

## Principal's Prowl Newsletter



October 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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### From the Principal:

Good evening Wildcat families! Welcome to a new week! We have one of our most exciting events of the year happening this Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Our annual Race, Rock, and Roar event will be filled with fun and excitement! Parents are invited to this yearly event and Friday's weather looks perfect! All grade level Race, Rock, and Roar activities take place during the grade level Specials time. Tables will be set up on the field with class lists. All parents are required to sign in at the table and must wear a visitor's sticker. In addition, any parent who wishes to sign their child out after the event must complete the sign-out sheet located in the teacher's classroom.

*We have a new policy this year on signing out children. **Parents may not sign a student out to attend the RRR event of a sibling. If a child is signed out, the parent must leave campus with the child.***

For more information about RRR, please see the PTO section of this newsletter. We look forward to a great Race, Rock, and Roar event.

See you Friday and enjoy your week!  
Ms. Sebek

### Calendar of Events:

#### October

10/18/18 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip

10/19/18 – PTO Race, Rock, and Roar – parents invited

10/23/18 – UCPS Early Release Day – all students dismiss at 11:00 a.m.

10/26/18 – \*PTO Race, Rock, and Roar Rain Date

#### November

11/2/18 – Ident-A-Kid pictures

11/6/18 – Sir Purr Visits

11/12/18 – Veteran's Day Holiday – No School

11/12 – 11/16 – Book Fair – all week

11/13/18 – Family Night at the Book Fair

11/14/18 – Thanksgiving Feast – Lunchtime - K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>

11/15/18 – Thanksgiving Feast – Lunchtime – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>

11/21/18 – Teacher Workday – No School

11/22/18 – Thanksgiving Holiday – No School

11/23/18 – Thanksgiving Holiday – No School

**\*In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Wildcats are encouraged to wear pink every Friday in October!**

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

**From the School Counselor:**

Hello Weddington Families!

Our new group counseling sessions for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything!  
Mrs. Jewell

**UCPS Calendar Survey:**

Union County Public Schools is conducting a survey to gather input for the 2019-2020 calendar. I encourage you to participate and learn more about the calendar planning process. You can access the survey from the "Announcements" section on our school website or the announcements section on the UCPS website. The survey will close Sunday, October 2<sup>st</sup> at midnight. Thank you for your cooperation.

Survey Link:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ucpscalendarsurvey>

**From the WDES PTO:**

**RACE, ROCK & ROAR**

**TIME TO GET LOUD AND PROUD! Race, Rock & Roar is this Friday, October 19th, 2018!**

The fundraising deadline for Race Rock & Roar is **Monday, October 22nd**. Our fundraising goal is **\$25,000** - that's about **\$50/student**. Anyone is welcome to support your student: family, friends, neighbors or employers. To maintain the safety of your children, students are not expected or encouraged to go door to door. Online donations can be made at <https://www.weddingtonpto.com/race-rock--roar-capital-campaign1.html>.

If we reach our goal of **\$25,000**, our teachers and staff will participate in a "**Rock Day**" on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, when they will sport their inner rock stars with funky rock hair and punk rock clothing!

**Fundraising Prizes:**

**Every student will receive a RRR t-shirt!**

**\$50+ Level-** A newly designed WDES magnet (one per family)  
**\$100+ Level-** Previous level, 5 strips of tape to tape up Mr. Hoffman during the Family Book Fair Night (11/13). YES! We will be hosting a "Tape the Teacher" event!

**\$200+ Level-** Previous levels, a special Chick-fil-A lunch with Ms. Sebek, and a chance to win a gift card for the family to BigAir!

**The class that raises the most in each grade will receive a popsicle party!**

**Spirit Week** is also this week leading up to Friday's big event!

\$1.00 donation per day to participate

**Monday 10/15** - Hat Day

**Tuesday 10/16** - Favorite Team Day

**Wednesday 10/17** - Wacky Hair Day

**Thursday 10/18** - Pajama Day

**Friday 10/19** - Race Rock & Roar (*shirts will be given out by teachers in the morning*)

**Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend Race Rock & Roar.**

Each grade will participate during their Specials time period. Guests will sign in at designated tables before entering the playground areas where the event will be held. **Parents may not sign a child out of school to attend the event of a sibling.**

In order for RRR to run smoothly, we will need volunteers. There are many time slots to fit your schedule. The sign up genius can be found at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4DAEA929AAFC1-race>.

**Look out for an email this week from your room parent with more RRR day details!**

**UCPS Holiday Card Contest:**

UCPS is excited to welcome back the Holiday Card Contest! UCPS is looking for students to create festive artwork to celebrate the upcoming holiday season. Just go to the UCPS website: [www.ucps.k12.nc.us](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us), for more information.

**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 WONDERFUL WEEK!**



**Ms. Sebek**

**Box Tops:**

Help our school earn cash by clipping **Box Tops** from products and sending them into your child's classroom. Each one is worth 10¢ and our school can use the cash for whatever is needed, such as purchasing gym equipment and books. Last year, we collected **21,698 Box Tops** so our school earned **\$2,169.80!** We know we can beat the number this year! Will you help us? See a list of products with Box Tops [here](#). Be sure they aren't expired when you send them in.

You can also download the **Box Tops for Education app** to earn additional money for our school. Just this school year, my family has collected an additional \$17.50 just by buying products with Box Tops and scanning our receipt. It's easy! **Right now, it's Box Tops submission time!** Turn in your Box Tops to your child's class **by October 18** so that they can be included in the October mailing and in our school's December check. Thanks for helping!

**Questions?** Email the Box Top Coordinator, Amy Tedja, at [BoxTops4WDES@gmail.com](mailto:BoxTops4WDES@gmail.com)

**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**.

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](http://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](http://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**.

**Your WDES PTO Board**