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School Motto:

Achievement, Respect and Integrity Through Education

Make Up/Half Day for Students—October 27, 2017

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

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Waccamaw High School

Dinner, Crafts, Bouncy House, Dancing, Movie

Ages 4-10

\$25 per child / \$15 for each sibling

Monster Mash

TONIGHT @ 6-9PM



Picture Day—October 18, 2017

TRUNK OR TREAT 2017

a free fall festival event for the whole family



Saturday, October 21, 2017 • 5:00pm - 7:00pm Join us for a night of trunk-or-treating and collecting candy around our parking lot along with other fall-themed activities!

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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.

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.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY				
10/9	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13				
Strawberry Pop Tart	Grits	Sausage Biscuit	Muffin	Chicken Biscuit				
Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Link Sausage	Seasonal Fresh Fruit	String Cheese	Orange Slices				
	Whole Wheat Toast		Cereal Bowl					
	Jelly		Sliced Peaches					
	Pear Slices							
Spaghetti and Meat	Nacho Salad	Meatballs in Brown	BBQ Chicken	Cheeseburger				
Sauce	Chicken Filet Sand-	Gravy	Oven Baked Ham	Fish Filet Sandwich				
Teriyaki Beef Dip-	wich	Brown Rice	Yeast Roll	Black-Eyed Peas				
pers	Pinto Beans	Grilled Chicken Filet	Macaroni and	Oven Baked Okra				
Biscuit	Peas and Carrots	Sandwich	Cheese	Frozen Fruit Sidekick				
Green Beans	Mandarin Oranges	Glazed Sweet Potato Patties	Steamed Broccoli					
Corn on the Cob			Tossed Salad					
		Baby Lima Beans	Sliced Peaches					

	BIRTHDAY																											
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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 LIVE UNITED United Way Neighbor to Neighbor St. Christopher's Children Family Justice Center of Georgetown **Georgetown Outreach Ministries** The Village Group

FUNDRAISER INFO:

Parents, **THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND** of our Palmetto Fun Fundraiser! Please remember to have your child return **BOTH the ORDER FORM and CORRECT MONEY in the COL-LECTION ENVELOPE ON NEXT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11**. Please also make sure the top of the order form is completely filled out and that all the correct money has been turned in. They can give them to their Teacher or the Front Office. We can't thank you enough for the incredible support you have shown in making our fundraiser a great success!



<u>Fundraiser T-Shirts:</u> This fundraiser is full of exciting prizes that students can earn. Our goal is that every student receive a Spirit Shirt! By selling \$80 worth of product (roughly 4 items) or making a \$30 donation, students get to enjoy a **NEW WES FUNDRAISER T-SHIRT!!!** Students earn the colored t-shirt that is designated for their grade. If the class reaches their goal, all students in the class receive a shirt. Please help us raise enough so that all children in our school can earn shirts!! *Please contact <u>waccamawpta@yahoo.com</u> if your child has received their shirt and they need a different size*!



MERCHANDISE INFO:

We have Tie-Dye Short Sleeve and Long Sleeve shirts for sale in youth and adult sizes. We have lanyards available in several colors as well as other merchandise. Thank you for supporting our school with your merchandise purchases, a percentage of the sales goes directly to benefit the school. We want you to be happy with your purchase. If there is ever a problem, please let us know and we will replace the item you have purchased or give you credit toward another merchandise item. Thank you!!

PLAYGROUND UPDATE:

The PTA is working diligently to make much needed improvements to the WES playgrounds. New mulch has been added to the front playground and the outdated equipment beside the gym has been removed in preparation for new, ageappropriate equipment. The brick wall that currently runs down the center of the kindergarten playground will soon be removed, nearly doubling the size of the play space. Privacy slats will be installed in the surrounding chain-link fence and two, covered benches will be added to the playground. As funds become available, new equipment will replace the older pieces on each playground. The PTA would like to thank everyone for their continued patience and support as these much needed improvements are made.





