

Principal's Prowl Newsletter



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From the Principal:

Hello Wildcat families! I hope you enjoyed the weekend!

In case you haven't heard the amazing news, once again, our Weddington Elementary students and staff demonstrated record breaking EOG scores which resulted in a **NC Report Card grade of an A!** Our staff, students, and stakeholders continuously display the hard work and dedication that goes into to being one of the top performing elementary schools in the state. We can't thank you enough for your partnership and working with us to ensure the success of our Wildcats. For more information on how all Union County schools performed for the 2018-2019 school year, click on <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/>, then click on Performance and Academic Growth Data.

As a reminder, this Tuesday is individual Picture Day for our Wildcats.

If your child participated in the 2019 Summer Reading Challenge, be sure they bring their WDES Summer Reading Log to school by Friday. Every participant who read at least 2000 minutes will get to come to our Summer Reading

Calendar of Events:

September:

9/17/19 – Picture Day
9/20/19 – Summer Reading Celebration
9/24/19 – Room Parent Meeting – 9:00 a.m., cafeteria
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

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*

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Celebration this Friday. We can't wait to see our Wildcats and their reading log.

Finally, if you are having difficulty calling the school, please try the telephone number **704.296.6317**.

Have a wonderful week!

With gratitude,
Mrs. Klein

Early Dismissal and Change in Transportation:

Any parent needs to pick their child up from school early must do so by 1:15 p.m. Transportation changes must be made by 1:00 p.m. If you have any additional questions, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Michele McKenna in the front office.

From the School Counselor:

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

South Charlotte Family Counseling located on 1020 Crews Road in Matthews is a resource in the community that offers group counseling sessions throughout the year. Please check with your family's insurance to see how you are covered. Currently they are running a Fall session for students centered on developing social skills from Friday, September 27th through Friday, December 13th.

Coming up this month, September 23rd through 27th is "Start With Hello Week". You can find [more information about it here](#). Stay tuned for daily activities! Be sure to visit the [School Counseling webpage](#) for more information about Weddington's counseling program!

Best,
Mrs. Jewell

From Mr. Hoffman, PE:

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

WEDDINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Welcome back to school I hope everyone was able to get outside and enjoy your family time together. Please remind your children to wear sneakers and appropriate clothing on their PE day.

Kindergarten students will begin the year off working on pathways and locomotor skills. Students in First through Fifth grade will be participating in fitness assessments. We will use the results from the testing to form a baseline of each students' muscular strength, muscular endurance, cardiovascular endurance and flexibility. We will work on improving all students' abilities throughout the school year.

My hope is for all students to enjoy fitness and physical education. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

Sincerely,
Mr. Hoffman

September STEAM News:

Hello parents!

My name is Ms. Wright and I am the new STEAM teacher at Weddington. I have loved getting to meet all of the amazing students here! I know many parents have been asking about what exactly this class is and I am happy to explain. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. In the STEAM Lab, we will be using these elements to increase critical thinking skills, broaden students' imagination, and of course increase knowledge in these specific subjects.

This September, students have been working on the engineering part of STEAM. Students are provided with a prompt and encouraged to work collaboratively with their groups to best solve this prompt by creating and building with limited materials. Kindergarten and First Grade have been discovering how to make strong and tall towers using only playdough and straws. Second

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-pt0>

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

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**Thank you,
Your WDES PTO Board**

and Third grade have been building transportation devices to save Rapunzel from her tower. Fourth and Fifth grade have been creating structures out of newspaper and tape that will hold a basketball up against the force of gravity.

With this class being brand new to Weddington, we are limited in supplies. If you would like to donate to the classroom, it would be extremely beneficial to the students. Any types of materials are being accepted from craft sticks, masking tape, pencils, plastic cups, q-tips, and other crafting materials. We are also accepting any recyclable materials such as the brown tube from toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls, old newspapers, empty boxes, etc.

Thank you so much and I cannot wait for a wonderful year with all of these fantastic students!

Jessi Wright
STEAM Teacher

From the School Nurse:

Are you cleaning out closets and have pants/shorts that no longer fit your Wildcat? We are in need of girls & boys shorts/pants (all sizes) for the clothes closet in the nurse's office. We have plenty of t-shirts/sweatshirts, but do not have any pants or shorts for students who may have an accident or slips in mud, etc. They do not have to be new, but do need to be clean.

Thank you for your donations!
Nurse Evans

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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>,

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

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!
Mrs. Klein

