

Principal's Prowl Newsletter



December 10th – 14th, 2018

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From the Principal:

Hello Wildcat families. I hope this finds you staying safe and warm on this chilly Sunday. As you are aware, there is currently a two-hour delay for all Union County schools. That means students and staff will report to campus starting at 9:00 a.m. instead of 7:00 a.m. Please do not drop students off prior to 9:00 a.m. as they will not be able to enter the building. UCPS officials will notify all families should there be a change in the 2-hour delay. Please travel safely in the morning.

I also want to remind families about the policy for Tardy students. All students must be in the building by 7:30 a.m. or they are considered Tardy and must be signed in by a parent. This is a critical step in the process. Parents have left without signing in his/her child. Students are left unsure what to do because of the doorbell system. This is critical safety issue, especially for our youngest children. Thank you for following this policy and for your attention to this important safety matter.

Finally, I want to thank you all for your support with student and staff safety. You have been extremely patient and understanding with our efforts. Our partnership between school and home continues to be strong and that's what makes Weddington the best it can be.

Have a wonderful week!

Warm Regards,
Ms. Sebek

Calendar of Events:

December

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

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

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

January

1/7/19 – Students return to school

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:

MOVIE NIGHT

Movie Night was a great success! It was wonderful to see so many families come out and enjoy this event together! A big thank you to our VP of Communications, Terry Key, for organizing and setting up a fun family event. Thank you to Mr. Hoffman for setting up the equipment, Ms. B for allowing

Communication Reminder:

WDES and UCPS send messages about inclement weather and other important reminders through the Connect Ed mass telephone, email, and text messaging. Please ensure the school has the most up to date telephone number and email address for your household. This contact information is how all families receive mass communication, including emergency messages, from the school. *If your family has been enrolled at WDES for more than 2 years and you have moved or changed telephone numbers since that time, please contact Mrs. Felipe, our school Data Manager at norma.felipe@ucps.k12.nc.us, to update your contact information.*

From the School Counselor

The Weddington Wish Wall is up and running! It is located on the front bulletin board when you enter the building. All gifts will go to our very own Wildcat families. Please take a heart and return the wrapped gift with the tag attached to the Counseling Office by Friday, December 14th. Thank you for your generosity!

December 6th is the last day of the Kiwanis Food Drive hosted by Weddington's Student Council. If you haven't already, remember to bring in a canned or boxed food item to donate to the Union County Community Shelter.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Jewell

Website:

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

Thank You 5th Grade Student Council:

Mrs. Spicer and I want to send a thank you and a shout out to our 5th Grade Student Council. Our Student Council members met with administration this past Friday and discussed our 2017-2018 5th Grade Student Survey. The Student Council choose 5 survey questions to focus on improvement. Next

us use the Media Center, and Ms. Sebek for her help throughout the evening. In addition, many thanks to the 5th grade volunteers for passing out popcorn and selling candy. Funds raised will be dedicated to their 5th grade celebration.

PTO BOARD

The PTO Board would like to introduce Ashley Espinosa as our new Secretary for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. Ashley will be an amazing addition to the board and we are grateful she stepped up to fill the opening! Our current Secretary, Melanie Koppe, is preparing to relocate to Florida. We are going to miss her and would like to also thank her for all that she has done for WDES!

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.

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.

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



steps and implementation strategies were determined and will be discussed at the next meeting on January 11th. Thank you 5th Grade leaders!

December/January Music News:

I have enjoyed teaching all the students about Hanukkah. The students have sung songs and played Dreidel. Our school store will start selling Dreidels this week. For the next two weeks, we will be singing songs about Christmas and Kwanzaa. If your family celebrates any other holiday this time of year, please send me that information. I love learning and teaching about other cultures.

YOU CAN STILL DO MUSIC AT HOME (especially during snow days)

Fun Cup Song to "Sleigh Ride" by Leroy Anderson

EASY: <https://youtu.be/jYKD5RUIWzY?t=11s>

HARD: <https://youtu.be/V2gsrC7g9TY>

Instructional Dance Videos by John Jacobson

(dancing not only helps students internalize rhythm, it also helps with *self-confidence*)

"Jammin' In My Jammies" and more...

<https://www.musicexpressmagazine.com/choreography2009december.jsp>

"Do You Want to Build a Snowman" and more...

<https://www.musicexpressmagazine.com/Choreography2015Dec.jsp>

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