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School Motto:
Achievement, Respect and
Integrity Through Education

Literacy Message

“Children are made readers on their parents lap.”



Waccamaw Elementary School held its first Family S.T.E.M. night on March 13. The event featured more than twenty activities involving science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Over 350 students and family members participated in a variety of fun learning experiences including STEM challenges, math games, and educational technology activities. Some of the most popular events were engineering design challenges including building a boat that could hold the most pennies, creating a house for the three little pigs, and seeing who could create the tallest tower. Students had fun showing their families Code.org, which teaches students the basics of coding in a fun and engaging way. Students played math games with friends, family, and even their teachers! Special presentations focused on free technology tools that families can access from home including DISCUS. Ms. Terri Dillinger spoke to families about promoting a growth mindset and made it fun by using Kahoot!, a game-based learning platform. The Waccamaw Elementary PTA graciously provided pizza. STEM Night was a great opportunity for families to see the hands-on learning that is taking place at Waccamaw Elementary every day, and to learn how to support their student's learning at home through games, technology, and more!

NO School for Students/Friday, March 17, 2017

ART LINES



Seated left to right:
Reyna Flores, Taelegha Collins, Matthew Volante, and Alexa Garcia

We'd like to say a BIG CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who were chosen to represent our school at the Eastern Region division **Youth Art Month** (YAM) show this past weekend. This year's showing was located at Conway Glass in Conway, SC. Representing our school were the following:

1st grade - Taelegha Collins

2nd grade - Matthew Volante (1st place 3-D division K-2nd)

3rd grade - Alexa Garcia (2nd place 3-D 3rd-5th grade)

- Reyna Flores (Honorable Mention)

We are very proud of these young artists and all the work they put into doing their best. Also, a BIG thank you to those parents who were able to take the time to drive their young ones over to Conway and support them in this important recognition. We so appreciate all you do.

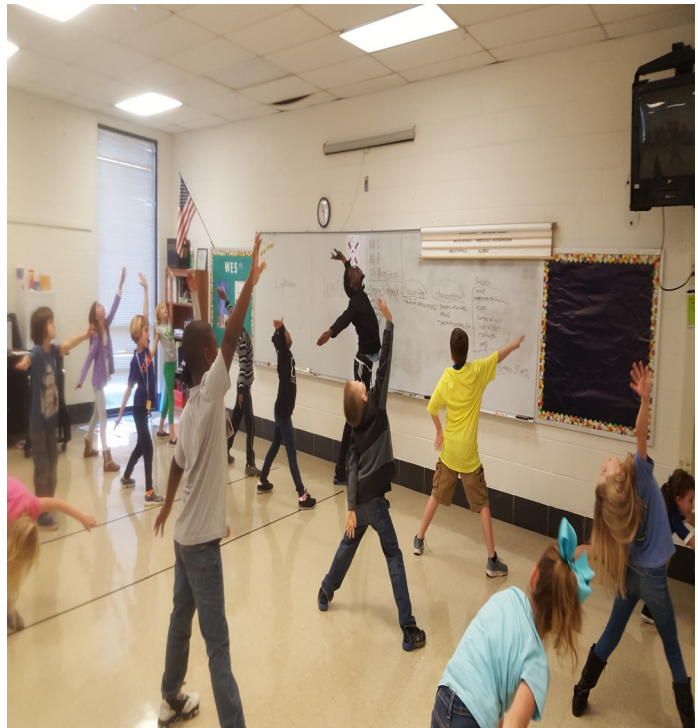
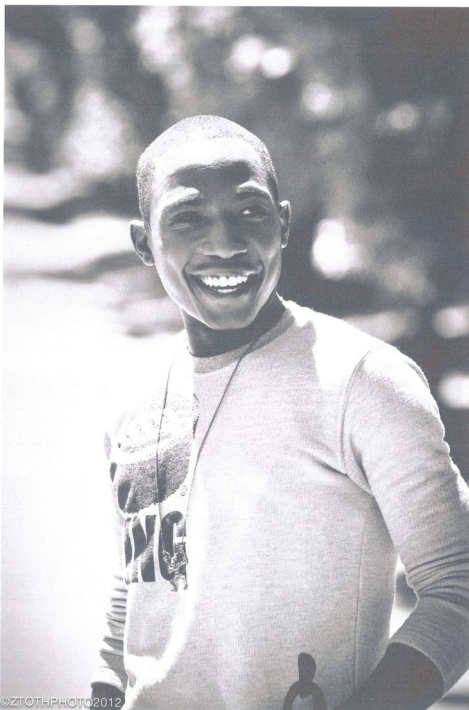
School Mission Statement: An inquiry based learning school to help children become respectful, knowledgeable, and caring citizens, through cultural understandings by providing developmentally appropriate curriculum in a safe and supportive environment.

Music Notes

March is...

Music in Our Schools Month

Each year during the month of March, WES acknowledges and celebrates national **Music in Our Schools Month (MIOSM)**! We participate in the **"World's Largest Concert"** via streaming, singing the musical selections chosen for the concert. We also hold our spring musical each year featuring our **WES First Grade students!** This year the students will perform **"Freddie the Frog and the Mighty Meter Gnome,"** **March 30th 6:30 pm,** WES Gym, for parents, stakeholders, and community friends. We hope you will attend. A Friday performance is also held for WES Student Body and area preschool students (March 31, 9:00 am). This year our second grade students have had the opportunity to work with **Artist in Residence** choreographer **Cedric Armstrong.** His focus has been to help the students understand the "language" of dance (choreographer, choreography, freestyle, improve, etc.) as they learn a Hip Hop style dance. "Mr. A" has been with us since February 16, and his last day will be March 23. (But he will be back for May Fest.) We have truly enjoyed getting to know Mr. A and learning what he has to share with us! A very special **THANK YOU** to our **PTA** for affording us this opportunity!!! We cannot do this without them!



