

Waccamaw Weekly

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School Motto:

Achievement, Respect and
Integrity Through Education

Literacy Message

Make one of your New Years Resolutions to Read and Write more!

Reminder of Thursday and Friday School Day Schedule

-Thursday, January 12, 2017 - Full School Day for Students & Employees

-Friday, January 13, 2017 - 1/2 Day for Students

***Dismissal @ 11:00 a.m**

-Monday, January 16, 2017 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday

***NO School for Students and Employees**

New Electronic Tardy Device



Parents,

To ensure your child's safety and accurate attendance in school, our District Office has installed a tardy device with our parents and visitors computer sign in system.

Effective today and thereafter, when your child arrives after the 7:55 a.m. bell, a parent must come to the front office to sign them in.

YEARBOOK SALES

Yearbooks can currently be purchased online via the WES website for \$35.00 through February 24, 2017. They also can be purchased through the office for \$35.00 with the deadline also of February 24, 2017. No orders will be accepted after February 24, 2017.

If there are any extras at the time of shipment, they will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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School Mission Statement: An inquiry based learning school to help children become respectful, knowledgeable, and caring citizens, through cultural understandings by providing developmentally appropriate curriculum in a safe and supportive environment.

Box Tops News

Congratulations to our December Box Top Class Winner, Mrs. Thompson's 3rd grade class! They will receive popsicles for a popsicle party!

Thank you to all students that brought in box tops this past month: Aurora Tweedy, Khloe Truesdale, Lily Retej, Norah Greblowski, Wells Eirvin, Isla Marshall, Laila Diggs, Sydney Stox, Joe Burroughs, PJ Davidson, Mariella Russell, Rostan Pate, Lillian Marple, Rowan Keyser, Ryleigh Fulton, Nariyah Miller-Bellamy, Marley Caskie, Hamp Eirvin, Chloe Davis

Mrs. Maring & Mrs. Stecz's Class News

In Child Development we are starting our unit on the world of color. We have begun mixing paints to create our own masterpieces! Come visit our room to see what happens when you mix the color red and the color yellow. We are conducting several experiments on color using food coloring as well. We have discussed the reason for the use of color or even the lack of color in our books for this unit. We will create and illustrate a winter wonderland class book using some of these techniques. We are becoming illustrators as well as authors! Come down and read about our winter wonderland!

Kindergarten News

Happy New Year!

Kindergarten team continues to implement strategies that will encourage our students to become independent learners and thinkers. Through exciting literature books written for children, we are introducing an author study that is appropriate and age developmental. We continue to encourage our students to think like authors and illustrators.

*Check out some books by Jan Brett from our local library to share at home.

*Remember to label all coats and jackets with your child's name.

First Grade News

We all enjoyed our field trip to GHS before the break to see "The Magic Toy Shop". It was an amazing performance! What a great opportunity for us to experience because toward the end of March we will be on stage too! We look forward to performing in the annual Spring Musical. Please be on the lookout for important information concerning after school play practices, speaking parts, and costumes. The first graders are getting excited about being on stage and cannot wait to get started with rehearsals!

Academics for the next few weeks will focus on the sun and the moon, fact families and place value through 99, informational writing, and moving toward level J in reading for an end of the year goal.

Thank you for doing your part at home to help your child move successfully toward second grade!

Happy New Year 2017! It's hard to believe we are almost half way through the school year. As we settle back into routine, please help us in the classroom by reminding students of expectations and coming to school prepared to learn.

In math please make sure students are practicing addition and subtraction facts through 20 to become fluent. When students are reading, we continue to practice using the I-PICK good-fit books so our reading levels increase. Please help with this at home. Thanks so much!

Second graders are thrilled to begin swimming with the YMCA. Be on the lookout for permission slips to come home. This is a very fun, educational activity for them!

Sincerely,
Second Grade Teachers

Third Grade News

Happy New Year from Third Grade! As we begin the New Year, talking is definitely a vital part of our learning process, but please remind your child that **listening** is equally important.

We are excited about the new adventures as we start back in 2017. We will have a great time studying and learning the causes and effects of the American Revolution to gain independence. In science, we will continue to study electricity and magnetism. We will develop and use models to describe and compare the properties of magnets and electromagnets, and plan and conduct scientific investigations to determine the factors that affect the strength of an electromagnet. In writing, we will use our knowledge of informational writing to create a chapter book on each South Carolina explorer. Third graders will also begin to learn and apply the strategies of multiplication and division facts to develop fluency. A helpful tool for mastery could be flash cards, interactive games, and/or timed test.

Thank you for your support at home. We look forward to many more exciting learning opportunities together with your child!

ART LINES

Happy New Year to all our students and families!

