

Principal's Prowl Newsletter



February 25th – March 1st

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From the Principal:

Hello Wildcat families! It is hard to believe we are approaching the month of March.

As we continue to prepare our students for college and career readiness, the Weddington Cluster is excited to announce our own "March Madness". Every Friday during the month of March, all Weddington Cluster students are encouraged to don their favorite college spirit wear. We hope all Wildcats participate in this fun, spirit wear event.

Also, this month is our UCPS Books and Brackets reading contest for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Students will document all of their reading in their reading log. Our Wildcats will be competing against all UCPS 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. We are also excited that some of our Weddington High School Warriors will be helping our Wildcats kick off this great reading challenge. Be sure to support your reader at home by encouraging them to read, read, read!

Have a wonderful week!

Regards,
Ms. Sebek

Calendar of Events:

February

2/1/19 – 2/28/19 - Black History Month

March:

***Weddington Cluster March Madness - College Spirit Wear Day Every Friday in March!**

***UCPS Books and Brackets reading contest for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades**

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

3/17/19 – St. Patrick's Day

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.**

From the WDES PTO:

The PTO has been busy this year! We would like to share what we have been doing and to let you know what your contributions are funding.

Volunteer Highlight:

We are excited to highlight our amazing volunteers who dedicated an extensive amount of time assisting during our instructional time and evening events. This week we are highlighting Mrs. Kimberly Loia. Mrs. Loia volunteers in the WDES Media Center every Tuesday and Thursday. She also serves as the Co-Chairman for the Media Center Volunteer Coordinator. In addition, Mrs. Loia dedicates her time after school by coaching the WDES Girls on the Run team for the past 3 years. Mrs. Loia is the proud mother of 2 First Grade Wildcats and 2 Fifth Grade Wildcats. Thank you Mrs. Loia, for your support of our students and staff!



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 1st and 2nd graders and 6:30-7:00 PM for 3rd and 4th graders

Where: Weddington Middle School Gym

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

The PTO funds go towards the give back events we put on throughout the school year, such as Grandparents' Days, BINGO Night, Movie Night, our upcoming Field Day, Talent Show and Kona Ice Day. The PTO monies are also used to provide each child with a RRR t-shirt and class t-shirt. With our budget, we also provide every WDES teacher with a \$200 voucher to utilize for classroom expenses. Each staff member receives a \$100 voucher to put toward office needs. This year, we were excited to purchase a piano for the Music department. We also gave the Media Center \$6,000 to increase the book selection for our students. This included \$1,000 to purchase Spanish books to increase our DLI collection. We provided lunch for teachers on two half days, we stocked a goodies cart to deliver to teachers in December and another one in March. We also provide popcorn for our wonderful well-deserving staff every Friday!

The PTO has also hosted our yearly fundraisers of Race, Rock, and Roar and Winterfest. Thank you to all who contributed. By becoming a PTO member, donating to our fundraisers and participating in Winterfest, the WDES PTO is able to provide the give back events, special gifts, projects, vouchers, and so much more!

Our WDES parents voted for the Race, Rock, and Roar funds be earmarked for purchasing new playground equipment so the PTO has been hard at work fulfilling this request. A work order has been placed and the playground equipment has been purchased. All that is left is some paperwork, blueprints and approvals! Our goal is to get this new equipment installed over spring break. After spring break, we will be looking for our WDES families to come out and plant trees along our bus entrance road.

For the rest of the school year and into the summer, the PTO is planning additional exciting projects. We will be painting the bathroom stalls, conducting a book drive, and hosting our first WDES family picnic. Along with these events, we will be making big purchases for our students, such as agendas, communication folders, canvas book bags, kindergarten book baggies, and anything else our students and teachers need!

Please consider donating to the PTO, becoming a member, volunteering and subscribing to our Facebook page and monthly newsletter. Thank you for your support!

From the School Counselor:

Hello Wildcat Families!

It's hard to believe that February is ending this week! 2nd graders have been hard at work in their classroom counseling lessons learning different coping skills and conflict resolution strategies. [Check out the website](#) for detailed lessons throughout the weeks.

This week ends the 4th group counseling sessions. New group counseling sessions will begin on Monday, March 4th. The following groups will be available:

- **Kindergarten : Learning to Handle my Emotions, Developing a Growth Mindset and Changing Families**
- **2nd grade: Mindfulness and Skills for Conflict Resolution**
- **3rd grade: Mindfulness and Changing Families**
- **5th grade: Test Taking Tips, Ready for Middle School and Mindfulness**

[Please click here to sign your student up for one of the groups listed above](#)

The Union County Crisis Assistance Ministry is holding its 8th annual Crisis Run at 9am Saturday, April 6th at Wingate University. [You can register by clicking here.](#)

Mrs. Jewell

Website:

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

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The media center is looking for volunteers on Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00-2:00. If you have 30 minutes or longer to spare, please consider volunteering. Sign up 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.

BOX TOPS

We're collecting Box Tops for our school. Send in Box Tops with your child this month. We're hoping to make February 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 cannot be expired so send them to school and our Box Top Coordinator will mail them in. 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

