

Waccamaw Weekly

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School Motto:

Achievement, Respect and Integrity Through Education

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**October is Bullying Prevention Month &
Red Ribbon Week is October 23-27**

We are asking everyone at Waccamaw Elementary to join together to help make our school and community both bully-free and drug-free. Students will be taught special lessons about developing good character traits, bullying, the dangers of drugs, and making good decisions. Please make the pledge to:



- Treat everyone with respect.
- Never bully anyone or go along with bullying.
- Make healthy and smart choices.
- Tell an adult if you see bullying or someone using drugs.
- Do your best to make our school and community bully-free and drug-free.



Please join us and participate in our Red Ribbon Week daily plans:

Monday, October 23rd: Red Ribbon Day/Wear Red

Everyone is asked to **wear something red** to show that you stand for bully-free and drug-free school. Ribbons will be given to each student and staff member to wear during Red Ribbon Week to promote our theme. The message on the ribbons is "No Drugs! No Bullies! No Excuses!"

Tuesday, October 24th: Wear Camouflage Day

Everyone is asked to **wear something camouflage** to show that you stand for a bully-free and drug-free school. Everyone will also receive a bookmark with the message: "Show Good Character—Make Good Choices: Drug & Bully Free!"

Wednesday, October 25th: Unity Day/Wear Orange

Join us for National Unity Day and **wear something orange** to show we are together against bullying, united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion. Everyone will receive a special Red Ribbon Week wrist band to wear. (Thank you to Santee Cooper for providing them.)

Thursday, October 26th: Pencil & Hat Day

Everyone will receive a special pencil to celebrate Red Ribbon Week. The message on the pencil says "No Drugs! No Bullies! No Excuses! Say NO to drugs and pledge to be drug free. Stand up to bullies and never go along with bullying." Have your students write about ways to be healthy, bully-free, and drug-free. **Also, wear a hat of your choice to "put a lid on bullying and drugs."**

Friday, October 27th: WES T-Shirt Spirit Day

Wear a WES t-shirt to show your school spirit and to show that you will help to make Waccamaw Elementary a drug-free and a bully-free school!

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.

Happy Birthday

October 23 — October 29

Christopher Mitchel 10/23

Andrew Wilson 10/23

Baylor Richardson 10/24

Kourtlyn Floyd 10/28

Christopher Stacy 10/29

WES Families,

GCS D has partnered with the Francis P. Bunnelle Foundation to encourage teachers to write and submit proposals for needed classroom materials through DonorsChoose. Along with many other organizations, Bunnelle will match funds on these projects.

GCS D is challenging all teachers in the district to write a proposal, and many of our teachers have stepped up to the challenge. The school with the most funded proposals by November 3, 2017 will receive a cash prize. WES is currently one of the top schools in the race. Please consider visiting www.donorschoose.org to support a proposal from a WES teacher and help our school win the cash prize. Click on "Find a Classroom to Support" to find proposals from Waccamaw Elementary.

Thanks you for all your support!

Ashley Cameron

Principal

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Teachers ask. You choose.

Car Pick-Up Reminder:

Help us keep that car line moving!

Please remember to place your child's colored name plate in the car window during pick-up. This helps teachers to locate students and get them ready for their ride in a timely manner.



Waccamaw Elementary Tardy and Early Dismissal Policy

Students are tardy if they are not in the classroom by 7:55 a.m. It is important for students to participate in every aspect of their education, as well as every opportunity extended by our school, such as school-wide work and morning announcements. **Excessive tardiness will be addressed by the administration.**

School staff members are on duty at 7:20 a.m. to supervise students. **Students can enter the building at 7:20 a.m.** Parents of car riders may need to adjust their drop-off schedules to avoid being caught in line at the last minute. Please make every effort to have your child(ren) in class before 7:55 a.m.

After 7:55 a.m., the back doors will be locked and parents must drive around to the front of the school and bring their child(ren) to the front entrance.

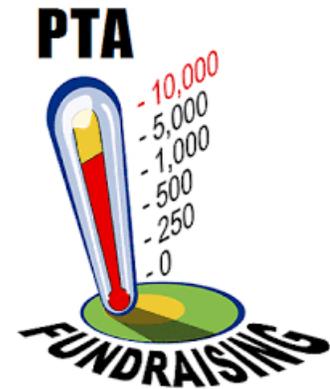
When your child arrives after the 7:55 a.m. bell, a parent must come to the front office to sign them in.

Waccamaw Elementary School recognizes that students must leave school early from time to time; however, we encourage parents to limit the amount of times they sign their child out early.

FUNDRAISER UPDATE:

The following are the top 10 contributors to the fundraiser. Total contribution is determined by taking 40% of all Palmetto Fun sales + 100% of all donations. While we are so appreciative of these students and their awesome selling abilities, we could not have been as successful as a school without the help of all of those that contributed toward the fundraiser. We are so happy to have raised \$20,000 for our school and to help improve our playgrounds.

