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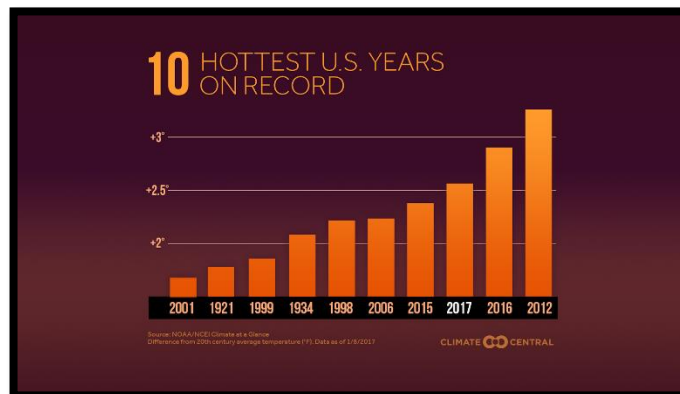
WESTERN UNION
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL



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Why Was the Fall of 2018 so Hot this Year?

The fall of 2018 is a record for the fourth hottest year in History according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Experts think it is an indication of global warming.



Some results are increased warmth of ocean water. The ice in Antarctica is melting. There are more and stronger hurricanes. The Great Barrier Reef is suffering. Also it is raining more. More people are getting sicker and sicker because of the pollen. Animals are dying in the arctic due to changing temperatures.

WUES Eagle Chorus Fall Performances



Wednesday, November 8th – performed at the AMG Heritage Awards Nominees and Sponsors Banquet
Thursday, November 9th – attended and performed at the AMG Heritage Awards Mentor
Saturday, November 11th – performed at the AMG Heritage Awards (sang “At the Hop” with Danny & the Juniors and “You Raise Me Up” with Jeffrey Li from America’s Got Talent)

2ND GRADE ART



HISTORY OF WESTERN UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Western Union Elementary School starting in 1940 was the first high school established in Union County. When the school was first established (in 1940), WUES was a school for African Americans only. WUES' first principal was Mr. E.H. Broome and he was one of the three teachers who first taught at WUES. The other two teachers were named Habakkuk B. Perry and Julia Gaynelle Manns.



There were only 4 rooms in Western Union, for ninety-six kids. In the first year there were only three people out of ninety-six kids who graduated.

Later on the school grew bigger, eventually the building was expanded. The African American children rode the first buses in Union County that allowed African Americans.

In 1954 the main building was destroyed by a big fire. It took two years to rebuild the school, all the children during this time took classes in buses, and in AME Zion Church, and also Redding Zion Church, this was all located in Monroe, Nc.

In 1940 WUES had 96 students and 3 teachers. In 1946 two buildings were added to be a part of Western Union, one for home economics and another for an agriculture department. In 1954 there were about 400 kids and 13 teachers. In 1956 when the school was rebuilt, the school had a 30 acre site. Also during 1956 there was much more space and there were 14 classrooms that were for grades 1-12, 27 teachers and more than 900 students! In 1959-1960 ten rooms were added, and then in 1964-1965 six rooms were added and a gymnasium. Shortly after 1965 there were 13 buses and over 1,000 kids riding them daily. The school continued to grow and is now an awesome place with amazing teachers!

INTERVIEW WITH MRS. WILLIFORD – WUES HISTORY

Question: What were some of the principals in the past?

Answer: The first principal was Mr. Brown, then there was Dr. Jerry T. Cross, then there was Scott Broome, next was Rita Webb, and the current principal is Mrs. Williford.

Western Union School Song 1900's

*Hark, the sound of Tar Heel voices,
Ringing with true glee;
Singing Western Union's praises
Shouting W.U.E.*

*Hail to the brightest star of all
Clear its radiance shine;
Western Union, priceless gem,
Receive all phrases thine.*

*'Neath the sky thy son's true-hearted,
Honor the our rule,
Time-worn walls give back the echo,
Hail to Western Union School!*

*Tho' the stars of life assail us,
Still our heart beats cry,
The friendships formed at Western Union
Will never die.*

Western Union School Song As of 2016

**Eagles, our pride is like a ride
Where we soar through the sky.
We give our best and nothing less
As we soar to success.**

**Western Union, we won't rest
Till we leave the nest.
But when we do we'll strive and thrive
Through the air always with care.**

**We're at a greater height in the light,
And we'll be in flight like a kite.
We will shine so bright
You'll see us flying against the sky.**



5TH GRADE SELF PORTRAITS



INTERVIEW WITH MR. BROOKS — FORMER WUES STUDENT AND NOW A TEACHER AT WUES

Question: What were some of the things you liked about going to WUES as a kid?

