



# Principal's Prowl

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Dear Weddington Wildcat Families,

May is quickly approaching and it is the time of year we begin to think ahead to the next school year. Administration and the office staff work all summer long to ensure our students and parents have a smooth and exciting transition into the next school year. With that being said, we encourage and welcome all parents to complete the 2016-2017 "Parent Input into Student Class Assignment" form. This form allows all parents the opportunity for input into classroom teacher assignment. While administration is unable to accept specific teacher requests, we are seeking your input into the qualities in a teacher that would be the best fit for your child. The 2016-2017 Parent Input form can be accessed under the "Quick Links" on the Weddington school website or you may stop by the front office to obtain a hard copy of the letter. All "Parent Input into Student Class Assignment" forms are due by Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

We thank you in advance for assisting with the teacher assignment process and we look forward to serving your wonderful children. Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Warmest Regards,

Kristen Sebek

## FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Over the past two months, Ms. Sebek and I have had the opportunity and privilege to meet with one nominated student from each class each month for the purpose of building positive relationships. This lunch bunch program began as a result of the student advocacy goal that is outlined in the WDES School Improvement Plan. We have been

## Upcoming Events

- 5/2/16 – 5/6/16 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/4/16 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – Old Salem (Bryan, Fogartie, Reep)
- 5/4/16 – Site Based Team Meeting
- 5/5/16 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip – Riverbanks Zoo
- 5/7/16 – Soar with Grace Foundation – Race Against the Odds
- 5/9/16 – K-5 Field Day
- 5/10/16 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – Old Salem (Gaskin, Carter, Morgan)
- 5/12/16 – Drama Club Performance – 4:30 – Elementary Gym
- 5/17/16 – PTO Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade performance
- 5/19/16 – Rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Night – 6:00 p.m. – WMS
- 5/20/16 – Terrific Kids Breakfast
- 5/20/16 – Parent Input Forms due
- 5/20/16 – Family Dance
- 5/26/16 – Reading EOG
- 5/27/16 – Math EOG
- 5/30/16 – Memorial Day Holiday – No School

thoroughly enjoying this experience of encouraging, supporting, and learning about each child. We are excited to expand the program next year to include other staff and additional students. Thank you for sharing your child(ren) with us!!!

Sincerely,  
**Emily Kraftson**  
**Assistant Principal**



### FROM OUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Wildcat Parents,

As we approach the testing season students may begin to feel nervous or anxious about the End of Grade tests. Below are a few helpful hints to curb test anxiety and a website link to offer more information regarding test-taking anxiety in general. Remember that some anxiety is considered normal before taking a big test!

(1.) **Practice the neutral tool** - Changing negative self-talk to a neutral position and using deep breathing to calm nerves.

(2.) **Think good thoughts** - Focusing on happy feelings and those people/things you appreciate in your life.

(3.) **Get enough sleep** - Get at least 8 to 10 hours of sleep the night before a test.

(4.) **Eat a hearty breakfast** - A combination of complex carbohydrates and protein to help with brain stamina and energy!

More information about these tips can be found at:

[www.schoolcounselor.org/magazine/blogs/january-february-2004/helping-children-overcome-test-anxiety](http://www.schoolcounselor.org/magazine/blogs/january-february-2004/helping-children-overcome-test-anxiety)

**Laurie Harper**  
**WDES Guidance Counselor**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARCH TERRIFIC KID WINNERS:

**Kindergarten:** Privette: Cooper Santos, Hubbard: Shaurya Peri, Boyce – Akshaj Annamraju, Rogers – Evan Green, Shuford – Hudson Bruce, Leon – Delainey Pierce, **1st Grade:** Lunzmann – Cameron Ruis, Recher – Peter Fornaro, Murray – Lila Hall, Stefano – Ritisha Patro, Alvarez – Liam Cowan, **2nd Grade** – Prestipino – Cole

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Wright, Wallon – Henry Ladner, Stoner – McKenna Sullivan, Martin – Ryan Castano, Katon – Alyssa Becker, **3rd Grade** - Keil – Bryan Plutzker, Bailey – Austin Dirr, Shockley – Bella Tidwell, Holton – Gavin Oberg, Chambers – Joshua Callis, **4th Grade** -Schrock – Elle Frandsen, Schottland – Lilly Mullikin, Carballo – Sebastian Radomski, Waltower – Ian Mas, White – Layla Iglesias, **5th Grade** - Fogartie – Sean Katzbach, Gaskin – Demetri Kanos, Reep – Emma Lunzmann, Morgan – Brett Williams, Carter – Katelyn Ford, Bryan – Hannah Tse

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR APRIL PRINCIPAL AWARD WINNERS!!



Way to go Principal Award winners for the month of April! We are so proud of you! Pierce – Connor Walling, **Kindergarten:** Privette – Ellie Harper, Hubbard – James Herberich, Boyce – Mason Nagy, Rogers – Hope Braswell, Shuford – Oliver Solovey, Leon – Harrison Schnabel, **1st Grade** - Lunzmann – Eliana Pak, Recher – Dipak Mamillapalli, Murray – Bryce Rozema, Stefano – Aadi Grover, Alvarez – Grayson Bopp, **2nd Grade** - Prestipino – Mason Haymore, Wallon – Sienna Glawe, Stoner – Logan Jones, Martin – Nedal Lagdas, Katon – Sarah Collins, **3rd Grade** - Keil – Claudia Church, Bailey – Kolton Dufrene, Shockley – Madelyn Kouroupas, Holton – Sydney Hartmann, Chambers – Elyssa Hosseini, **4th Grade** - Schrock – Jaiden Morris, Schottland – Drew Herberich, Carballo – Isabela Coleman, Waltower – Jason Dromms, White – Allison Miller, **5th Grade** - Fogartie – Katie Joy, Gaskin – Madison Kilbourne, Reep – John Reese, Morgan – Niyathi Gorantia, Carter – Khyati Shrivastava, Bryan – Jackson Deville