1. Sahara Waterman in Mrs. Funnie's 1st Grade Class \$406
2. Sarah Grace Williams in Mrs. Loftus' 3rd Grade Class \$384
3. Colin Steffen in Mrs. Jorgenson's Kindergarten Class \$344
4. Ida Davis in Mrs. Thomas' 2nd Grade Class \$294
5. Emilee Sanchez in Mrs. Dozier's 3rd Grade Class \$277
6. Nolan Birkmeyer in Mrs. Baker's 2nd Grade Class \$245
7. Abbygale Mitchum in Mrs. Marshall's Kindergarten Class \$236
8. Adam Orr in Mrs. Eddy's First Grade Class \$227
9. Connor Vermont in Ms. McCoy's Kindergarten Class \$224
10. MacKenzie Faulk in Ms. Robert's Kindergarten Class \$217
10. Connelly Vaughn in Mrs. McCurry's 3rd Grade Class \$217



We are gearing up for our fundraiser delivery! All the fundraiser items will be delivered **NEXT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25. All items must be picked up on Pick-Up Day.** There are frozen products and we want to make sure they get all picked up since we do not have any refrigeration space available to store orders. You are welcome to send a neighbor, friend, older child or family members to come pick up your items if you are not able to make it. All they need is the student name and seller number and we'll take care of the rest. Thank you so very much for your support! We had a wonderful fundraiser and could not have done it without you.

Pick-Up Day: October 25th, 2017

Pick-Up Times: Between 11:00am and 6:00pm

Pick-Up Location: WES Gym

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Thank you for supporting our school!

Please email waccamawpta@yahoo.com with any questions.

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CogAT Testing for Grades 2 and 3

October 24-26, 2017

The screening process for the Gifted and Talented Academic Program (B.E.A.C.H.) will continue with some testing taking place in the next two weeks. All students in grades two and three (with the exception of students who are already in B.E.A.C.H.) will be given the *Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)* on **Tuesday, October 24, Wednesday, October 25, and Thursday, October 26.** The testing will occur during the morning hours, between **8:15 – 9:30 a.m.** ***Please make sure your child is here on time or they will have to wait until testing is completed before heading to class.*** Please call the school if you have any questions or concerns about this testing.



REMINDER!!!!

Read Your Way to the Big Game reading logs are due to classroom teachers by Nov. 1st. Students must have read and logged 6 books to be entered in the state-wide drawing for tickets to the Clemson/Carolina game. If your student has misplaced their log, additional logs can be found on the WES Media Center webpage.

WES PTA **Business Partner** of the week:

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Thank you for supporting WES PTA!



SAVE THE DATE

**Household
Hazardous Waste
Collection & Paper
Shredding Event**

**Oct. 28,
9 a.m. to noon**
at Ace Hardware
in Pawleys Island
Call for info: 843-545-3524

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Help us keep these items out of our waterways by safely disposing of: old paint, used oils, auto batteries, rechargeable batteries, chemicals, antifreeze, pesticides and unwanted products labeled "poison," "warning" or "caution"! And, bring your personal documents to be shredded on-site!



**Decorate a pumpkin like your favorite
book character and enter to win!**
CONTEST RULES: (There are just 3!)

1. The main part of the entry must be a pumpkin (or gourd) but the rest of the decorations (fabric, paint, glue, etc.) are up to your imagination.
 2. Your entry must be a book character.
- No carved pumpkins! Carved pumpkins rot. Since these will be displayed in the library, **carved, poked, or hollowed out pumpkins will not be entered in the contest.**

SEND IN YOUR BOOK CHARACTER PUMPKIN ANY DAY NEXT WEEK (Oct. 23 - 27) or by Monday, October 30th. One entry per student allowed. Each entry must have an index card attached with the book title, student's name and grade, and teacher's name. One winner from each grade level will receive a \$25 gift certificate to our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair in November. The teacher of each winning student will also receive a \$25 gift certificate to the book fair. 2nd and 3rd place winners will be awarded also. Winners will be announced on Oct. 31st. Contact Mrs. Cox with any questions.

Third Grade News

Third graders are learning to be engaging readers and writers with Daily 5 and CAFÉ. We are excited to have just studied the six geographical regions of South Carolina, and actively beginning to participate in matter and heat investigations. In math, we are actively involved in Math Workshop and the importance of number sense and the value of numbers through hundred thousand with real world application.

Third Grade Teachers

Make Up/Half Day for Students—October 27th

Dismissal will be at 11:00am; no lunch will be provided.



Breakfast Times

WES serves breakfast from 7:20am-7:50am each morning. If your child plans on eating breakfast, please make sure he/she arrives to school in time to eat and get to class before the tardy bell rings at 7:55am.

