

## Principal's Prowl Newsletter



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

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### From the Principal:

Hello Wildcat families and welcome to March!

All families should have received the important telephone message that went out this evening about a potentially dangerous challenge that is circulating on the internet and social media sites. The Momo challenge features a doll-like creature that targets young children and shares disturbing messages about suicide with children. Please continue to monitor what your child is watching on their devices and encourage them to talk to you if they see something that tells them to harm themselves. If you need assistance with speaking to your child about these sensitive topics, please contact our School Counselor, Mrs. Jewell, or our School Social Worker, Mrs. Stacey Lopez.

In addition, the WDES staff and administration are closely monitoring the search history of computers and chromebooks of our students. Administration, in cooperation with our School Resource Officer, spoke to all students on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, about UCPS Board Policy, 4-3AG, B. Misuse of Technology. Our students complete instructional projects and access instructional sites while in school. Searches conducted that do not align with UCPS instructional sites are a violation of policy 4-3AG, B. We ask that

### Calendar of Events:

#### March:

**\*Weddington Cluster March Madness - College Spirit Wear Day Every Friday in March!**  
**\*UCPS Books and Brackets reading contest for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.**

you review this safety policy with your child,  
<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/domain/130>

It is critical for school staff and parents to maintain a partnership and line of communication to keep our students safe. Administration and our School Counselor continue to encourage our students to talk with us about their questions and concerns as it relates to the internet and social media. We thank you for your support and working with us to ensure communication and discussions continue with our students.

Have a wonderful week!

Regards,  
Ms. Sebek

### **Family Events this Month:**

We have some great activities planned for this month and we hope our Wildcat families can join us. New for this year is our "Artome" Art Show. This is a night where Wildcat families will have the opportunity to purchase your child's beautifully framed art.

Also, don't forget our Weddington March Madness. All students are encouraged to wear their favorite college spirit wear on Fridays.

One of our favorite family events is also this month, Weddington Night at the Checkers game. More information will be coming home about this fun-filled evening.

Finally, our Spring Book Fair is this month. During Family Night at the Book Fair, our Wildcats will singing for our Global Music Performance. We look forward to seeing our Wildcat families at all of our family events in March.

### **Music Performances:**

We are excited to announce our upcoming Global Music Performances. Thank you to our wonderful

### **From the WDES PTO:**

#### **BOOK FAIR**

**SAVE THE DATE: Dino-Mite Spring Book Fair March 18th – March 22nd**

Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Family Night Events – Food Trucks – 4:30 – 7:00 p.m., Global Performance Night**

Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Friday 7:00am – 12:00pm

#### **Please Consider Volunteering:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E48AEAC2DA0F85-spring>

#### **TALENT SHOW**

The annual Weddington Wildcat Talent show will be held on Friday, April 12 at 6:00pm. Registration and audition information will be coming soon, so stay tuned.

#### **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](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).

#### **BOX TOPS**

We are collecting Box Tops for our school. Send in Box Tops with your child this month. 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 to school 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 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

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**

**From the School Counselor:**

Hello Wildcat Families!

Recently, there has been a lot in the news about technology, internet usage, and the safety risks posed to students around the nation. As a reminder, please be sure to monitor your student's internet usage. Any websites that are deemed inappropriate for the age of your student, should be blocked on all computers and technology your child is able to access. If your student has questions about something they have seen on the internet, be sure to answer any questions they have about the content they have discovered. Curiosity is normal.

As always, students are welcome and encouraged to ask myself or Weddington administration any questions related to media content. If your student does come to us, we will be sure to contact you so you may have further conversation at home. For more information, please visit <https://www.common sense media.org/>.

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

Mrs. Jewell

Website:

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

questions, feel free to reach out to our Treasurer at [wdesptotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto: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**

**Girl Scout Donations Needed:**

Hi! We are Penelope Rauscher and Averie Matthews - 5th graders at Weddington Elementary, and we are Girl Scout Juniors working on our bronze award. For our award, we are planning to reduce waste and beautify our school by creating a plastic flower garden in the courtyard, and near the car rider line using recycled materials. We need your help! We are in need of materials such as plastic water bottles, plastic soda bottles, plastic juice bottles, unused straws, unused plastic utensils, and any other plastic containers and all types of caps and lids that you were otherwise going to get rid of. Collection bins will be near the K-1st hallway. We will be starting to collect on Tuesday, February 26th and will collect items throughout the month of March. Please clean the items and take care that any of the containers you bring in have not had, or come in contact with things like nuts, peanuts, milk or any other common allergens. Thank you for reading this and have a great week. We hope you can donate!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Living History Museum:**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students and teachers relived history during their annual Living History Museum. Students, teachers, and parents celebrated the lives of many important historical figures. All Wildcats chose their own person to research and present on their information in front of their peers, teachers, and families on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Check out Mr. Garcia's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade class below. Great job 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Wildcats!

**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**

