

Principal's Prowl Newsletter



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From the Principal:

Good evening Wildcat families! I hope you enjoyed this beautiful, sunny weekend! It is hard to believe we only have 13 days left in our school year!

As we approach the summer months, administration is excited to announce the return of our Wildcat Summer Reading Challenge! While the summer months are a time for our students and families to rest, relax, and enjoy their free time, it can also be the cause of the "Summer Slide". The Summer Slide is a result of students not being immersed in instruction and learning during the summer vacation. Regression of learning typically occurs during this time. The WDES staff would like to assist with the prevention of the summer slide. All students who read at least 2000 minutes during the summer months (approximately 30 minutes per day) will get to participate in our Summer Reading Celebration in September. At the celebration, students will receive a free book of their choice and a special treat. New this year, students will also have the opportunity to enter a raffle for special prizes! The only other requirements are all reading must be documented on the WDES Summer Reading Challenge Log and the reading log must be signed by a parent/guardian. The WDES Summer Reading Log will be sent via email and will also be posted on the WDES website. We look forward to celebrating our wonderful readers next September. For more information about the Summer Slide, just click on the following link:

http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/education_futures/2016/06/9_tips_for_preventing_the_summer_slide.html

Calendar of Events:

May:

5/27/19 – Holiday – No School

5/29/19 – NC EOG Reading Test

5/30/19 – NC EOG Math Test

6/3/19 – 5th Grade EOG Science Test – **This is a change from the original date of June 4th*

6/5/19 – 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony – 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
WMS Gymnasium, celebration for students to follow

6/6/19 – Last Day for Students!

June/July:

WDES Summer Reading Challenge – see newsletter for more information

July 30th – WDES Summer Family Picnic – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. – all families invited!

August:

8/22/19 – WDES 2019-2020 – Open House
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

September:

9/26 – Grandparents/Grandfriends Day – K-2

9/27 – Grandparents/Grandfriends Day – 3-5

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

We thank you for your continued support as we near the end of another fantastic school year! Enjoy your week!

Yours in education,
Ms. Sebek

Car Rider Pick Up:

As a reminder, all students who are a car rider in the afternoon must be picked up no later than 2:20 p.m. Students are being left in the office without parent supervision when they are not picked up on time. Please be sure to follow this car rider procedure and plan for wait time.

From Mrs. Jewell:

Hello Wildcat Families!

It's hard to believe we only have 3 weeks left of the 2018-2019 school year!

At this point in the year some students start to get really excited and can't wait for summer while some might translate the buzz and excitement for summer into nervous energy.

Here are some tips for help your student make the most out of their last few weeks of the year:

1. Keep your structure, routines and expectations the same as they have been throughout the year.
2. Have continuous conversations about your students favorite part of the school day and what they are looking forward to learning or doing in the next few weeks.
3. Spend some time reflecting with your student about how the year has gone and what still needs to be accomplished before moving on to the next grade.
4. Share the details and plans for summer with your student so they are prepare for what's coming next.
5. Make a bucket list for the summer so you and your student both have something to look forward to and work towards.

From the WDES PTO:

Boosterthon Vote for Race, Rock, Roar

Thank you to everyone who voted on our Boosterthon question. We also want to thank those who reached out to become more educated and ask questions. The PTO greatly appreciated everyone's support and opinions and we are glad so many took the time to let us know your thoughts! We will share the results of the voting once we have met with the school Site Based Team. An email will be sent to all parents in detail about the plan for our 2019 RRR!

Supply Kits

Parent's 1st Day Supply Kits are available for purchase until JUNE 15, 2019. Skip the lines in August, running store to store! In just a couple of clicks, you can order all the school supplies your wildcat needs. The kit will be delivered directly to the school and to your child's classroom by PTO board members!

Click on the link; www.1stDaySchoolSupplies.com

Enter the zip code 28104, select our school and then select the grade supply kit you wish to purchase!

School Store

The school store is selling WMS approved calculators for \$16. Stop by on Tuesday or Thursday before 7:30 to make your purchase.

2019-2020 Committees:

The PTO will be advertising soon for open board and committee positions. Please consider volunteering your time next year. The PTO is only successful with volunteers and people willing to give their time and energy for our students and WDES families!

Every board and committee position comes with a binder full of resources and steps in how to be successful in that position. No prior experience is needed. Of course, you're never alone when you take any position. You will always have a whole team behind you!

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Finally, our School Social Worker and Mental Health Therapist will be working the entire summer and will continue to see students. Please see the attached flyer in tonight's Principal's Prowl Email.

Enjoy your week!

Mrs. Jewell

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

From the Middle School:

The Weddington Middle School Athletic Booster Club Sport Meeting will be held Monday, May 20th at 7:00pm in the MS Gym. We will be discussing 2019-20 sports, important dates and the registration process. Registration is open May 21- July 8th. Tryouts for Fall sports start July 22nd. For more information: www.wmsabc.com

EOG Dates:

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade EOG dates: May 29th and 30th. **The 5th Grade Science test has been changed from June 4th to June 3rd.** It is critical for students in those grades to be present for the test. More information concerning important EOG procedures for those dates will be forthcoming. Thank you for your support with our NC EOG testing days.

Donations Needed for the Media Center:

Do you have a business or know a company interesting in donating to our school? We are currently looking for donations for our "Media Center Makeover" campaign. Be sure to go to our WDES website under Announcements for full details. There, you can click on the "Donate" button for your opportunity to help our cause. Our Wildcats deserve a 21st Century Media Center. Let's continue our partnership and help us create a future focused learning environment.

<https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/54>

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. 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**

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

