

Principal's Prowl Newsletter



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From the Principal:

Good evening Wildcat families! I can't believe we are already approaching the month of November! I want to congratulate our **2018-2019 WDES Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Michelle Katon**, 4th Grade teacher and our **WDES Instructional Assistant of the Year, Mrs. Cape Boyd!** These two amazing ladies were chosen by their colleagues due to their exceptional commitment to their WDES students and their passion for their role within the school and community. We are so proud to have Mrs. Katon and Mrs. Boyd represent our school and community!

A Loud and Proud Roar goes out to all of our Wildcat families!! You did it!! You raised over \$26,000 during our Race, Rock, and Roar fundraising event! The WDES staff and PTO are so appreciative of your support and efforts. Monies raised from the fundraiser will go toward new playground equipment for our students and community to enjoy. THANK YOU FAMILIES! For additional exciting information about our fundraiser and rewards, please see the PTO section of the newsletter!

Have a wonderful week!

Yours in education,
Ms. Sebek

Calendar of Events:

November

11/2/18 – Ident-A-Kid pictures
11/2/18 – Race, Rock, and Roar “Rock Day”
11/6/18 – Sir Purr Visits
11/8/18 – 4th Grade Field Trip
11/09 – 11/16 – Book Fair shopping days
11/12/18 – Veteran’s Day Holiday – No School
11/13/18 – Family Night at the Book Fair
11/14/18 – Thanksgiving Feast – Lunchtime - K, 1st, 5th
11/15/18 – Thanksgiving Feast – Lunchtime – 2nd, 3rd, 4th
11/21/18 – Teacher Workday – No School
11/22/18 – Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
11/23/18 – Thanksgiving Holiday – No School

December

12/4/18 – Early Release Day – students leave at 11:00
12/6/18 – PTO Movie Night
12/18/18 – Winter Celebrations – K, 1st, 5th – during class lunch time
12/19/18 - Winter Celebrations – 2nd, 3rd, 4th – during class lunch time

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

Important Safety Reminder:

We are observing many students being dropped off prior to 7:00 a.m. in the morning car rider line and parents driving away. As we all work together to make student safety our first priority, we ask that all parents wait until our WDES staff members are in position before allowing children to exit the car. Students are being left unattended in the dark which compromises student safety. Thank you for following this important safety policy.

Parents of Dual Language Students in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Grade:

Your student will be participating in case21 testing on October 29th and 30th. Letters went home about this assessment with the students. This instructional tool will provide the teachers with additional individualized information to assist with differentiation of instruction.

From the School Counselor:

Hello Weddington Families!

Our new group counseling sessions for Kindergarten, 1st and 5th grade have started! If you have any questions about the content or resources used during the groups, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Classroom counseling is now taking part in the 4th grade specials rotation! Last week, students were re-introduced to the role of the counselor and were invited to share what specific topics they wanted to cover over the next 6 weeks. This week we'll be focusing on celebrating diversity and realizing that all of our differences make us a unique whole. [Check out the website for more details!](#)

Have a great week!

From the WDES PTO:

RACE, ROCK & ROAR

The results are in! This year, we raised **over \$26,000** through our Race, Rock & Roar fundraising! Since we reached and exceeded our goal, our teachers and staff will participate in a **"Rock Day"** on **Friday, November 2nd** when they will sport their inner rock stars with funky rock hair and punk rock clothing! Thank you to all who contributed to this great cause! Money raised this year will support an investment in our playground facilities that will be enjoyed for many years to come!

We are also pleased to announce the class participation winners. The lucky students in these classes have won a popsicle day for raising the most money in their grade level.

Kindergarten: Camacho
1st grade: Stefano
2nd grade: Agudelo
3rd grade: Wallon
4th grade: Jameyson
5th grade: Fogartie

Receipts and prizes (including the new WDES magnets) will be sent home this week with your oldest/only child, so be on the lookout for those!

IDENT-A-KID

The **IDENT-A-KID Program** will be at **Weddington Elementary** on **Friday, 2 November** to PHOTOGRAPH, FINGERPRINT, WEIGH, and MEASURE children. Participation in the program is the individual parent's option. A fee will be charged and the parents will be provided with both a laminated wallet sized Child ID Card (similar to a Driver's License) and an electronic ID sent to their email and cell phone. An Application envelope with additional information about the IDENT-A-KID Program was sent home with the children.

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**.

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



VISION SCREENINGS:

On November 5th, WDES will be completing our annual Vision Screening for grades 1st through 5th during their specials. Please sign up in the available time slots - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4caba72b0-vision>. Please note that the locations vary. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our school nurse, Vanessa Evans at Vanessa.Evans@ucps.k12.nc.us.

BOOK FAIR:

The Fall **Book Fair** is just around the corner! Mark your calendars now for November 8th thru 16th with **Family Night on November 13th**. We're in need of lots of volunteers to make this event a great success! To volunteer, sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0945AEAB2EA0F94-wdes>.

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

The **Media Center** is looking for volunteers! Volunteer slots are available throughout the school day. This is a great volunteer role to get to know the school and students. Sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0E4FACAE2FA0FD0-wdes1.

The **WDES School Store** is now open. Students are invited to shop at the school store on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:00 a.m. to 7:25 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering at the store, sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0C45A8A82DA6F85-20182019.

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**