

Eagle News



Give Your Best and Nothing Less!

September 2017

Recap of Last Year

Many of you may have seen this already; however, I feel it is such an accomplishment that it doesn't hurt to share it again. Due to your support, our teachers and students hard work, Western Union scored a B on the state report card and we exceeded growth last year based on students scores on the EOG! Congratulations students and staff!

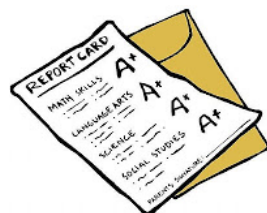


We are working hard already to continue to show growth and increase student proficiency even though the school year has just started. I ask that you continue to expect your child to read every day. Students independently reading is one of the best ways to increase fluency, and comprehension. Use time in the car to practice math facts and increase math fluency. We appreciate all of the support that you as parents provide throughout the year!

End of the 1st 6 weeks

The end of the first six weeks of the 2017—2018 school year is not too far away! This first 6 weeks, students and teachers have been getting acclimated to a new school year. Teachers have been conducting required assessments and getting to know their students as learners. During your parent/teacher conference, that will be scheduled soon, teachers will be able to share with you how your child is doing thus far according to grade level standards.

After this first report card, teachers will notify you at progress report time if there are any concerns with your



child's grades. You can keep up with your child's progress through the parent portal as well as work should be sent home in Wednesday folders.

Boosterthon Coming Fall 2017!

We are very excited to announce that this year's Fun Run at Western Union will take place from November 13th to November 21st, 2017! The move of our major fundraiser from the spring to the fall is very significant! We felt that this change would allow our students to benefit from the results of the fundraiser for the entire school year!

Please be aware that the Fun Run is still Western Union's major fundraiser of the entire school year! We look forward to your participation in the program this fall! We are especially excited about this year's theme: "Castle Quest"! Our students will get to learn about the 6 virtues of how to be a true hero! Thank you for your continued support of Western Union through our Fun Run!

WUES Independence Day—Oct. 2nd

This year we want to maximize instructional time from the beginning of the school day to the end of the school day. Beginning October 2nd, students are to begin walking to class on their own. This is for ALL students. We believe that it is important for students to learn independence, responsibility as well as give teachers time to begin instruction in a timely manner. If you are use to walking your child all the way to their classroom, we are requiring you to drop them at the back of the office and let them walk the rest of the way to their classroom. Even better, would be to utilize the car rider line and allow them to walk to class from there. While I understand this may be a transition for some of you, please go ahead and prepare your child. If you need to speak to the teacher, please schedule an appointment with them via email or phone call, or leave a message in the front office.

Technology Family Night & FAFSA

UCPS is offering 4 technology/FAFSA information sessions in October. These sessions will help families access digital resources and texts that are available to students via the new EmpowerED Family Portal. Learn how to navigate the resources provided by UCPS, such as Power School Parent Portal for grades and attendance information, documents related to student Chromebooks, and explore tools used in EmpowerED Classrooms. Learn how to install and navigate several apps for mobile phones, including UCPS Mobile App, School Nutrition Services, Canvas and Powerschool. Learn how to search classroom resources using the searchable table that can be filtered by level and content area. Find answers to questions about the digital learning that is happening in classrooms. Several technology tools that we use at WUES are myOn, Dreambox, iready, IXL, RAZ kids and google classroom.

The FAFSA information will be to help parents complete the application for financial aid for college. The following dates and locations of the sessions are as follows:

October 9—Porter Ridge High

October 12—Monroe High

October 16—Cuthbertson High

October 19 — Forest Hills High

** All sessions begin at 6:30 pm.

Attendance Awareness Month!

September is Attendance Awareness Month! Attendance is so important that we will be tracking school, grade level, classroom and individual student attendance percentages. At the elementary level, student attendance relies on parents. We need your help at ensuring your child is at school each day on time (in class by 7:30) unless they have a fever or have been throwing up within the past 24 hours. Can we keep our school attendance percentage above 97% each day? Can your child get perfect attendance for the second 6 weeks, first semester, or even the school year?

Hurricane and Relief Drive Information

The Town of Indian Trail, Wingate University and a few local businesses are holding a hurricane relief drive September 28, 29 and 30.

3 DAYS
2 STATES
1 MISSION

HURRICANE IRMA + HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF DRIVE

JOIN US IN HELPING ALL VICTIMS

DROP OFF TIMES:
September 28 & 29 @ 12pm - 8pm
September 30 @ 10am - 3pm

DROP OFF LOCATION:
Sun Valley Commons Shopping Center
- Corner of Old Monroe Road and Wesley Chapel Stouts Road in Indian Trail, NC.

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INC.



READ with U

Read with U is UCPS new community-based reading initiative that pairs elementary students with community members like you. Please consider signing up to be a reading buddy this school year and spend 30 minutes per week reading with a first-grade student. You can volunteer face to face or virtually through Tutormate, which will be at Title I elementary schools.

Read with U is easy as 1-2-3

1. Visit the Union County Public Schools website and click on Read with U to complete a volunteer application. <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/6419>
2. Once your application is approved, contact the volunteer coordinator at an elementary school to get started.
3. Read with your student for at least 30 minutes once per week during the school year.