Art to Remember was delivered to the classes the last week of school before break and hopefully your order made it home safe and sound. Please let me know ASAP if there are any problems. I will be sending in **late orders** next week so if you haven't ordered get those in to the office by next **Thursday, January 12**. You can continue to order online until **Friday, January 13**.

We are busy, busy, busy in the art room. Kindergarten classes are working on cutting and gluing using recycled papers to make collages, 1st graders are using a variety of materials to make a winter landscape, 2nd graders are exploring the art work of Joan Miro, and 3rd graders are continuing a multi-task project that involves painting and weaving. We can't wait for you to see what we create!



Music Notes!

Welcome 2017!

Welcome back everyone!

Everyone seems to have returned from break rested and ready to move on to the next exciting events of the year! All grades are continuing the study of music skills, standards, and concepts through singing, reading, composing and playing music, and dancing.

We look forward to an artist in residence in early spring. First grade parents, please note that our next evening performance will be presented by our very own WES First Grade **Students!** That will take place in March, so look for those informative notes to come home soon. March is also the month we celebrate **Music in Our Schools Month (MIOSM)**. We will need parent volunteers to help with the production. In April, just before and after spring break, **second grade** students will present **piano recitals**. Parents you will receive a personal invitation to your child's class recital. Also, looking to the late spring is the ever popular **MAYFEST!** Parent volunteers will be needed for this event as well! So, please, save the date (May 19). We end the year with the **Waccamaw Strings Spring Recital** to be held in conjunction with the **Spring Art Show** in May.

As you can see, the arts never stop here at WES!

A final note, what a huge thank you to all parents, students, and WES family, for a wonderful Holiday performance. **Happy New Year!**

B.E.A.C.H. Report...

Gifted and Talented Program

The forecast is BRIGHT as we launch in to 2017! Students will conclude the first semester by wrapping up a literature study on the book *Frindle* and a webquest, "Welcome to the Web", on how to navigate safely through the internet. As we welcome new students into our learning communities, we will be solving Red Herring Mysteries to earn Brain Bucks, continuing in our Awesome Algebra unit, expanding our spatial reasoning skills with three-dimensional building and exploring computer science fundamentals. You can expect to see lots of focused activity as we continue to develop our growth mindsets!








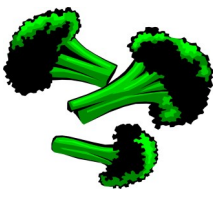



January 8—14

Samuel McClellan	1/08	Zavion Singleton	1/08
Harmony Brown	1/10	Emily Cooper	1/10
Kiley Floyd	1/11	Ashley Parsons	1/11
Sydney Stox	1/11	Ellerby Boan	1/12
Gabriel Coats	1/14	Easton Faw	1/14
Madison Greene	1/14	Jay Wes	1/14

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year	2-School Re-sumes	3-5:30 p.m. School Board meeting	4	5	6-Dolphin Spirit Day -Sunset Slush	7
8	9	10	11	12-Full Instructional day for students	13-½ Day for Students - 11:00 a.m. Dismissal -Dolphin Spirit Day	14- MLK Parade 11 a.m. JB Beck to Howard Center
15	16-Dr. M.L. King Day NO School	17-5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting	18-Report Cards Go Home	19-Good News Club	20-Dolphin Spirit Day -Sunset Slush -Terrific Kids Assembly	21-GCSD Academic Fair (Grades 3-6) @ GMS 7-11 a.m.
22	23	24	25	26-Good News Club	27-Dolphin Spirit Day	28
29	30	31				

Monday, January 9	Tuesday, January 10	Wednesday, January 11	Thursday, January 12	Friday, January 13
Fruit Bar String Cheese Mandarin Oranges Choice of Juice or Milk 	Breakfast Bites Seasonal Fresh Fruit Choice of Juice or Milk 	Ham Biscuit Applesauce Choice of Juice or Milk 	Mini Pancakes Seasonal Fresh Fruit Choice of Juice or Milk 	Cheese Toast Sliced Peaches Choice of Juice or Milk 
Spaghetti Chicken Rings Biscuit w/Either Spinach and Tomato Salad Corn on the Cob Applesauce Choice of Milk 	Country Style Steak Brown Rice w/Gravy Turkey Croissant Green Beans Marinated Fresh Vegetables Pineapple Tidbits Choice of Milk 	Pizza Burger on Flatbread Grilled Chicken Filet Sandwich Black-Eyed Peas Steamed Broccoli Sliced Peaches Choice of Milk 	BBQ Chicken Oven Baked Ham Biscuit w/Either Peas and Carrots Tossed Salad Raisels Choice of Milk 	<p style="text-align: center;">NO Lunch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">½ Day for Students</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dismissal @ 11:00 a.m.</p>