcat parents there.

The WDES Fall Book Fair is coming! Have you heard about Scholastic Book Fair eWallet? EWallet is a convenient, digital online payment option for your student to shop at the book fair. This is a great option if you don't want to send cash or checks to school with your child! Open an eWallet account online and use your credit card to add money to the account. Print off the barcode for your child to bring to school the next day and shop! <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/weddingtonelemetaryschool2>. The WDES Book Fair starts this Friday, November 8th and lasts until Friday, November 15th.

Finally, parents of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students should review the Seussical Performance information listed below. Mr. Becker has spent a great deal of time preparing our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students for this event and we can't wait to see the performance! Also on November 12th, everyone will see Mr. Hoffman

Calendar of Events:

November

11/5/19 – PTO Membership Parent Meeting – 7:30 a.m. – Media Center
11/8/19 – "Coffee with Kristen" – 7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. – Media Center
11/8/19 – National STEM Day
11/8/19 – Kindergarten Field Trip
11/11/19 – Veteran's Day Holiday – No School
11/08/19- 11/15/19 – WDES Book Fair
11/12/19 – Race, Rock, and Roar Principal Lunch
11/12/19 – WDES Family Night at the Book Fair, Music performances:
5:45 – 6:01 – 3rd Grade
6:30 – 6:46 – 4th Grade
7:15 – 7:31 – 5th Grade
11/13/19 – Thanksgiving Feast – K, 1st, 4th
11/14/19 – Thanksgiving Feast – 2nd, 3rd, 5th
11/16/19 – WDES Family Night at Sangrock
11/27/19 – 11/29/19 – Thanksgiving Holiday – No School

December:

12/5/19 – PTO sponsored Movie Night – 5:30 p.m.
12/13/19 – Drama Club Performance for students – 8:30 a.m.
12/13/19 – WDES Great Wolf Lodge Night

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return to the wall to be taped up as our Race, Rock, and Roar fundraiser reward. November 12th is going to be a fun night! Be sure to see the PTO section of the newsletter for additional information.

Warm Regards,
Mrs. Klein

Seussical Performance Information

WHAT: Seussical KIDS @ Weddington Elementary Book Fair Family Night

WHERE: Weddington Elementary Gym

WHEN: Tuesday, November 12, 2019

WEAR: NO COSTUMES

Pants: blue jeans or something that looks like blue jeans or dark, **T-shirt:** 2019-2020 Class T-shirt, **Hair:** Optional – crazy/Seussical Hair

3rd Grade

Arrival in classroom (pick up fish): 5:30 PM

Teachers escort students to Gym: 5:40 PM

Start Time: 5:45 PM

Estimated End Time: 6:05 PM

4th Grade

Arrival in classroom (pick up fish): 6:15 PM

Teachers escort students to Gym: 6:25 PM

Start Time: 6:30 PM

Estimated End Time: 6:50 PM

5th Grade

Arrival in classroom (pick up fish): 7:00 PM

Teachers escort students to Gym: 7:10 PM

Start Time: 7:15 PM

Estimated End Time: 7:35 PM

Please write Mr. Becker if you have any questions, bruce.becker@ucps.k12.nc.us

Congratulations to Mrs. Jewell!

We are thrilled to announce Mrs. Jewell gave birth to her beautiful baby girl this past Wednesday, October 30th. Rayah Belle Jewell weighed in at 7 pounds and 20.5 inches long. We are so excited for Mrs. Jewell and her family. Starting November 12th, we will have an interim School Counselor while Mrs. Jewell is on leave. Further information about the interim School Counselor will be forthcoming.

***Grade Level Winter Celebrations will be the week of December 16th. Days and times will be forthcoming.**

12/23/19 – 1/3/20 – Winter Break

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

From the WDES PTO:

Race, Rock, and Roar:

The results are in! This year, we raised **\$35,650** through our Race, Rock & Roar fundraising! Thank you to all who contributed to this great cause! Money raised this year will support our STEAM lab, Media Center Update and Global Center, and Lü Interactive Playground to engage our children in physical activity.

Reminder:

The students who raised \$100 or more will participate in taping Mr. Hoffman to the wall during our “Tape the Teacher” event at the Family Book Fair Night on **Tuesday, November 12.**

The students who raised \$200 or more will participate in a pizza lunch with Mrs. Klein during their lunch time on **Tuesday, November 12.**

We are also pleased to announce the class participation winner. The lucky students in these classes have won a popsicle day for raising the most money in their grade level.

Kindergarten: Anaya
1st grade: Ospina
2nd grade: Prestopino
3rd grade: Keil
4th grade: Krise
5th grade: Schrock

Receipts and prizes (including the new WDES magnets) were placed in teachers boxes this week and will go home with the oldest/only child, so be on the lookout for those. If you don't receive your magnet by next week, please contact Ashley Espinosa at wdesptosecretary@gmail.com.

PTO OPEN MEETING:

This Tuesday, November 5th, the WDES PTO Board will hold an open meeting for all parents. This is an opportunity for parents who have paid their PTO membership fee to talk with the board and provide feedback and ideas. The meeting will take place at 7:30 a.m. in the school Media Center.

Lost and Found:

Parents, our 2nd and 3rd grade Search and Rescue Student Leaders have been very busy collecting and organizing items from our playground. As a reminder, please be sure your child has all coats, jackets, sweatshirts, lunch boxes and water bottles labeled with their name and teacher name. Our Search and Rescue Leaders are delivering items with student names; however, many items are going unclaimed due to not having a name. Please take a moment to look through the photos and encourage your child to report to the Lost and Found rack near the cafeteria to claim his/her items.



GREAT WOLF LODGE WILDCAT NIGHT

WDES will take over Great Wolf Lodge with a Wildcat Night on Friday, December 13th - Saturday, December 14th! All families interested need to book by **November 13th**. Please call; 1-866-751-9653 to reserve. Identify yourself as part of the WDES Group, and with the reservation # **1912WEDDING**.

VISION SCREENING

On November 20th, WDES will be completing our annual Vision Screening for grades 1st through 5th during their specials. To volunteer your time, please sign up in the available time slots - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4ea4aa29aafe3-1st5th>.

Please note that the locations vary and arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our school nurse, Vanessa Evans at Vanessa.Evans@ucps.k12.nc.us.

FALL BOOK FAIR

Please join your child for an Arctic Adventure on November 8 - November 15. The hours are as follows:

Friday, Wednesday and Thursday 7:00am - 2:30p.m.
Family Night will be on Tuesday, November 12 from 7:00am - 8:00pm with food trucks from 4:30pm - 7:30pm.

We are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e48aeac2da0f85-fall>

WDES FAMILY NIGHT AT SANGROCK

Sangrock is partnering with our PTO to host an event called RAD Kids Safety and Self-Defense Class at their facility. This event is open for any Weddington Elementary School student to attend. Parents will need to register with Sangrock directly and pay \$10 to attend the class. The family event is Saturday, November 16th from 11:30-1:00. 100% of all proceeds earned will be donated back to the school.

MEMBERSHIP

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.

YEARBOOK:

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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

SCHOOL STORE

The WDES School Store is 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/10C0F4ADA822A0F85-20192020>

SPIRIT WEAR

Spirit wear store is 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



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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

