

Principal's Prowl Newsletter



October 21st – 25th , 2019

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From the Principal:

Hello Wildcat families! It was a great weekend to stay indoors, read a good book and catch up on some rest.

This past Friday, our RACE, ROCK, and ROAR fundraiser event went down as one of the most exciting yet! The weather was gorgeous, DJ Becker spun the tunes, and our Wildcats, teachers, and parents were excited to race, rock, and roar. Thanks to your generous donations, we are at 82% of our goal of \$38,000! THAT IS FANTASTIC! Thank you to our wonderful WDES PTO Board. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes and this group of volunteers did an amazing job pulling it all together. Thank you to our very own Mr. Becker, Miss Wright, and Mrs. Hill for their help during Race, Rock, and Roar. We also want to thank all of our parent volunteers who helped sign in our many visitors. If you haven't donated, there is still time! PTO is collecting money until October 25th. For more information about Race, Rock, and Roar, please see the PTO section of our newsletter.

This week is Bus Driver Appreciation Week. Our WDES bus drivers are the absolute best! Please help us show our drivers appreciation by sending them notes and cards thanking them for their service and dedication.

Calendar of Events:

October

National Bullying Prevention Month

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

10/21/19 – 10/25/19 – Bus Driver Appreciation Week – show your bus driver how much you care!

10/23/19 – Unity Day – all Wildcats wear orange

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

10/23/19 - 10/31/19 Red Ribbon Week

10/25/19 – WDES Pink Out – wear your pink

November

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

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 – 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

11/14/19 – Thanksgiving Feast

WEDDINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This week, we have Unity Day on Wednesday, October 23rd and Red Ribbon Week begins on October 23rd and ends on October 31st. For more information about Unity Day and Red Ribbon Week, please see our School Counselor section of the newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and students. Have a wonderful week!

Warm Regards,
Mrs. Klein

From the School Counselor:

October is National Anti-Bullying month. This is an important month to remind all of our Wildcats about the importance of taking kind actions in their everyday lives. Weddington Elementary will be participating in Anti-Bullying month by running a Kindness Club for 5th graders. Each 5th grade student was provided the opportunity to join this club for the month of October. Throughout the month, these Wildcat Leaders will be running kindness campaigns throughout the school to promote kindness, inclusivity and positive community culture.

Unity Day is Wednesday, October 23rd. The purpose of Unity Day is to create a day where everyone can stand together to show that we believe in kindness, acceptance and inclusion for all students. The designated color that represents Unity Day is **ORANGE**. All UCPS students and staff are encouraged to wear **ORANGE** on Wednesday, October 23rd. Please help spread the word to your students and families.

Red Ribbon week also starts this Wednesday, October 23rd and lasts until October 31st. Red Ribbon week is highlighted every year to show support of drug awareness and prevention. Our students will learn about Red Ribbon Week during our morning broadcast

Best,
Mrs. Jewell
School Counselor

Attention Parents of Rising 6th grade Students:

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

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

From the WDES PTO:

Race, Rock, and Roar:

The PTO would like to thank our wonderful volunteers and Mr. Becker who made Race, Rock, and Roar a huge success for our students last Friday. We couldn't have done it without you!

We are at \$31, 000 raised so far with one more week to accept donations. If you haven't done so already, please register your child on www.funrun.com and share their personalized pledge page with your family and friends. We are so excited for the amazing things to come to our school with the funds raised from RRR. We will still be collecting money until Friday, October 25th. Thank you for your continued support of our students!

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 or Joy Misocky at 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.

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

Weddington Middle School will help you “Fall” into Middle School on Wednesday, October 23rd. The WMS staff and administration will provide an introduction to life as a 6th 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 6th grade parents will take place on October 23rd in the WMS gymnasium, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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



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/10C0F4AADA822A0F85-20192020>

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**.

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Thank you,
Your WDES PTO Board
