

**WELCOME
WILDCATS!!**



ADMINISTRATION



PRINCIPAL - KRISTEN SEBEK
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - BANKS SPICER
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL-JAMAR BELLAMY

WEDDINGTON CLUSTER IDENTITY



New for the 2018-2019 school year!

The Weddington cluster has adopted a Global Education and Service Learning identity. Throughout the year, our students and staff will engage in global learning, activities, projects, and events. Our school also will also participate in school wide service learning/fundraising projects. Our 5th Grade students will complete a service learning project prior to 5th Grade promotion.

WEDDINGTON ELEMENTARY VISION AND MISSION



Weddington Elementary Vision: Empower, Strive, Succeed, Excel

Weddington Elementary Mission: We will empower our students to be life long learners and 21st Century scholars by striving to provide rigorous learning opportunities. This will enable our students to succeed in the classroom and excel to their greatest potential.

- *Student safety is the first priority of the Weddington Elementary staff.*
- *Teachers focus on small group and one on one, rigorous and differentiated instruction to ensure students master 21st Century concepts.*
- *We follow the Common Core and Essential Standards.*
- *Teachers focus on positive reinforcement and feedback and encourage all students to try their best. Please take note of the "PAWS" posters in the common areas around the school! These are our behavior expectations*

WEDDINGTON SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS



- PAWS
- Please be respectful
- Always be responsible
 - Willing to work
 - Safety first



MORNING ARRIVAL



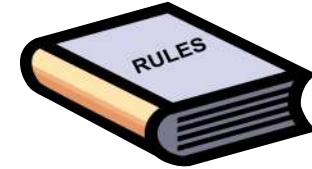
- Student arrival in the morning is 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Students may not enter the building prior to 7:00 a.m.
- Students are encouraged to ride the bus. The bus typically arrives to the school between 7:00 - 7:10 a.m.
- Students arriving in the car must exit independently on the sidewalk. Teacher Assistants are stationed on the sidewalk to assist.
- All students have the opportunity to eat breakfast in the school cafeteria.
- Students are considered "Tardy" if they are not in the classroom when the bell rings at 7:30 a.m.

WEDDINGTON INDEPENDENCE DAY



- Parents may park in the parking lot and walk students to class prior to our "Independence Day".
- On Monday, September 10th , Weddington Elementary conducts "Independence Day". All students must exit the car in the carpool line and walk to class independently.
- Parents are not permitted to walk to the classroom unless a meeting has been previously scheduled with the teacher. Please make sure to sign into the front office before entering the school building.

WEDDINGTON STUDENT HANDBOOK



- The 2018-2019 Weddington Student Handbook is accessible on the Weddington Elementary School website under "Quick Links".
- All Weddington parents and students are responsible for reviewing the information.
- All Weddington parents and students will sign a form acknowledging they have read and understand the information.

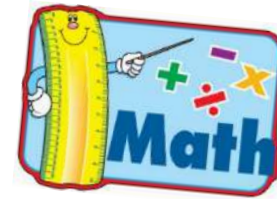
CORE SUBJECT TIMES



- Literacy - 2.5 hours
- Read Aloud - 20 minutes
- Shared Reading - 15 minutes
- Reader's Workshop - 55 minutes
- Writer's Workshop - 50 minutes
- Word Study - 20 minutes

Math - $1 \frac{1}{4}$ hours

Social Studies/Science/Health - 4 hours/week (45 minutes/day)



UCPS FOCUS ITEMS



#LiteracyforU

Focus 5 areas for Literacy:

- Word Study/Phonics Instruction
- Read Aloud
- Guided Reading
- Independent Reading
- Responsive Writing

EmpowerED Parent Portal – ucps.k12.nc.us

READ with U - volunteer your time by committing to read 1 time per week with a 1st grade student for 30 minutes



CAFETERIA



- Breakfast is served daily from 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Breakfast cannot be charged.
- All students have a cafeteria account that parents are able to monitor. Cafeteria accounts can be verified and accessed by going to <http://www.lunchprepay.com>.
- All students have a cafeteria number to verify his/her account.
- Parents/families/friends may have lunch with students grades 1-5 **after September 10th**. Parents of Kindergarten students may begin to have lunch with students on **Monday, October 8th**.

