

Principal's Prowl Newsletter



April 8th – 12th, 2019

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From the Principal:

Hello Wildcat families! Welcome to the second week of April and the countdown to Spring Break.

With Spring comes our busy evenings with afterschool sports, clubs, and activities. While it is important for our students to stay active and participate in various social activities, we want to remind you of the importance of our Wildcats reading every night. This can be done independently or by a family member or friend conducting a read aloud. There is an abundance of research on the benefits of students reading independently as well as with a partner. I have included the links to a few articles that will provide wonderful insight to the importance of reading with children.

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/raise-a-reader-blog/3-reasons-to-read-your-elementary-schooler-every-night.html>

<https://www.all4kids.org/2017/03/03/importance-reading-children/>

Keep reading Wildcats and have a great week!

Yours in education,
Ms. Sebek

Calendar of Events:

April:

4/12/19 – WDES Talent Show

4/16/19 – 4th Grade Field Trip

4/18/19 – K-5 – Field Day

4/19/19 – Holiday – No School

4/22/19 – 4/26/19 – Spring Break – No School

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

April/May Music News:

Parents,
We had amazing Global performances by our 1st-4th graders. Thank you to everyone who came out to show support.

You can still do music at by listening to more instruments at home: <http://www.sfskids.org/classic/templates/instorchframe.asp?pageid=3>

You can also plan to see a live orchestra. The Union Symphony Orchestra or the Charlotte Symphony are great places to start.

Dr. Houlihan's Budget:

Our UCPS Superintendent has been busy preparing the proposed budget for next year. At Tuesday night's UCPS Board Meeting, he presented his proposed budget for the 2019-2020 school year. You can check out all of his budget items by clicking on the link below.

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/IE1u4fzAM9kzN/>

Field Day, April 18th:

Our **WDES Field Day** is quickly approaching and it is important for all parents and visitors to be aware of the safety procedures that are in place. Please review the policies and procedures below. We also ask that you pay special attention to the policies on checking students out after Field Day.

Field Day will take place on April 18th. Grades K-2 will participate from 8:30-10:30 and grades 3-5 will participate from 11:30-1:30. We are requesting that all families who plan on attending complete the WDES Field Day Google Sign Up so that we may expedite the check in process.

<https://forms.gle/dShVGQxhJTmx2gzF8>

Check in Procedures:

1. Complete the google doc <https://forms.gle/dShVGQxhJTmx2gzF8>
2. If parents or other visitors have never signed in to the visitor system, it is heavily encouraged that they do so prior to Field Day. Any visitor who has not yet done this will be asked to check in at the front office prior to attending field day.
3. All visitors must bring a government issued photo identification and sign in at the "Check in area" (located between the parking lot and playground).
4. There will be three tables set up in the "Check In Area". Tables will be set up by grade level. Please sign in at the table that corresponds with your child's grade level.
5. Visitors will be given a Field Day visitor badge. Please make sure this is visible. Any person

WHAT'S NEXT:

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

Along with circle and movement games and songs, **K-2** will learn about different instrument families. Last week they learned about the string family where I demonstrated the violin, viola, cello and string bass. For the next several weeks the students will listen to and learn about the rest of the Instrument Families; Brass, Woodwinds, and Percussion. We will also continue to learn to read music.

3rd and 4th Grade

3rd and 4th grade will start learning the Ukulele!

You do not have to own a ukulele. I have ukuleles for students to use during class. If you are interested in purchasing a Ukulele for your child, I recommend you spend at least \$50 and get Aquila strings. Kala brand Ukuleles (shark or dolphin) come in different colors and are great student instruments.

When I teach ukuleles, I use a color dot system by Mike Jackson (<https://mikejackson.com.au/>). If you do purchase a ukulele, I will be happy to tune it and put on the color dots. Just send it to school with your child's name and classroom teacher on the ukulele or case.

5th Grade

5th grade is currently listening to and picking a song or two to sing at their 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony.

Keep the music playing,
Bruce Becker, bruce.becker@ucps.k12.nc.us
Music Teacher
Weddington Elementary School

From the WDES PTO:

2019 TALENT SHOW

The Weddington Wildcat Talent Show is coming up on April 12, 2019! Don't forget to purchase your tickets.

VIP Ticket Sales:

VIP ticket are now on sale for the Weddington Elementary Talent Showcase. VIP seats are first come, first serve and

not wearing a visitor badge will be directed to the check in area.

