

Principal's Prowl Newsletter



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From the Principal:

Hello families and welcome to 2019! I hope your winter break was filled with wonderful memories and our Wildcats are rested and ready to return to school.

During the second half of the school, Weddington Elementary teachers will continue to lead our students in EmpowerED activities during instructional time. EmpowerEd transforms learners into leaders through the 3 C's: **C**onnect, **C**ollaborate, and **C**reate. During the **C**onnect, students use digital resources and complete activities that are aligned with the curriculum. This learning provides hands-on, inquiry-based experiences. **C**ollaborate entails students working together and playing an active role in the learning experience. During the **C**reate, students lead their own learning and produce artifacts. Students work together to solve relevant and meaningful problems.

We are excited about the lessons teachers are planning. The students will continue to be challenged while highly engaged. For more information about EmpowerED and to access parent resources, just click on the following link:
<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/domain/2917>

Our wonderful WDES PTO Board is also continuing to plan fun-filled events for the second half of the year. The next one is BINGO Night this Thursday, January 10th at 6:00 p.m. in our school gym. We will also have a very special mascot visitor at this event. We hope to see all Wildcat families there!

Calendar of Events:

January

1/7/19 – Students Return to School
1/10/19 – PTO Family BINGO Night – 6:00 p.m. – WDES gym
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

February

2/1/19 – Kindergarten Registration Begins
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 – Open House for Rising Kindergarten Students
2/22/19 – Teacher Workday – No School for Students

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

From the WDES PTO:

BINGO NIGHT

Mark your calendars for a family-fun **Bingo Night** on **January 10, 2019**. Flyers should have been sent home in your child's communication folder. Bingo Night is 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the WDES gym. If you're interested in attending,

WEDDINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On behalf of the WDES Staff and Administration, welcome back to school. We look forward to seeing all of our Wildcats bright and early tomorrow morning.

All my best,
Ms. Sebek

From the School Counselor:

Hello Wildcat families. I hope you enjoyed your break.

In the near future, I will be sending home information for small group counseling sessions for grades 1, 3, 4, and 5. I am looking forward to this time with our students.

I hope everyone has 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



please return the completed form to your child's teacher. We hope you'll join us!

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 do 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.

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**