WEDDINGTON PTO



- Our Weddington PTO plays a critical role in the success of our school. Our administration and staff work collaboratively to ensure our students and families have a successful year. There are multiple opportunities to volunteer and we encourage all parents to do so. A volunteer application must be completed. For more information, please contact our Weddington PTO President at wdesptopresident@gmail.com.
- School and Family Events: Curriculum Night, Spring and Fall Book Fair, "Race, Rock, and Roar" Capital Campaign event, Winter-Fest, PTO Talent Show

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES



- Weddington Afterschool - UCPS, Interim Coordinator - Virginia Burch - Virginia.burch@ucps.k12.nc.us
- Teacher clubs - Chess Club, Lego Quest, Spanish Club, Super Scientists, Creative Cooking and many more
These will be available online!
- Waxhaw Child Development, Primrose at Austin Village



AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES



- How to access after school teacher club forms:
- Visit our school website.
- Click the "about our school" tab.
- Click on "after school clubs"
- Click the club flyer links
- Download, print and return the clubs are you interested in
- Return forms and check to homeroom teacher. Homeroom teacher will place the documents in the mailbox of the club sponsor.



WE CELEBRATE OUR WILDCATS!



- Principal's Award - PBIS/PAWS expectations
- Kiwanis Terrific Kid Award - Character Education
- Class Paws
- Individual Paws to earn class rewards
- Individual classroom awards
- Honor Roll - Grades 3-5



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



- We encourage all parents to volunteer at our school! To become a UCPS Approved Volunteer, go to <https://volunteers.ucps.k12.nc.us/> and click on "Apply online to volunteer with UCPS".
- Ways to volunteer:
 - Room parent
 - Classroom activities - Mystery Reader, special projects, special activities
 - Read with U
 - Media Center
 - Field Trip Chaperone
 - Lunch Duty
 - Globalization Day
 - PTO Special Events - Race, Rock, and Roar, class parties, Winterfest, WDES Talent Show, Fall and Spring Book Fair, Family Dance

GUIDANCE



- School Counselor - Amanda Jewell - Amanda.Jewell@ucps.k12.nc.us
- We focus on character education throughout the school
- Guidance Lessons focus on topics such as character traits and bullying
- Small group and individual guidance meetings
- Anti-bullying Campaign



COMMUNICATION



Parents should always contact teacher prior to contacting administration.

Parents should expect no more than a 24 hour response to any communication from a Weddington Elementary staff member. Please contact administration.

Communication for all parents:

- Grade level website
- Email - expect a weekly email from the teacher
- Telephone calls
- Notes in agenda/notebook/folder
- Monday Folder
- Principal weekly email - to receive weekly emails and emergency emails, contact our school Data Manager at norma.felipe@ucps.k12.nc.us
- Principal mass telephone messages
- Principal monthly newsletter - posted on Weddington Elementary website
- Weddington Facebook page, Instagram, Twitter

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES



- All teachers will conduct a parent-teacher conference at the end of the first grading period.
- Parents should contact the teacher directly when a question or concern arises.
- In grades 3-5, grades are posted weekly on the HomeBase Parent Portal on the Weddington Elementary website. You should click on "Resources for Parents and Students".



RESOURCES



- Weddington Elementary Website - <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Domain/54>
- UCPS Website - <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/>
- Social Media – Facebook and Twitter
- Follow us!
Twitter: @WeddingtonES, @BanksSpicer, @AGHoulihan
Facebook: Weddington Elementary, Weddington PTO



HAVE A GREAT YEAR WILDCATS!