

## Principal's Prowl Newsletter



February 11<sup>th</sup> – February 15<sup>th</sup>

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### From the Principal:

Hello Wildcat families. I hope this finds you enjoying the last of your weekend.

The 4<sup>th</sup> grading period has begun and I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support of our teachers as they dedicate countless hours to ensure our Wildcats are well prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Your communication and efforts at home are essential to student success. We appreciate your partnership.

I also want to take this time to remind all parents of the importance of school attendance. While we are currently in the heart of cold and flu season, I do not encourage students to come to school with a fever or illness. However, research shows that chronic absenteeism directly affects student academic success. Please take a moment to read the following article as it relates to student attendance, <https://www.attendanceworks.org/chronic-absence/the-problem/10-facts-about-school-attendance/>

This Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, is our PTO Sponsored Winterfest. We hope you join us for this night filled with food, fun, games, and of course, the best basket raffle! We are excited for this Wildcat family event.

Have a great week and we look forward to seeing you this Friday!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Sebek

### Calendar of Events:

#### February

2/1/19 – 2/28/19 - Black History Month  
2/11/19 – 2/15/19 - \*Bus Driver Appreciation Week  
2/13/19 – Site Based Team Meeting – 2:30 p.m.  
2/15/19 – PTO Sponsored Winterfest  
2/21/19 – DLI Parent Interest Meeting – 5:00 p.m. – WDES Media Center  
2/21/19 – Open House for Rising Kindergarten Students – 6:00 p.m. – WDES gymnasium  
2/22/19 – Teacher Workday – No School for Students

#### March:

3/7/19 – UCPS Early Release Day - Students Dismiss at 11:00 a.m.  
3/12/19 – “Artome” Art Show  
3/16/19 – WDES Night at the Checkers game  
3/18/19 – 3/22/19 – Spring Book Fair  
3/19/19 – Family Night at the Book Fair  
3/19/19 – Global Music Performance Night

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

**Bus Driver Appreciation Week:**

February 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> is Bus Driver Appreciation week for our UCPS Bus Drivers. We are encouraging all students to show appreciation of our WDES bus drivers by writing a note and letting the drivers know how much we appreciate all that they do to keep our students safe. Thank you for your support of our wonderful drivers.

**From the School Counselor:**

Hello Wildcat Families!

South Charlotte Family Counseling has social skills group counseling sessions starting February 22nd. Click here<<http://www.southcharlottefamilycounseling.com/>> for more information.

Mrs. Jewell  
Website:  
<https://sites.google.com/view/schoolcounselorspot>

**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.

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK!**

**MS. SEBEK**



**Black History Month:**

On **Tuesday, February 19** at 4:00 p.m., professional artist, John Hairston, Jr., will present **Black Comic Book Heroes** at Monroe Library. Mr. Hairston is a noted comic book artist, illustrator, muralist, and painter. He will discuss the depiction of black super heroes as a reflection of popular culture and history. Following the discussion Mr. Hairston will conduct a mini-workshop with art tips. This program is open to people ages 8 and up.

**Student Council Selling Candy Grams:**

5th grade Student Council will be selling Candy Grams to benefit Relay for Life. Mrs. Schrock and the student council will need 3 volunteers each day to help sell and sort Candy Grams. Please consider volunteering for this great cause. <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60b0a4caba72b0-candy>

**From the WDES PTO:**

**WINTERFEST**

Are you ready to travel through outer space? Join us for Winterfest on Friday, February 15 from 6:00-9:00 pm. Wristbands and raffle tickets are now on sale. Buy now and don't wait in the line the day of the event. [www.weddingtonpto.com/winterfest-store.html](http://www.weddingtonpto.com/winterfest-store.html)

Volunteers are needed to help hang decorations on Friday, Feb. 15th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4caba72b0-hang>

**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 will not expire so send them in 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! 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](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**

WDES is looking for volunteers to assist in the Media Center, particularly on Thursday mornings. You can sign up using the following link:

[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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**Music Performances:**

We are excited to announce our upcoming Global Music Performances. Thank you to our wonderful Music Teacher, Mr. Becker, for preparing our students for this event.

**What: Global Musical Concert**

**When: March 19 @ 5:30-6:00 for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and 6:30-7:00 PM for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders**

**Where: Weddington Middle School Gym**

March 19<sup>th</sup> is Family Night at the Book Fair. We look forward to seeing our Wildcat families at this fun filled event!

