

## Principal's Prowl Newsletter



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### From the Principal:

Hello Wildcat families! It is a short week and we have just a few days before the Thanksgiving break is here.

This past Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, our WDES Site Base Team approved a policy that is a change for parents who come to have lunch with their own child. The previous policy allowed students to bring a friend to have lunch with his/her parents as long as they were inside the cafeteria. ***The new policy: Parents who have lunch with his/her child may not have another WDES student sit with them at any time.*** We ask that all parents follow this additional safety policy.

As a reminder, our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council is still collecting non-perishable food items until December 7<sup>th</sup>. This important collection will go directly to the Kiwanis Club for the Union County Food Bank. We thank you in advance for your donations to benefit our local community.

On behalf of our Wildcat staff and students, I would like to thank Randy Kayes, our Book Fair Coordinator, Allyn Oliver, Co-Chair, and of course, Mrs. Bomfim, our Media Coordinator, for their tremendous amount of work with our WDES Book Fair. It takes an extensive amount of time and effort

### Calendar of Events:

#### November

11/21/18 – Teacher Workday – No School  
11/22/18 – Thanksgiving Holiday – No School  
11/23/18 – Thanksgiving Holiday – No School  
11/29/18 – WDES School Spelling Bee

#### December

12/4/18 – Early Release Day – students leave at 11:00  
12/6/18 – PTO Movie Night  
12/7/18 – Non-perishable food item collection ends  
12/18/18 – Winter Celebrations – K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> – during class lunch time  
12/19/18 – Winter Celebrations – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> – during class lunch time

**\*Room Parents will be sending information on Winter Celebrations.**

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

### From the WDES PTO:

#### BOOK FAIR

Once again, our WDES Scholastic Book Fair was a tremendous success! A very special thanks goes to our

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to organize the Book Fair. All of our parent volunteers were a part of the success as well. We can't thank you enough for all you did for our students and families.

Also, thank you once again to our PTO Board for working with our Wildcat RRR winners to tape Mr. Hoffman to the wall at the Book Fair Family Night! Mr. Hoffman was quite the trooper! Thank you to Mr. Becker for coordinating a Wildcat sing-a-long during the Family Night. It was a fun filled evening for all!

Finally, I would like to wish all Wildcat families a Thanksgiving break that is filled with blessings, love, family, and friends. Enjoy the time together. We look forward to seeing our students return on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

All my best,  
Ms. Sebek

### From the School Counselor

As the holiday season quickly approaches, we are again giving you the opportunity to give back to our Weddington community. The "Weddington Wish Wall" will be up and running starting Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. The wish wall will be located on the bulletin board as soon as you walk into the front doors of our building. Please take a tag with the gift you wish to purchase for our community member, wrap it, and return it to the counseling office no later than Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Have a fantastic and safe Thanksgiving holiday!  
Mrs. Jewell

### Congratulations to our WDES Kindergarten Student!

A tremendous shout out and congratulations to our Kindergarten student Adalyn Fields, in Senora Camacho's Dual Language Kindergarten class! Mr. and Mrs. Fields submitted a piece of her art work in the UCPS Holiday Card Contest. There were more than 400 pieces of artwork submitted throughout all UCPS schools. Adalyn earned an amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the contest! Her mom said, "All I did was ask

Scholastic Book Fair Chair - Randi Kayes, Co-Chair - Allyn Oliver and Maria Bomfim, for the countless hours they dedicated to ensure the book fair's success. We also want to thank the extensive amount of parent volunteers who worked to ensure our Book Fair went off without a hitch especially Jillian Marzakis, Ryan Martin, Dawn Santos and July Madden, who all volunteered multiple hours. It takes a large team to execute our book fair and we thank you.

Our Wildcat students and families had a great time taping Mr. Hoffman to the wall at Family Night! He is always a good sport and we thank him for his support of the PTO and WDES. Thank you to Mr. Becker for hosting the sing-a-long at Family Night as well.

### PTO BOARD

Want to get more involved at WDES? Are you organized and good with Excel? The PTO Board is currently seeking a Secretary for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. The Secretary maintains the PTO membership info as well as meeting minutes and other important documents. This is a "ready to walk into" position. We have a binder full of information and the rest of the board will be there to train and support you. Email Erin Bonsall, PTO President at [wdesptopresident@gmail.com](mailto:wdesptopresident@gmail.com) to express your interest.

### GREAT WOLF LODGE WILDCAT NIGHT

WDES will take over **Great Wolf Lodge** with a **Wildcat Night** on **Friday, December 14th - Saturday, December 15th!** There are 10 Family Suite rooms blocked off for our Wildcat families at the discounted rate of \$159.99. All families interested need to book by **November 14th**. Please call; **1-866-751-9653 to reserve**. Identify yourself as part of the WDES Group, and with the reservation # **1812WEDDING**.

### ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

Ms. B could use some help, particularly on Thursday mornings in the **Media Center**. Even if you only have 30 minutes, please consider volunteering. Sign up for Thursday mornings or any available time 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)

Adalyn to draw a Christmas picture and she drew her and her puppies.” Well that drawing earned Adalyn 2<sup>nd</sup> place! Adalyn will be highlighted on the WDES Wildcat Prowl morning broadcast on Monday morning and featured on our WDES social media pages. Way to go, Adalyn! We are proud of you!

### **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**



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**Thank you,  
Your WDES PTO Board**