

Weddington Middle School Newsletter

October 5, 2018

Marcus Leake,

Principal

Notes from the Principal

Dear Parents,

CONGRATULATIONS to our very own Mr. Brian Gray, now identified as the Union County Public Schools Assistant Principal of the Year! We've acknowledged Mr. Gray as an indispensable asset for years, and it's great to see others across the county recognize his work.

Monday is a Teacher Workday—no school for students—and Wednesday, October 10 is the end of our grading period! That means students start new six-week rotations on Thursday, October 11.

Our school looks appropriately "pinked out" today, and good luck to our athletes this weekend in our final home football game against

Piedmont. Remember students may wear their Booster Club pink shirts each Friday in October.

We've nearly dried out and recovered from Flo around here, and hats off to our many stakeholders who brought bottled water and other items to our cluster drop-off locations. Fall is upon us, and we're buckling down as we head toward Halloween. Happy Friday Weddington, and enjoy your weekend!



Wildcats of the Week 10-1-18 through 10-5-18

6th Grade

Ronit Dey – Ronit was selected for key of excellence Commitment.

Sam Crabill – Sam was selected for the key of excellence Commitment.

Stephen Bollenbacher – Stephen was selected for the key of excellence Takes Ownership.

7th Grade

Allison Chong – Allison was selected for the key of excellence Shows Integrity.

Carter Wright – Carter was selected for the key of excellence Shows Integrity.

Allie Corbett – Allie was selected for the key of excellence.

8th Grade

Bella Efird – Bella was selected for the key of excellence Takes Ownership.

Leah Tsefrikas – Leah was selected for the key of Commitment.

Tola Aluko – Tola was selected for the key of excellence Shows Integrity.



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Students interested in trying out for this year's Battle of the Books team will take a qualifying exam on Friday, October 12 during language arts. Please email

<u>amy.rogers@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> with any questions.



Car riders on Wednesday, October 10th will enter through the end of the 8th grade hall if they have the deposit for the OBX trip. Money will be collected starting at 8 AM in room 806. Parents do not need to be present for the deposit. Students will form a line and wait for the money to be collected. Bus riders with OBX deposits should report to room 806 before going to the gym or homeroom. The \$50 deposit can also be made online through the Online School Payment on Wednesday, October 10th. The student information sheet must be turned in on Wednesday, October 10th to guarantee a spot on the trip, regardless if the deposit is paid online or in person. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Forbes by email (casandra.forbes@ucps.k12.nc.us).



Parent Accounts in Canvas!
Your child can generate a
pairing code <u>HERE</u>. Parents
can then create an account by
clicking on the top, right
corner <u>HERE</u> and inputting
that code!



We want to remind you that in order to be a visitor/volunteer in our school you must sign in to the Ident-a-Kid Visitor Management System. You will need your driver's license to use this system.



Due to overcrowding on buses 62 and 85 only riders assigned to those buses can ride. Also, per transportation car riders are not permitted to ride school buses



- Download the Here Comes the Bus app or visit herecomesthebus.com
- Click the Sign Up button
- Enter school code 74436 and click "Next" followed by "Confirm"
- Complete the "User Profile" box
- Under "My Students," click "Add"
- Enter your child's last name and student ID number

Volunteer Information

In order to volunteer in UCPS schools all volunteers, including chaperones need to complete a volunteer application at

www.ucpsvolunteers.com.

The county utilizes Fulcrum, a web-based volunteer system to manage new and existing volunteers.

Volunteer application requests to be "fast tracked" cannot be honored.

UCPS no longer has various levels for our volunteers. With the new system put into place last August the background checks are much more in depth which eliminated the need for levels. Once an applicant is approved they are

cleared to volunteer wherever they are needed.



If you are interested in WMS school sports please go to WMSABC.com.

Please remember outside lunches from vendors/restaurants such as

Chick-Fil-A, McDonald's, Subway etc. are not permitted. Parents, please refrain from disguising the outside commercial food in brown paper bags.

Remember you can make online payments for PE uniforms. Click here to access this page. When you pay online it will ask for a student number. It can consist of any random numbers or letters. Your student can bring a copy of the receipt to any PE teacher to get their uniform.

Parents, if your child will be leaving school early, please send a note to the homeroom teacher with the dismissal time. Students who leave before or arrive after 12:15 pm will be marked absent for the day. There are no dismissals allowed after 3:30 pm. If you send a note for your student to be in the office at 3:30 pm and you arrive after the 3:30 pm deadline, if your student is not in the office waiting for you the office staff will not call your student out of class. Also, all early dismissal and late arrivals from medical appointments must have a note from the doctor in order to be excused.



When students are absent it is not necessary to call the school. Be sure to send a note to the homeroom teacher stating why the student was not in school. UCPS will notify you through Connect-Ed if your student was absent.

