

Principal's Prowl Newsletter



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From the Principal:

Good evening Wildcat families! I hope all students had a great first week of school and are enjoying the long Labor Day weekend! The staff had a fantastic week meeting their new students and already building positive relationships. It is going to be a great school year. I look forward to returning to work and seeing our Wildcat families in the near future. In the meantime, be sure to read the Principal's Prowl Newsletter for upcoming events taking place at our school.

Our 2018-2019 WDES Student Handbook is posted on the school website under "Quick Links". There are a lot of important procedures and school policies located in the handbook. **All students and parents are required to review the Student Handbook and sign the form sent home confirming the review of the handbook.** Forms are due to your child's teacher by this Friday, September 7th. Please pay special attention to the UCPS Board Policy 4-3a. Code of Student Conduct. An additional form is required to be signed that states all parents have reviewed the UCPS Code of Student Conduct policy. I also ask that you pay special attention to the UCPS policy on Unauthorized Use of Technology (4-3a. 21.). Thank you for your attention and cooperation with this important information.


Calendar of Events:

9/3 – Labor Day Holiday – No School
9/4– First Day for all Kindergarten
9/10 _ “Independence Day” – all students walk to class independently
9/11 - Student Picture Day
9/11– PTO Family Night – Chik-fil-A night – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
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
9/27–Grandparents/Grandfriends' Day – K-2 students
9/28 - Grandparents/

<p>We look forward to continuing to serve our Wildcat families! Have a great week!</p> <p>Warm regards, Ms. Sebek</p>	<p>Grandfriends' Day - 3-5 students</p> <p><i>*Please see the school calendar on the WDES webpage for additional dates of events.</i></p>
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<p><u>Item Drop in the Morning:</u></p> <p>As a reminder, and to encourage our school rule of “Be Responsible”, all forgotten student items/materials must be brought in to the school office no later than 9:00 a.m. This policy is noted in the school handbook. We thank you for your cooperation and assistance with modeling “responsibility” for our students.</p> <p><u>Ident-A-Kid Visitor System:</u></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 school policy. Parents and Volunteers will need to present a government issued picture ID to log into the system. This is a requirement for all visitors who report to campus for the first day at the start of the school year. After the first visit/log in, an ID is not required. 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><u>Transportation Changes:</u></p> <p>We ask for all parents to keep transportation changes to a minimum to ensure students have a consistent dismissal routine. All transportation changes must be in writing. This can be in email form. <i>If there needs to be a change that occurs during the day, the change must be submitted no later than 1:15 p.m. Changes after 1:15 p.m. will not be accepted.</i></p> <p><u>Early Dismissal:</u></p> <p>Please remember students may not leave class after 1:30 p.m. for an early dismissal. Parents who come in after 1:30 p.m. will need to report to the car rider line to pick up their child(ren).</p>	<p><u>From the School Counselor:</u></p> <p>Hello Wildcat Families! I hope everyone had a fantastic first week back!</p> <p>This week group counseling sessions begin! Each student has received a slip to attend their group sessions during their scheduled lunch time. Groups will run once a week until Friday, October 5th.</p> <p>5th grade classes have been hard at work reflecting on what they’d like to learn this year in Counseling. So many 5th graders are interested in their future and what careers are available to them! Over the next few weeks we’ll focus on the following subjects: cooperation, organization, conflict resolution skills, mindfulness and other coping strategies, and, of course, career exploration. <u>Keep up to date with what is going on in the classroom by visiting the website!</u></p> <p>Have a great week! Mrs. Jewell</p>
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<p><u>Dual Language Class Email:</u></p> <p>Attention parents of our students in the Dual Language classrooms. Some of our teachers are experiencing email issues. Please know they are working on eradicating the problem with our Technology Department. If you have an immediate need, please send a handwritten note or call the teacher before or after school. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.</p>	<p><u>Powerschool Access:</u></p> <p>This is just a reminder that access to the Powerschool parent portal will not be available until September 11th.</p>	<p><u>WDES Website:</u></p> <p>Please be sure to check the Weddington Elementary website for important announcements and information. All events are also located on the school calendar on the website.</p> <p>https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/54</p>
<p><u>From the WDES PTO:</u></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 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! Membership is only \$15 per family and can be purchased online at www.weddingtonpto.com.</p> <p>Looking to get involved in your child's classroom? Consider volunteering as a Room Parent. As a room parent, you will be able to play a significant role in assisting the teacher with classroom events and special activities. It is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to your child's classroom. A Room Parent meeting will be held on September 26th at 9am in cafeteria to learn more.</p>		<p>HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK AT WEDDINGTON!!</p> 

Be prepared for WDES Spirit Days! The **WDES Spirit Wear store** is open and ready for orders online at www.weddingtonpto.com.

Mark Your Calendars...

On **September 11th from 4 to 8pm**, WDES will host a **Spirit Night at the Wesley Chapel Chick-fil-A!** Mention WDES while ordering in store, drive thru and even order ahead, and a percentage of proceeds will come back to the school. Chick-fil-a is now offering the time-saving opportunity to order ahead and pay for the order through the Chick-fil-A One App. Just pick up the order in the store (under the pickup sign), in drive through, or at curbside. If you haven't already done so, load the app to your phone and place your next few Chick-fil-A orders using the app - <https://www.chick-fil-a.com/One>! Not only will it simplify your life, but you'll be rewarded with free menu items the more you use it! Every order placed through the app on September 11th will benefit WDES!

Grandparent's/Grandfriend's Day will be on **September 27th and 28th!** Details will be sent home soon.

For up to date PTO reminders and information about WDES, please like us on **Facebook** at **Weddington Elementary School PTO**.