Answer: *One thing Mr. Brooks liked about going here as a kid was playing football with friends at recess (He is still in touch with at least one of them.) Another thing Mr. Brooks liked about WUES was he really liked his second grade teacher Ms. Lynch.*

Question: What is something you like about WUES as an adult?

Answer: *Mr. Brooks likes seeing kids every day, he also likes making an impact on children's lives. At lunch Mr. Brooks likes making students laugh*

Question: What are some things that have changed at WUES between now and when you went there as a kid?

Answer: *The cafeteria got bigger and the office moved from one side of the school to the other.*

Question: What are some of the things that you like about teaching at Western Union?

Answer: *Mr. Brooks likes seeing children grow throughout the year and likes trying to help students learn that learning can be fun*

Thanksgiving Foods

Back then in 1621 the pilgrims had a feast called "The First Thanksgiving" with the Native Americans. During the First Thanksgiving they ate corn, porridge, bread, wildfowl (wild goose), and venison (deer meat). Now Americans celebrate this as a holiday on November 22nd, well known as Thanksgiving. Now some families in America celebrate this day by eating turkey, corn, stuffing, mashed potatoes, some people eat gravy on their mashed potatoes or turkey, cranberry sauce, green beans, and some people eat cooked carrots. In America lots of people celebrate Thanksgiving by having a dinner including those foods.

3 THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD:

United Kingdom: Harvest Festival

During this time Children make corn dolls, and they eat crops, and food produced by animals. Children take gifts such as fruits and vegetables.

China: "Chung Chiu" Moon Festival

This celebration is on the 15th day of the eighth lunar cycle to celebrate the fall harvest. People stay with their whole family and have a feast for three days, with mooncakes and sweet cakes as the main food, these sweets are filled with sesame seeds, ground lotus seeds, and duck eggs.

South India: Pongal (the harvest festival)

There are four days during the whole celebration of Pongal. On the first day of Pongal celebrate the god Indra (the king of the gods and the god of the rain and clouds.) On the second day they celebrate the sun god (Surya) by eating a dish called Sakkara Pongal and they also eat sugarcane sticks. On the next day shepherds and cow herders give thanks to their cows and bulls, they do this by painting and decorating the animals. On the last day the people who celebrate this holiday visit family members, and celebrate a successful harvest.

Gabriel Pastore's Interview:

Question: Did you celebrate Thanksgiving when you lived in South America?

Answer: *Not really, it was not a big thing in South America.*

Question: What were some of your traditions for Thanksgiving?

Answer: *Some things Gabriel did in South America were he would write down things he was thankful for and they decorated some for Thanksgiving.*

Question: *Did you have a big Thanksgiving feast?*

Answer: *No, he ate dinner like he normally would.*



WUES BETA Club Store
Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:15 – 7:30



Mr. Todd

Mr. Todd is the lead custodian at our school. He was the staff of the month in September. Mr. Todd does a wonderful job. Next time you see him thank him for all his hard work to make this school a better place.

Interview

Q. What do you do on a daily basis?

A. Turn on the lights and unlock the doors.

Q. What is your favorite thing about the job?

A. Getting to meet people.

Q. What is your least favorite thing about the job?

A. Cleaning up puddles.

Q. Do you like the school?

A. Yes, I love it everyone is nice.

Q. What made you come to WUES?

A. CATA asked if I wanted to go to WUES and be the lead custodian.

Interview- Ms. Turner

Q: Do you buy your costumes or make them for Halloween?

A: I buy them, but I wish I made them.

Q: Do you think making would be fun?

A: Yes I do, I think that would be very fun.

Q: Have you ever thought of making yours?

A: Yes I have, but I'm trying to figure out how to use a sewing machine.

Q: What have your kids been in the past years?

A: One was a pumpkin and the other was a bear!