March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
February 26 -Read Across America Week February 27—	February 27 -Wear your favorite hat	February 28 -Wear crazy socks	1-3-6 p.m. Child Development & Kindergarten Registration -Wear crazy hair and mismatched	2-8-8:45 a.m. Family Reading Day -12-4 p.m. CD & Kindergarten Registration -Wear red and	3Dolphin Spirit Day -Wear your college jersey or WES spirit wear	4
5-National School Breakfast Week 6-10	6	7-5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting	8	9-PTA Blood Drive 1-6 p.m. in WES gym	10-Dolphin Spirit Day	11
12-Daylight Savings	13	14	15	16-Good News Club	17-NO School for Students -St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20-First Day of Spring	21	22	23	24-Dolphin Spirit Day -Report Cards Go Home	25
26	27-6 p.m. Superintendent Art Awards Ceremony	28	29	30-6:30 p.m./ Spring Musical/ Grade 1	31-Dolphin Spirit Day	

Physical Education

We finished learning and working towards mastery of soccer skills in the month of February. Some of the skills learned and reinforced were dribbling with both feet, passing to a moving and/or stationary target, shooting, and goalie skills. Courtesy and respect were the character traits that were highlighted during this unit.

Jump Rope for Heart update:

We have met and passed our school goal of \$11,000. Final numbers will be calculated at the end of the day this Thursday, March 16th. Following the conclusion of March 16th, we will submit the prize order for each student. Please allow for at least 2 weeks before prizes arrive. Thank you so much for working together as a community for such a wonderful and worthwhile cause. WE DID IT!

All classes have started day one of our golf unit. Depending on the grade level, students will learn a wide range of golf skills. Topics include but are not limited to golf etiquette, club grip, scoring, safety, putting, chipping, and driving. Third graders have started their annual First Tee practice at Traditions Golf Course and will continue doing so throughout March. Honesty and integrity are the character traits that will be highlighted.



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Chase Johnson	3/15		
		March 19-25	
Zion Greene	3/19	Walker Gilmore	3/20
Carl Falk-Todd	3/21	Lucy Frechette	3/21
Madilynn Holston	3/22	Hanna Johnson	3/22
Haylee Marsh	3/22	Alec Wilcox	3/22
Jonathan Bashor	3/23	Mary Clayton Haddock	3/23
Jayden Favors	3/24	Brody Nist	3/24



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION AND PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 NOON**

at

**MIDWAY FIRE AND RESCUE
67 ST. PAUL PLACE, Pawleys Island, SC**



Bring the following Hazardous Waste Items:
Paint, Oil, Car Batteries, Anti-freeze, Household Cleaners, Non-commercial Pesticides and Fertilizers

FREE PROMOTIONAL ITEMS!

For more information, please call Georgetown County Department of Public Services/Stormwater Division: 843-545-3524



Scholastic Book Fairs

HAPPY CAMPER BOOK FAIR

S'more fun with books!

Dates/Times/Place

March 20 - 24, 2017

Extended Family Hours: Tuesday, March 21st, 3:00 - 6:00 pm

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

First, thank you, parents, who participated in one of the Growth Mindset sessions offered at this week's S.T.E.M. Night! If you were unable to attend, but would like to know more about how this affects learning, I encourage you to visit this website <https://www.mindsetkit.org/growth-mindset-parents> for more information. Second grade students are developing their growth mindsets through Monday Brain Boosters lessons. Most recently, we practiced solving math problems by drawing pictures. Third grade B.E.A.C.H. students are creating a math game as we progress through our Awesome Algebra unit. Our brains LOVE puzzles!

****Open Enrollment for Pre-K through 3rd Grade****

- Please bring the following:**
- Child's Birth Certificate
 - Child's Immunization records
 - 3 **current** proofs of residency with your home address (NOT a P.O. Box)

Please remind your family, friends and neighbors to come and register their child for the 2017-2018 school year!!

Monday, March 20	Tuesday, March 21	Wednesday, March 22	Thursday, March 23	Friday, March 24
Nutrition 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	Cereal Bar Cereal Bowl WW Toast Seasonal Fresh Fruit Choice of Juice or Milk
BBQ Rib Patty on a Sub Roll Hotdog w/Chili on a Bun Baked Beans Cole Slaw Sliced Peaches Choice of Milk	Country Style Steak Brown Rice Chicken Filet Sandwich Steamed Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce Savory Carrots Pear Slices Choice of Milk	Cheese Beef Macaroni Garlic Toast Chicken Salad Crackers Oven Baked Okra Black-Eyed Peas Fruit Cocktail Choice of Milk	Chicken Pilau Yeast Roll Cheese Pizza Glazed Sweet Potato Patties Turnip Greens Pineapple Chunks Choice of Milk	Smoked Sausage Fish Strips WGR Hushpuppies Red Rice Steamed Cabbage Dragon Juice Mandarin Oranges Choice of Milk