

## Principal's Prowl Newsletter



December 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

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### From the Principal:

Hello Wildcat families! It is so hard to believe we are approaching the last week before our Winter Holiday break. As you put the finishing touches on the holiday season, I want to personally thank all of our Wildcat families for the tremendous amount of generosity toward our school and local community. The holidays can be a difficult time for many people. It is clear that our families are undeniably committed to helping others and serving our community. Your donations for all of our service learning projects have been remarkable and we are overwhelmed with your generosity.

As we enter the new year, don't forget to create SMART goals with your children. We talk about SMART goals in school: **S**pecific, **M**easureable, **A**chievable, **R**elevant, **T**imely. If you need more information, go to <https://reallifecounseling.us/parent-goal-setting/>

I want to wish all Wildcat families a joyful and blessed Winter Break. May your days be filled with the love and enjoyment of family and friends. For those who are traveling, I wish you safe travels on your journey. I look forward to seeing our Wildcats return to school on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019!

Happy Holidays!  
Ms. Sebek

*\*Due to the Winter Holiday break, the next Principal's Prowl Newsletter will be sent on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.*

### Calendar of Events:

#### December

12/18/18 – Winter Celebrations – K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> – during class lunch time

12/19/18 - Winter Celebrations – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> – during class lunch time

*\*Please plan to arrive a few minutes early as all visitors are required to show ID and sign in.*

12/24/18 – 1/4/19 – Winter Holiday – No School

1/7/19 – Students return to school

#### January

1/7/19 – Students return to school

1/10/19 – PTO Family BINGO Night

1/21/19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No school

1/22/19 – Teacher Workday – No School for students

1/31/19 – Report Cards go home

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

### From the WDES PTO:

#### BINGO NIGHT

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### **From the School Counselor**

Hello Wildcat Families!

Please help welcome our new Social Worker assigned to Weddington Elementary's cluster, Stacey Lopez. Mrs. Lopez will be at Weddington Elementary on Tuesdays. During her days on campus, she will work with students similar to the same capacity I currently do: to provide extra support, check ins, work through emotions and feelings, etc. Mrs. Lopez will also be available to recommend and assist families finding resources within Union County to fit their needs. As your School Counselor, I will still be your point of contact for any needs your student or family has that arises throughout the year. Mrs. Lopez is here to support me as we work together to support your Wildcats! Please do not hesitate to email or call with any questions. Be sure to check out Ms. Lopez's newsletter attached in tonight's email.

Families, you all should be so proud! Over the past few weeks of our Student Council running the Kiwanis Food Drive, Weddington has raised over 1,000 cans of food that go to serve the Union County Community Shelter!

3<sup>rd</sup> grade is well into their classroom counseling lessons. [Check out the website for more details!](#)

Be on the lookout after Christmas Break for small group counseling sessions for 1, 3, 4, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders!

Have a fantastic week!

Mrs. Jewell

Website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/schoolcounselorspot>

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### **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>, then go to "Quick Links", click on August 2018 Principal Newsletters.

Mark your calendars for a family-fun **Bingo Night** on **January 10, 2019**. Flyers will be coming home in your child's communication folder this Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in attending, please return the completed form to your child's teacher. We hope you'll join us!

### **BOX TOPS**

Send in any **Box Tops** this week and let's finish the year strong!

### **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).

### **TALENT SHOW**

Do you have a flair for the arts and music? The PTO is looking for committee members for this year's **Talent Show!** No experience is required and help will be provided every step of the way. Please contact Joy Misocky, VP Special Events at [wdesptospecialevents@gmail.com](mailto:wdesptospecialevents@gmail.com) if you're interested in joining the committee.

### **VOLUNTEER OPENINGS**

Ms. B could use some help, particularly on Thursday mornings in the Media Center. Even if you only have 30 minutes, please consider volunteering. Sign up for Thursday mornings or any available time at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0E4FACAE2FA0FD0-wdes1](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0E4FACAE2FA0FD0-wdes1).

Students are invited to shop at the WDES School Store on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:00 a.m. until 7:25 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering at the store, sign up at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0C45A8A82DA6F85-20182019](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0C45A8A82DA6F85-20182019).

For up to date PTO reminders and information about WDES, please like us on **Facebook** at **Weddington Elementary School PTO**.

**Thank you,  
Your WDES PTO Board**

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HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

MS. SEBEK

