

## Principal's Prowl Newsletter



May 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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### From the Principal:

Hello Wildcat families! Welcome to a new week! On behalf of the entire WDES staff, I would like to extend our gratitude for the generosity and thoughtfulness displayed during Teacher Appreciation Week. Everyone had a fantastic week and felt so appreciated. Another shout out and thank you goes to our WDES PTO and volunteers. They spent an extensive amount of time ensuring Teacher Appreciation Week was organized, the staff was well fed, and every single staff member felt appreciated. The WDES staff and administration love working with our Wildcats and we thank you for allowing us to serve your precious children.

Mark your calendars for the first annual WDES Summer Family Picnic! The picnic will be held on **Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>** from **4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** This is an opportunity for all of our current families and new Wildcat families to meet prior to the start of the school year. All those who attend will have the opportunity to purchase spirit wear and check out the brand new playground equipment. Food trucks will be on site so there will be no need to worry about dinner. We hope to see you at our first WDES Summer Family Picnic on July 30<sup>th</sup>!

Finally, please be sure to cast your vote on the utilization of the Boosterthon Fundraising company. PTO is looking for parent input into this important decision. Please see the information that is included in the PTO section of the newsletter.

Yours in education,  
Ms. Sebek

### Calendar of Events:

#### May:

**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**

**July 30<sup>th</sup> – WDES Summer Family Picnic – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

#### 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.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony:**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Weddington Middle School gymnasium. Please see the attached flyer in tonight's Principal's Prowl Newsletter email for detailed information concerning the ceremony.

**End of Year Celebrations:**

All End of Year classroom celebrations will take place during the school day. The End of Year classroom celebration will include the teacher, students, and Room Parents only. We request that no other parents attend the celebration. This is a special and sometimes emotional time for teachers and students. Thank you for allowing the teachers and students this opportunity to celebrate each other. Teachers will be communicating the celebration day and time.

**Volunteer Highlight:**

The Weddington Elementary staff and administration would like to thank our extremely dedicated PTO Board. Their dedication and commitment to our Wildcat students, families, and staff is insurmountable. Please join us in thanking this amazing team: Terry Key, Joy Misocky, Tasha Hogue, and Erin Bonsall. Missing from the photo is Ashley Espinosa. We appreciate all that you do for our school and community!



**From the WDES PTO:**

**Teacher Appreciation**

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Teacher Appreciation Week so special. Thank you also for all the donations parents gave, our teachers were able to enjoy snacks and surprise gift cards all week! The PTO would like to give a shout out to our local Wesley Chapel and Waxhaw Dunkin Donuts for donating coffee and munchkins for our Friday breakfast. Thank you to our local Harris Teeters for donating gift cards to make food purchases.

Lastly, thank you to the administrative staff for assisting the PTO all week. The front office staff is always helping the PTO with the many details that go into our planning and we always appreciate their support!

**Boosterthon Vote for Race, Rock, and Roar:**

Recently the room parents sent an email to your class from the PTO discussing the advantages of having Boosterthon take on most of the work for our Race, Rock, Roar event. Parent input is important to the PTO. We are asking all parents to read the information below, educate yourself on the subject matter and feel free to ask any questions. We are asking parents to cast their vote regarding this decision and we want make sure you are given every the opportunity for your voice to be heard!

The PTO board, in years past as well as the current board, have seen many obstacles with our annual Race Rock and Roar capital campaign ("RRR"). WDES RRR revenues received through donations were approximately \$30,000 in 2017 and \$25,000 in 2018. The expenses to run the event include the RRR t-shirts (partially sponsored), DJ fees, incentive prizes (e.g. car magnets, lunch with Ms. Sebek, popsicle parties, etc.) are then deducted from these revenues. Additionally, there is a fee associated with every donation made online through our online payment processor of 3%. The net income for 2017 was approximately \$25,000 and \$20,000 for 2018. This net income is the amount that the PTO has to spend on parent voted projects. Per the input of parent voting, we were able to purchase new playground equipment this year. During the 2018 RRR, private donors gave an additional \$7,000 in restricted funds to be used for Media Center repairs and updates.

**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:**

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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>

**From Mrs. Spicer:**

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

<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!

Parent input is important to the PTO. All funds raised through RRR are used for schoolwide improvements voted on by parents in the beginning of the school year. These funds are separate from the regular school expenses raised by the PTO, through memberships, sponsorships and events such as Winterfest. Hand in hand, we would like to work together to improve our school for our students.

Right now, the PTO is considering parent interest level. If the interest level is high, the PTO will present the information to the school Site Based Team for a final decision. Please use the link below to cast your vote. Just copy and paste to your internet browser.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5HCHQ8Q>

**WDES Family Fun Night:**

WDES will have a family fun night at Sports Connection this Thursday, 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!

**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!

**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!

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**



**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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