

## Principal's Prowl Newsletter



May 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> , 2019

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### **From the Principal:**

Hello Wildcat families! It is hard to believe we only have 23 school days left in our 2018-2019 school year. Our WDES administration and PTO Board are already making plans for the 2019-2020 school year. We are excited to announce the scheduling of our first annual WDES Summer Picnic. This will be a chance for all of our Wildcat families to meet prior to the start of the school year. More information about our Summer Picnic will be forthcoming. As always, we need the volunteer assistance of our parents. Please consider helping as we plan for next year.

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. Our school is so fortunate to have the absolute best staff supporting our Wildcats. Be sure to check out the schedule for celebrating all staff members this week in the PTO section of this newsletter.

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for the 2019-2020 WDES Open House on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. The Open House will be held from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Open House is a drop-in for all Wildcat students and families to meet the teacher, purchase spirit wear, and check out all of the clubs Weddington Elementary will offer during the 2019-2020 school year.

Thank you for all you do and have a wonderful week!

Yours in education,  
Ms. Sebek

### **Calendar of Events:**

#### **May:**

- 5/6/19 – 5/10/19 – Teacher Appreciation Week**
- 5/6/19 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade tour of WMS – students only – 9:30 a.m.**
- 5/7/19 – Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Information Meeting – WMS Gymnasium, 6:00 p.m.**
- 5/8/19 – Meteorologist Presentation – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- 5/9/19 – Drama Club Performance – 4:30 p.m. WDES gymnasium – for parents**
- 5/16/19 – Family Fun Night – Sports Connection, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Ballantyne**
- 5/27/19 – Holiday – No School**
- 5/29/19 – NC EOG Reading Test**
- 5/30/19 – NC EOG Math Test**
- 6/3/19 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade EOG Science Test – *\*This is a change from the original date of June 4<sup>th</sup>***
- 6/5/19 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 – more information forthcoming**
- WDES Summer Picnic – Date TBA**

#### **August:**

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

**Parents of Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:**

As a reminder, tomorrow, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be visiting Weddington Middle School at 9:30 a.m. to participate in a school tour. The tour is for students only. On Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Weddington Middle School will conduct a Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Open House at 6:00 p.m. in the Weddington Middle School gymnasium. A flyer containing the information for May 7<sup>th</sup> was emailed to all families last week. Finally, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in their promotion ceremony on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Student attire for the ceremony is casual dress. We respectfully request students not wear jeans for the ceremony. More information concerning 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Day will be forthcoming.

**EOG Dates:**

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade EOG dates: May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. **The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science test has been changed from June 4<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>.** 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:**

Weddington Elementary School is excited to pilot Living Tree. Living Tree is a fundraising management and family engagement platform that allows schools to promote campaigns. We are thrilled to announce our first campaign is already up and running. 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century Media Center. Let's continue our partnership and help us create a future focused learning environment.

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**From Mrs. Spicer:**

We are still in need of proctors for our EOGs! Please see the sign up genius below.

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

**From the WDES PTO:**

**WDES Family Fun Night:**

WDES will have a family fun night at Sports Connection on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 5:00pm - 8:00pm at the Ballantyne location. 25% of all purchase receipts from Weddington families will be donated back to the school. Please make sure you let Sports Connection staff know that you are attending for WDES Family Fun Night and show them your receipt so the school can receive the credit. We hope to see you there!

**Teacher Appreciation Week:**

Teacher Appreciation week is here! Let's show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate them.

**Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** : Bring a special note or drawing for your teacher/staff member

**Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** : Bring your teacher's/staff member's favorite snack

**Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** : Bring your teacher's/staff member's favorite flower

**Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** : Bring your teacher's/staff member's favorite drink

**Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** : Wear your teacher's/staff member's favorite color to school

**Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders:**

Attention all rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents! You can order your child's school uniform now and enjoy your summer. Visit [www.wmsptso.org](http://www.wmsptso.org) from 4/29 - 5/12 to purchase your gear. Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom before the end of the school year. Any questions regarding sizing or styles, please contact Fran Napoli at [spiritwearwmsptso@gmail.com](mailto:spiritwearwmsptso@gmail.com).

**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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094cafab22a0fd0-eogproctor>

Thank you to those of you who have signed up to proctor. Don't forget, we have two training sessions available. The first one will be Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> in the media center from 2:30-3:00 (at the latest!). The second one will be Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> in the Media Center from 2:30-3:00. To be a proctor, you are required to attend one of the trainings. Thank you for giving up your time to support our students! Please contact Banks Spicer with questions at [nova.spicer@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:nova.spicer@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Thank you in advance for your help and support!

Mrs. Spicer  
Assistant Principal

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### **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**



never alone when you take any position. You will always have a whole team behind you!

### **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](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**

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