

Principal's Prowl Newsletter



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From the Principal:

Hello Wildcat families! Another weekend has quickly passed and another week is upon us. Please be sure to read the newsletter in its entirety as it contains important information concerning upcoming events.

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction announced last week that there are errors occurring in the software that all North Carolina school districts use to report student grades. NCDPI and PowerSchool identified a malfunction with the grade calculation function currently used by PowerTeacher Pro. Union County Public Schools is currently assessing all students' grades to determine if there has been any impact on grades in our school system. Be assured that the grades your son or daughter received up to now will not be negatively impacted by the new calculations.

As a result, UCPS is extending the report card period to February 7, 2019. Report cards will not be issued on January 31st. Our school will provide an update once all assessments are complete. A letter went home to UCPS families regarding the grading issue. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me or Mrs. Spicer

Calendar of Events:

February

- 2/1/19 – 2/28/19 - Black History Month
- 2/1/19 – Kindergarten Registration Begins
- 2/1/19 – Souper Bowl Day of Caring
- 2/7/19 – Report Cards Go Home - * Revised Date
- 2/7/19 – Early Release Day – Students Dismiss at 11:00 a.m.
- 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.

UCPS Kindergarten Live Chat:

Attention parents of 2019-2020 Kindergarten Wildcats! UCPS will hold a Facebook Live chat on Monday, January 28th, from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. UCPS principals and staff will share information about the Kindergarten Registration process. Staff will also discuss curriculum, transportation, the UCPS Afterschool Program, Dual Language options and more. We hope you can join the Kindergarten Registration Connect and Chat tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m.

WDES Afterschool Teacher Enrichment Clubs for the 2019-2020 School Year:

Questions have recently surfaced concerning the continuation of the WDES Afterschool Teacher Enrichment Clubs for the 2019-2020 school year. Administration is currently working with the teacher facilitators for the clubs by creating a plan for the enrichment clubs to continue while using the school facilities. Most Teacher Enrichment Clubs will resume for the 2019-2020 school year. The Afterschool Teacher Clubs have played a fundamental role in the success of our students, school and community. We personally want to thank you for your continued support of the teacher clubs and looking forward to our Wildcats participating again next year!

Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020:

Kindergarten Registration for the 2019-2020 school year begins this Friday, February 1st. Be on the lookout for all Kindergarten Registration information to be 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 21st. 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.

February is Black History Month:

This Friday, February 1st, begins the annual observance of Black History Month for the United States and Canada. Throughout the month, our Wildcat Prowl morning announcement broadcast team will reveal interesting facts as it pertains to this time in our American History. Be sure to ask your Wildcat about their learning!

From the WDES PTO:

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 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. 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.

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

From the School Counselor:

Souper Bowl Day of Caring

This Friday, February 1st, Weddington's Student Council will be running the Souper Bowl Fundraiser to help support the Community Shelter of Union County. All funds raised will be directed towards fighting homelessness and hunger in our community.

Student Council members will be collecting donations in the morning car rider line on February 1st from 7am to 7:30am. If you are not a member of our morning car rider line, you may send a sealed envelope with your donation titled "Souper Bowl Fundraiser" to the Front Office.

This is a great opportunity to give back to our community. Thank you in advance for your support!

Have a fantastic week!

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

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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

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.

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 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.

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**

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

WEDDINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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