Halloween

The History of Halloween

It all began as a feast or festival called Samhain, it is a religion of the Celtics (not the soccer team). It started when the end of summer rolled around, the Celtics believed the barrier between the ghost world and the human world was getting smaller. So they had a party, and not any type of party it was made so they could appease the spirits with treats to make them feel welcome. I don't know if you've heard this before but can you guess what the party was called, All Hallows Eve. The Celtics lived about 2,000 years ago in the area where we now call Ireland.

Easy Costume Ideas

Here is a really easy costume you can make at home. All you need are: A glue gun, Black sunglasses, A red dress, A black shirt and black pants, Black felt, Black pom-poms, A black headband and black pipe cleaners. The steps are down below, have fun!

1. Take your black headband and glue on 2 black pipe cleaners, then glue the 2 pom-poms on top of your pipe cleaners.
2. Cut your black felt into circles (don't overlap the circles and have some red showing) then glue them on to your dress.
3. Put on your red dress, black pants and sunglasses and your costume is DONE!



Black Friday

You may know Black Friday as a crazy time or you might not know what it is. If you don't know what Black Friday is well than it is when stores have HUGE discounts on all items and people go crazy looking for these things. Even some cops have to work 12 hour shifts due to traffic and madness.

History

It is hard to figure out the total origins of Black Friday and there is a lot of myths even some of them go back to the mid-1800s. A more recent myth is that slaves were sold a discount to plantation owners the day after Thanksgiving, which was told by Taylor Blake. The name Black Friday was first used in the US to describe a financial crisis in 1869 on September 24th.

Did you know?

Did you know that there was actually a Black Thursday! It was on October 24th 1929 It was when panicked sellers traded about 13 million items on the New York Stock Exchange. There was also a Black Tuesday on October 29th 1929. And that was when the prices on the New York Exchange completely just collapsed after people stopped buying them, it can also be called the Wall Street Crash of 1929. Right after the crash came the Great Depression, on the same day.



World Kindness Day!

Hey Eagles! It's Samora, and today I'm going to share with you facts about a huge holiday, called World Kindness Day!

World Kindness Day is celebrated on November 13 each year. This holiday is a day where we can all focus on being a little kinder to each other. Here are some ways you can celebrate World Kindness Day in your own community!

1. Send an inspiring/bright text to a friend or family member.
2. Laugh, smile, and bring back memories to one of your friends (or you can even try and make a new friend!).
3. Go a little bit out of your comfort zone to make someone happy (only if you're comfortable with doing it).
4. Give someone a compliment!
5. Reach out to a family member you haven't talked to in a while.
6. Treat yourself! (Ex. Take a bubble bath, read a book, go out to eat, watch your favorite movie)

Also, yes, everyday should be World Kindness Day, but most of the time, we can be stressed out or in a foul mood, and we can't do the nice gestures we want to do, but it only matters if we at least do it when we can.

December Dates To Remember

December 4 – Spelling Bee Grades 3 – 5 – Media Center – 8:00 a.m.
December 4 - Early Release Day – 11:00 a.m.
December 6 – Report Cards Go Home
December 10 - PTO Holiday Shop Open
December 11 – PTO Holiday Shop Open
December 11 - 3rd Grade Music Performance and Art Exhibit – 6:30 p.m.
December 12 – PTO Holiday Shop Open
December 13 - PTO Holiday Shop Open
December 14 - 1st and 2nd Grade to Benton Heights to see Seussical
December 14 – College Spirit Wear
December 18 - 4th Grade to UNCC
December 19 - PWMS Chorus – 9:00 a.m. in the gym
December 21 - Spirit Wear Day
December 21 – Winter Break Begins

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Switching Classes

By Travis Keziah

Do students like switching classes?

It's kind of weird to switch classes because when you think you are going to your homeroom, you are going to a different class for your next subject. For instance when you think you're going to be in math but you're going to reading. So it's just an easy way to do science, math, and reading in different class. And it's better to just have a switch into a different class and get to work on what you need to do. Yes students like to switch because you can go to different classes and have fun.

What do you need to do in order to switch classes?

Now you know how it feels to switch now you know how it feels to switch class in 4th or 5th grade if you wanted to know to know of course what you need to do when you switch classes is your Chromebook and agenda and your pencil pouch.

Do teachers like switching classes?

According from a 5th grade teacher, teachers do not like to switch as much because they miss teaching other subjects. But they do like teaching all of the fifth grade students.