

Principal's Prowl Newsletter



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From the Principal:

Hello Wildcat families! Another week is quickly upon us!

A tremendous shout out goes to our WDES Wildcats Got Talent contestants from this past Friday night. Our students did an incredible job displaying their talents. It takes a brave child to perform on stage in front of a large audience and every student did an amazing job. Thank you to our Talent Show Coordinator, Joy Misocky, for organizing this wonderful event! Thank you also to our dedicated PTO President, Mrs. Erin Bonsall. Mr. Becker was fantastic as the MC and of course, Mr. Hoffman did a great job with our sound. Please see the PTO section of this newsletter for additional notes of appreciation to all of our volunteers.

As a reminder, our WDES Field Day is this Thursday, April 18th. We will continue to monitor the weather as we get closer to Field Day. The Field Day committee will make a decision regarding the cancellation of Field Day 24 hours in advance so parents may plan accordingly. Field Day Rain Date is Friday, May 3rd. Please see the information in the "Field Day" section of this newsletter for further information.

Calendar of Events:

April:

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

May:

5/3/19 – Field Day Rain Date
5/6/19 – 5/10/19 – Teacher Appreciation Week
5/27/19 – Holiday – No School
5/29/19 – NC EOG Reading Test
5/30/19 – NC EOG Math Test

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

From the WDES PTO:

Congratulations to all our talented wildcats that performed in the WDES Talent Show Friday night! All our performers did an amazing job showcasing their talents! We had singers, dancers, a pogo stick performer, gymnasts, a comedian and even Elvis! It was an amazing night!

WEDDINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Weddington Elementary School is excited to pilot Living Tree. Living Tree is a fundraising management and family engagement platform that allows schools to promote campaigns. We are thrilled to announce our first campaign is already up and running. 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>

Finally, as we approach Spring Break 2019, I want to wish you all a safe, restful, and relaxing break. We look forward to seeing our Wildcats return to the "den" on Monday, April 29th.

Yours in education,
Ms. Sebek

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://drive.google.com/open?id=13Xrxvp3ECsdp7Db1RaJ13k7zE4vtpuYH7ybPyVOeZqE>

A huge thank you to our PTO board member Joy Misocky who did an amazing job coordinating the entire show! She spent countless hours organizing this special event and it couldn't have happened without her! This was her first year coordinating this event and she knocked it out of the ballpark!

Thank you also to our many volunteers who helped Joy during the Talent Show; Tasha Hogue, Shawn Keller, Jan Beilke, Karen Phillips, Suzanne Ryan, Jess Wolfe, Allison Matthews, Ashley & Serena Espinosa, Cierra Tabony, our 5th graders who helped with concessions, WMS Beta Club volunteers, the custodial staff, And our amazing stage hands, 5th graders; Sarva Vohra and Abigail Willson!

A big thank you also goes to Mr. Becker our talent show MC, Mr. Becker also helped throughout the planning of Talent Show. He worked with many of the students on perfecting their act! Thank you to Mr. Hoffman and his daughter Avery for working the sound system throughout the Talent Show. Mr. Hoffman is always helping the PTO with various events and we are so thankful!

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!

Check in Procedures:

1. Complete the Sign-Up Google Doc.
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=13Xrxvp3ECsdp7Db1RaJ13k7zE4vtpuYH7ybPyVOeZqE>
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 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.

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!

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**

Order your Yearbook:

Our yearbooks are on their way, but we still have a few copies available. You can order your yearbook at <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01103066>

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.

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
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HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

MS. SEBEK

