

Principal's Prowl Newsletter



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From the Principal:

Good evening Wildcat families! I hope you enjoyed another weekend.

I would like to thank all Wildcat families who came out to our Weddington Cluster Night Friday night at the WHS football game. It was so exciting to see all of our cluster elementary schools gather together to cheer on our Warriors. All of the cheering paid off as our team beat Piedmont with a score of 42-14.

I also want to thank Mrs. Terry Key, our WDES PTO Board member, who dedicated countless hours to secure a second school rock for our campus. It was not an easy task, but she was able to secure a rock for free. Vulcan Materials donated the rock and Superior donated the time, man power, and crane to deliver the rock. Thank you to both companies and Mrs. Key! We are thrilled with our new rock!

As a reminder, tomorrow is a Teacher Workday and there is no school for students. If you have not scheduled your parent/teacher conference, please contact your teacher.

All my best,
Ms. Sebek

Calendar of Events:

October

10/8/18 – Teacher Workday

10/18/18 – 5th Grade Field Trip

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

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

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

***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 WDES PTO:

TIME TO GET LOUD AND PROUD! Race, Rock & Roar is just around the corner! All students will participate in this fun day of racing, rocking, and roaring with their class during the school day on **Friday, October 19th, 2018** (rain date - **Friday, October 26th, 2018**).

Race, Rock & Roar is part of our Capital Campaign to raise funds for our school's needs. The Weddington Elementary PTO does not organize individual fundraising

From the School Counselor:

Hello Weddington Families!

The Christmas Bureau of Union County will begin accepting applications from families tomorrow, Monday, October 1st. If you are in need of assistance around the holidays, please visit Union County Human Services at 2330 Concord Avenue in Monroe from 9:00am – 3:30pm until November 20th. A school level holiday drive will also be held throughout the month of November/ December. If you are in need of holiday assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me!

If you are interested in donating to the Union County Christmas Bureau, please drop off any donations at the Union County Human Services office at the address above from now until November 15th. A school level holiday drive will also be held throughout the month of November/ December.

Parents!

Group counseling sessions for the 2nd 6 weeks are now open for enrollment. If you are interested in signing your child up for a group counseling sessions during his/her scheduled lunchtime, [please fill out the form here](#).

Scheduled groups for the weeks of October 9th through November 20th are as follows:

Kindergarten: Figuring out Friendships, Dealing with Conflict, and Managing my Emotions

1st grade: Figuring out Friendships, Dealing with Conflict, and Managing my Emotions

5th grade: Building Self-Esteem and Anxiety Busters

This is the last week of 5th grade classroom counseling lessons! [Please visit the website to see all we have accomplished](#). 4th graders will participate in classroom counseling lessons from October 9th through November 20th.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything!
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events, i.e selling magazines, wrapping paper, etc. As our primary fundraiser for the fall/winter semester, Race, Rock & Roar donations directly benefit WDES with **100% of the funds going back to the school** and allows for school improvements that are above and beyond what can be covered in the annual school budget. More information on fundraising, prizes and Spirit week for this event was sent home in last week's Monday folders. If you have any questions or need a new form, contact Risalyn Williams, VP of Sponsorship, at wdesptovpsponsorship@gmail.com

Do you work for a company that has an employee matching gift policy? Many employers such as Wells Fargo and Bank of America match their employees charitable contributions to 501(c) (3) organizations. Some companies match dollar for dollar, but some will match more than the original donation. Also, some companies offer volunteer support programs dollars sometimes called "Dollars for Doers". These programs reward employees who volunteer their time to a nonprofit organization. Please take a moment to find out if your company participates in any of these programs as our PTO is a 501(c)(3). If you're not sure how to find out, please contact the PTO Treasurer, Tasha Hogue at wdesptotreasurer@gmail.com. To download the matching form which includes Tax ID info, visit <https://www.weddingtonpto.com/race-rock--roar-capital-campaign1.html>.

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**.

Your WDES PTO Board

UCPS Holiday Card Contest:

UCPS is excited to welcome back the Holiday Card Contest! UCPS is looking for students create festive artwork to celebrate the upcoming holiday season. Be sure to see the flyer attached in a separate email for more information!

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK!



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