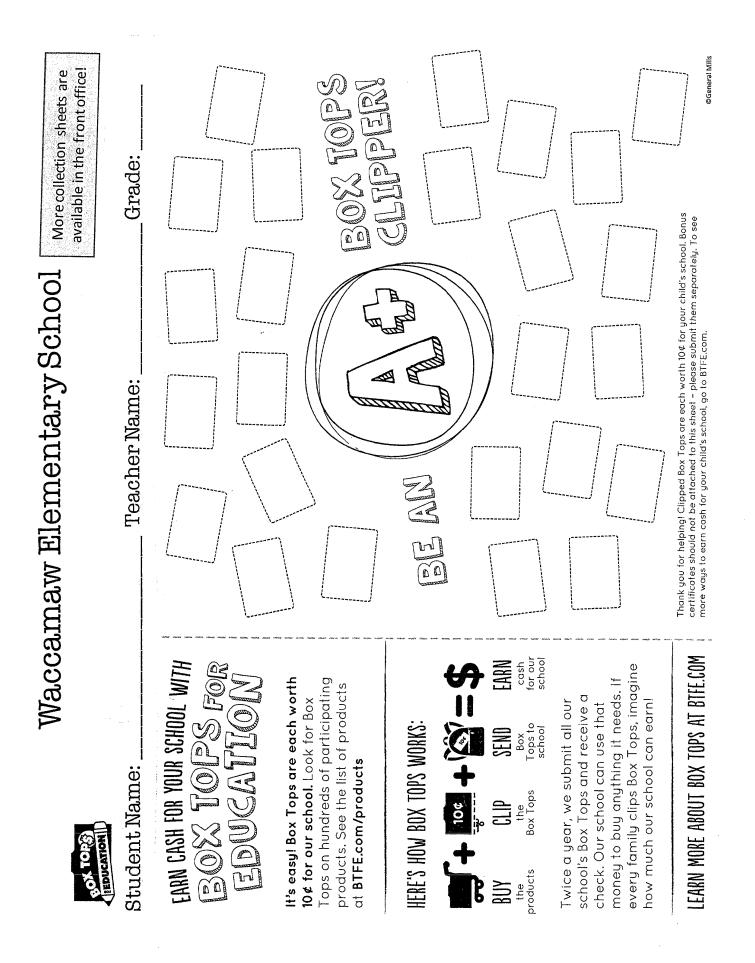
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Thank you for supporting our school!

Please email waccamawpta@yahoo.com with any questions.

First Grade News

It's Fall Ya'll! We are so excited for the new month. We have been busy studying Economics: Wants & Needs, Goods & Services, as well as, Science: Light and Shadows. We have been using flashlights to watch how light passes through different materials and going outside to watch our shadow move throughout the day. We are looking forward to having a visit from our firemen and can't wait for our upcoming field trip to Thompson Farms. Keep practicing those math facts as we subtract and learn our fact families.







Christmas 2017

DOING THE MOST GOOD

Applications for

Christmas assistance will be accepted at the following locations on the dates shown.

October 16-19, 2017	9am-12noon & 1pm-5pm
The Salvation Army	2401 Anthuan Maybank Dr Georgetown, SC
October 20, 2017	9am-5pm
Williamsburg County Rec	Ctr 2084 Thurgood Marshall Hwy, Kingstree, SC
October 23-24	9am-5pm
Andrews Town Hall	101 North Morgan Street Andrews, SC
October 25-26	9am-12noon & 1pm-8pm
The Salvation Army	2401 Anthuan Maybank Dr Georgetown, SC
October 27-28	8am-6pm

October 27-28Sam-6pmThe American Legion3950 US-17 BUS, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Make up daysOctober 30-November 29am-12noon & 1pm-5pmThe Salvation Army2401 Anthuan Maybank Dr Georgetown, SC

Each family seeking assistance **MUST** bring the following items to register:

- Photo ID and Proof of Residency for person registering
- Birth Certificate or Medicaid Cards for the children
- Legal Custody Papers for any children where you are not listed as the parent on the birth certificate
- Proof of Income for ALL those living in your household
 - Pay stubs, Food Stamps, Social Security benefits, Disability
- Proof of Expenses: ALL bills for the past month
 - Rent, mortgage, lights, water, gas, sanitation, phone, cable, auto loans, insurance, medical bills, loans, etc.
- DSS printout accepted as proof of benefits received

Questions? Call The Salvation Army at 843-527-4479



October 5, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is partnering with your school to provide flu shots to students. The flu shot is recommended by CDC and DHEC every year for everyone 6 months of age and older. It is the best way to protect your child against the flu.

I urge you to consider signing up your child to receive the flu shot in his/her school clinic. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Children in close settings like schools are at higher risk of getting sick with the flu and then spreading it to other students and teachers. The flu is also then spread at home to parents, siblings and other family members and friends.
- If your child has asthma, diabetes or other chronic health conditions, they are more likely than other children to become very sick if they get the flu. It is especially important for children with any of these conditions to get the flu shot every year.
- Your child can get the flu shot at school from a DHEC nurse and you do not need to miss work to take them to the doctor's office.
- The flu is a primary reason for students (and parents!) to miss school days during influenza season.

Please look for information from your child's school about the new online consent form. Information about the date and time of the flu shot clinic will also be provided by your child's school.

Don't forget to get yourself and your family vaccinated against the flu! Flu vaccine is available from your local DHEC health department and your health care provider. Those age 12 and older can receive the flu vaccine at a pharmacy which offers flu vaccine. I encourage you to find the facility that works best for you.

More information about the flu and flu vaccine clinics is available on our website at www.scdhec.gov/flu.

Sincerely,

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