MONDAY 10/23	TUESDAY 10/24	WEDNESDAY 10/25	THURSDAY 10/26	FRIDAY 10/27
Waffle Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Link Sausage French Toast Sticks Syrup Orange Slices	Grits Link Sausage Whole Wheat Toast Jelly Mandarin Oranges	Sausage Roll Syrup Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Cinnamon Roll Seasonal Fresh Fruit
Club on a Sub Chicken Nuggets Biscuit Sweet Potato Fries Steamed Broccoli Applesauce	Vegetable Beef Soup Chicken Noodle Soup Toasted Cheese Sandwich String Cheese Cornbread Tossed Salad Corn on the Cob Frosty Peach Cup	Chicken Filet Sandwich Teriyaki Beef Dippers Biscuit Savory Carrots Garden Peas Mandarin Oranges	Lemon Pepper Baked Chicken Tuna Pasta Salad Brown Rice Pilaf Turnip Greens Tossed Salad Pineapple Tidbits	 NO LUNCH



Dear Parent/Guardian:

The flu vaccine is the best way to prevent the flu. It is especially important that children with certain health problems like asthma, diabetes or weakened immune systems get vaccinated every year.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is working with your school district to provide flu vaccine at your child's school this fall. The flu shot will be the only flu vaccine given in school clinics this year.

Flu shots are affordable at school clinics. If your child has:

Medicaid: Medicaid will be billed for \$13.

No health insurance: You will receive a bill from DHEC for \$13.

Private health insurance: DHEC will file a claim for \$13 with your insurance carrier. Any balance remaining may be billed to you.

If you would like your child to get a flu shot at school:

Go to <http://www.scdhec.gov/slvccconsent> and enter **12201024** as your validation code.

Complete the online consent and submit to DHEC.

All consents must be completed by October 27th.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school nurse for a paper application.

If your child is under the age of 9, he or she may be recommended to get a second flu shot for the best protection. You will be notified if your child will need a second flu shot.

If your child does not receive the flu vaccine at school, please consider contacting your child's healthcare provider or health department about getting the flu shot. The important thing is to protect your child from the flu by vaccinating them.

Sincerely,

Teresa A. Foo, MD, MPH
Medical Consultant, Immunization Division

Once you have submitted the Parent Consent Form, please contact the DHEC Regional Immunization Office for your county before the scheduled vaccination clinic, if any of the following events occur:

- There are any significant changes in your child's health.
- You decide you no longer want your child to receive the flu shot at school.

DHEC Regional Immunization Office Contact Information:

- For parents of children in participating schools in Allendale, Bamberg, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper, and Orangeburg counties, please call **(843) 953-0080**.
- For parents of children in participating schools in Aiken, Barnwell, Chester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lexington, Newberry, Richland, Saluda, York counties, please call **(803) 320-2467**.
- For parents of children in participating schools in Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, Union counties, please call **(864) 596-2227 Ext. 246**.
- For parents of children in participating schools in Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Sumter, Williamsburg counties, please call **(843) 673-6570**.

October is United Way Month at WES

The different grade levels are collecting money through the month of October as their contribution to the United Way Campaign. Each grade level has a jar in the office to place their coins or bills and will be given periodic updates as to how much they have collected. Please help your child's grade by sending in loose coins or stray bills.

The organizations that are helped through United Way of Georgetown and Williamsburg Counties are:

American Red Cross
AMI Kids (helps troubled youth develop into responsible productive citizens)
Boy Scouts-Coastal Carolina Council
Caring & Sharing (Assists elderly, low income and the disabled through crisis situations)
Children's Recovery Center
Toomey's Kids
Friendship Place (Provides support to the homeless and meals to the hungry)
Georgetown County Family YMCA
Girl Scouts of Eastern SC
Helping Hands
HUGS Program (therapeutic horseback riding for the mentally and/or physically impaired)
J.O.Y. School
Pawleys Island Child Care
Special Olympics
Tara Hall Home for Boys
The Salvation Army of Georgetown
A Father's Place
Neighbor to Neighbor
St. Christopher's Children
Family Justice Center of Georgetown
Georgetown Outreach Ministries
The Village Group



TRUNK OR TREAT 2017

a free fall festival event for the whole family



Saturday, October 21, 2017 • 5:00pm - 7:00pm

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More collection sheets are available in the front office!



Student Name: _____

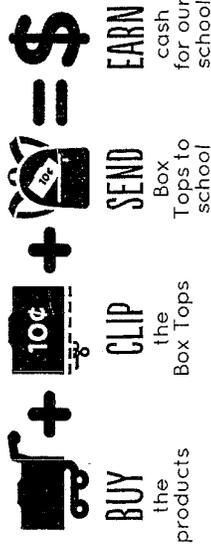
Teacher Name: _____

Grade: _____

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