Student Check Out Procedures:

1. Parents will be allowed to check their child out after field day as long as the following procedures are followed.
2. Students must be signed out in the classroom. Please do not take your child from the playground. The teacher will have a sign out roster that will need to be completed in the classroom.
3. *Families who decide to sign their child out early must leave campus upon signing the child out. WDES Siblings will not be permitted to attend their sibling's field day due to liability and safety reasons.*

We look forward to another fantastic Field Day on April 18th. Feel free to contact your WDES administration should you have any questions.

From Mrs. Spicer:

It is that time of year again! We are busy gearing up for our EOG tests and we need your help! We are in need of proctors for our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade EOGs. Proctors help to ensure each testing environment is safe and conducive for testing. Proctors are required to attend a 30 minute training prior to the EOGs. There will be two possible training dates: May 8th and May 15th, both starting at 2:30.

Proctors are required to be present during the whole testing session. The testing session will begin at 7:15 and last until 11:30 (at the latest). Please only sign up if you can commit for the whole time.

Our testing dates are Wednesday, May 29th and Thursday, May 30th. You may sign up to proctor one test or both! Please contact Banks Spicer with questions at nova.spicer@ucps.k12.nc.us <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094CAFAB22A0FD0-eogproctor>

Thank you in advance for your help and support!

Mrs. Spicer
Assistant Principal

only **50 VIP seats** are available. Purchase your VIP seat today for \$10 per ticket.

To purchase tickets, please visit the PTO website at <https://www.weddingtonpto.com/> . Go to the top of page and click on "Shop" then "Talent Show". **General Admission ticket sales** available online April 4-11, 2019 for \$5 per ticket. Tickets will also be sold at the door the day of the show. **CASH ONLY!**

*Please note - A paper ticket will **NOT** be provided for all online orders. You will just need to check in with a Talent Show Committee member upon arrival.

If you have any questions, please email Joy Misocky at wdesptospecialevents@gmail.com . We look forward to an exciting evening as we support our many very talented Wildcats!

SPIRIT WEAR:

It is a Wildcat Spirit Wear Bash April 8-12th. Get your Wildcat Spirit Wear for Field Day and spring into Spirit Wildcat style. To purchase go to www.weddingtonpto.com. All items purchased should be picked up in the school office by 4/16/19.

RISING 6TH GRADERS:

Attention all rising 6th grade parents! You can order your child's school uniform now and enjoy your summer. Visit www.wmsptso.org from 4/29 - 5/12 to purchase your gear. Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom before the end of the school year. Any questions regarding sizing or styles, please contact Fran Napoli at spiritwearwmsptso@gmail.com.

2019-2020 Committees

The PTO will be advertising soon for open board and committee positions. Please consider volunteering your time next year. The PTO is only successful with volunteers and people willing to give their time and energy for our students and WDES families!

Every board and committee position comes with a binder full of resources and steps in how to be successful in that position. No prior experience is needed. Of course, you're never alone when you take any position. You will always have a whole team behind you!

From the School Counselor:

Hello Wildcat Families!

Now is the time to sign your 1st, 2nd or 4th grader up for the last set of group counseling sessions this school year! Students will be participating in the following groups:

- 1st grade: Building self-esteem
- 2nd grade: Growth Mindset
- 4th grade: Mindfulness

[Visit the website to learn more and sign your student up!](#)

Have a great week!
Mrs. Jewell

WHS Plant Sale:

The twentieth annual FFA plant sale will start April 5, 2019. Please come out to support Weddington by buying your plants from our greenhouses this year. We are offering many hanging baskets, vegetables, annuals, herbs, perennials and color bowls ready for your porch. This year we have both Sun loving and Shade loving ferns. Please tell your neighbors in your neighborhoods. If you have checked prices in the two big retail stores and greenhouses, our prices are a lot lower.

Thank you for your support!

Andy Nelson, WHS

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

BOX TOPS

We are collecting Box Tops for our school. Send in Box Tops with your child this month. Ask your relatives, neighbors and friends if they will help. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents which adds up quickly. Remember, Box Tops do not expire so send them to school and our Box Top Coordinator will mail them. We get two checks a year from the program and the next one is coming up in April. Keep clipping and 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**.

**Thank you,
Your WDES PTO Board**

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

MS. SEBEK

