

## Principal's Prowl Newsletter



February 4<sup>th</sup> – February 8<sup>th</sup>

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### From the Principal:

Hello Wildcat families. I hope you enjoyed our beautiful weekend!

Tonight, a telephone message went out to all families concerning our upcoming Safety and Security Assembly. All UCPS students will participate in a safety and security assembly to discuss proactive measures to keep our schools safe. The meetings are addressing safety in general. There are no immediate safety concerns at our school. Our safety school assembly will take place tomorrow morning, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

During the assembly, the school administrators and our School Resource Officer will talk to students about reporting incidents, consequences for inappropriate social media posts and who they can talk to if there is a problem.

If you have questions about school safety, we encourage you to contact school administration. We thank you for your support as we continue to keep student safety as our first priority.

Enjoy our first week of February!

Regards,

Ms. Sebek

### Calendar of Events:

#### February

**2/1/19 – 2/28/19 - Black History Month**  
**2/7/19 – Report Cards Go Home - \* Revised Date**  
**2/7/19 – Early Release Day – Students Dismiss at 11:00 a.m.**  
**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.**

**Welcome New Wildcat Families:**

The Weddington Elementary staff is constantly enrolling new students to join our Wildcat family. To highlight our new students, I will be adding this section of the newsletter each week. Welcome **Claire Martin**, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade student, to our Weddington school. Claire joined us on January 25<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to have the Martin family!

**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.

**Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020:**

Kindergarten Registration for the 2019-2020 school year begins this Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. All Kindergarten Registration information is posted on our WDES website. If you are the parent of a rising Kindergarten student, please be sure to complete the registration process as soon as possible so our staff is able to plan for the next school year.

In addition, we invite all parents interested in our Kindergarten DLI Spanish program to an interest meeting on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. This meeting is for parents only. Following the DLI meeting, we will conduct our Kindergarten Open House meeting. This Open House is for the parents of all rising Kindergarten students for the 2019-2020 school year. Parents will also receive a tour of the school during this meeting. As always, if you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact WDES administration or Mrs. Norma Felipe.

All my best,  
Ms. Sebek

**Black History Month:**

Thank you to our wonderful WDES PTO for purchasing the Black History Month bookmarks for our students. As always, the PTO supports all of our efforts to educate our Wildcats.

In honor of Black History Month, the Union County Public Library is holding some exciting events for students and families. On **Saturday, February 9, Bright Star Theatre** will present programs at Monroe Library and Union West Regional Library. At 1:30 p.m., the company will present *Black History Hall of Fame* at Monroe Library. At 3:30 p.m. they will move to Union West Regional Library and present *George Washington Carver and Friends*. These programs are tailored towards children ages 5 and up.

On **Sunday, February 10** at 2:00 p.m., Jayson N. Gardner of Livingstone College will discuss **African American Congressmen of North Carolina during the Reconstruction Era**. This program is open to all ages and would be an excellent extra credit opportunity for your students.

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.

**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)

**PRESIDENT ELECT**

The PTO is looking for someone to step up into the President's role for the 2019-2020 school year! To ensure the president is prepared, we will have the person shadow our current president, Erin Bonsall, for the rest of the school year. This will not require a lot of time, but it will allow for someone

**From the School Counselor:**

Hello Wildcat families!

This past Friday we had our Souper Bowl Day of Caring fundraiser. We are so appreciative of all students and families who donated. We raised a total of \$112.77 in less than an hour! That is amazing! Thank you for supporting another opportunity to give back to our community. Have a fantastic week!

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**



to learn hands on and get to know the staff and other volunteers who they will be working with. Do not be scared of the president role. It is fun and rewarding! There are VERY detailed notes for the next president, and our current president will be able to answer any questions you run into next year! It looks as though some PTO regulars are sticking around for next year as well so you will be well equipped with great support.

The primary responsibilities of the PTO president are:

- Preside at general PTO meetings/executive board meetings.
- Serve as the primary contact to the principal and administration staff.
- Work with staff to fulfill needs of classroom/students.
- Works with board members and assist with their responsibilities.
- Coordinate the work of board members/committees so that PTO objectives can be met.

If you are at all considering or have questions, please contact Erin Bonsall at [wdesptopresident@gmail.com](mailto:wdesptopresident@gmail.com). She will have an honest conversation with you on the real demands, time and any questions you may have.

**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!