

## Principal's Prowl Newsletter



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### From the Principal:

Wildcat Families,

I hope this email finds you safe in your homes after a difficult weekend for our state and community. As you know, students will not report to school tomorrow, September 17<sup>th</sup>, due to flooding, power outages, and the covering of roads from downed trees. Please be thinking of families in our community who are experiencing the devastating effects from Hurricane Florence.

As of right now, Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> is still scheduled as a UCPS Early Release Day. All students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. Please be sure to communicate to your teacher how your child will be getting home this Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Parents should also discuss dismissal procedures for the early release days with their child. Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> is a Teacher Workday and there will be no school for students.

I had a great first week back and was thrilled to see our precious Wildcats. Thank you for your support as we work toward continual improvement of our "A" school!

All my best,  
Ms. Sebek

### Calendar of Events:

**9/18**– UCPS Early Release Day – students dismiss at 11:00 a.m.  
**9/19** Teacher Workday – No school for students  
**9/21** – Summer Reading Celebration – Media Center  
**9/25** – Curriculum Night – 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – information forthcoming from teachers  
**9/27**–Grandparents/  
Grandfriends' Day – K-2 students  
**9/28** - Grandparents/  
Grandfriends' Day - 3-5 students

### October

**10/8/18** – Teacher Workday  
**10/19/18** – PTO Race, Rock, and Roar – parents invited  
**10/19/18** – WDES Night at WHS Warrior Football Game  
**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

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

<p><b><u>Morning and Afternoon Car Rider Line:</u></b></p> <p>Attention parents who utilize the morning and afternoon car rider line! As a safety reminder, please be sure you remain in the right lane at all times. To ensure student safety, a car may only pass in the left lane if signaled by a WDES staff member. We thank you for your patience while we load and unload students in the car rider line.</p> <p><b><u>Ident-A-Kid Visitor System: *NEW POLICY*</u></b></p> <p>Weddington Elementary school ensures student safety continues to be the first priority of all staff. Our school electronic visitor system monitors all visitors in our building. Logging into the system upon arrival to campus is a UCPS school policy. Parents, Volunteers, and Visitors will need to present a government issued picture ID to log into the system. There is a new policy with Sign-In. <b><i>It is now a requirement for all visitors to sign-in every time they report to campus.</i></b> The previous policy stated visitors only had to present an ID the first time they reported to campus. <b><i>This policy has changed to every time he/she reports to campus.</i></b> Please inform all family and friends who visit our school of the policy. We thank you for supporting the safety and security of our students.</p>	<p><b><u>Curriculum Night:</u></b></p> <p>The WDES Curriculum Night will be held on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. This event is for parents only. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Our WDES PTO will speak along with the WDES administration. Following the meeting in the gymnasium, parents will be dismissed to the classrooms. Two sessions will be held; 6:30 p.m. – 6:55 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 7:25 p.m. Classroom teachers will also be sending specific information. We look forward to seeing our parents on September on September 25<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b><u>WHS Drama Club:</u></b></p> <p>Once again, Weddington High School is holding its Fall for Drama program. This is annual workshop is for local elementary students that will include learning improvisation games, acting skills, sound, lights and much more. Weddington High School theatre students will teach the workshops in a 1:5 ratio in a hands-on environment. The club will meet in the high school auditorium and include props and costumes. All participants will get a chance to work in all areas. Registration Deadline: Sept.21<sup>st</sup> or Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> if paying online. Please see the flyer in tonight's email.</p>
<p><b><u>From the WDES PTO</u></b></p> <p>Time to get or renew your annual PTO membership! The WDES PTO supports the educational needs of students and is an important link between the parents and staff at WDES. Last year, the PTO was able to contribute almost \$40k to the school to purchase ipads, class shirts, agendas, communication folders, canvas book bags and art notebooks for each student. The PTO was also able to provide a \$200 grant to each teacher to purchase classroom needs. In addition, they hosted 8 community events, providing opportunities for families to get together and have fun! <b>Membership is only \$15 per family</b> and can be purchased online at <a href="http://www.weddingtonpto.com">www.weddingtonpto.com</a>.</p>	

## WEDDINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A **Room Parent meeting** will be held on **September 26th at 9am** in the cafeteria. All Room Parents must attend. If you are unable to attend, please contact Erin Bonsall, [wdesptopresident@gmail.com](mailto:wdesptopresident@gmail.com).

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).

Save the date! **Grandparents Days** will be on **September 27th and 28th!**

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**.

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**HAVE A GREAT WEEK, WILDCATS!!**



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