

Accelerated Reader: Chair, Barbara Molnar molnarb@nc.rr.com

This yearlong program encourages reading by rewarding students for scoring well on computerized reading comprehension quizzes on books they have read. The committee maintains the student score database, helps students with the AR tests before school, and awards prizes.

AG KITS: Chair, Melissa Sipek (staff) msipek@wcpss.net

This committee works with the Academically Gifted Resource Teacher to prepare and stock kits for use by students in grades K-2 who need or want additional enrichment in a particular subject.

Book Fair: Chair, Diane Williams prp1970@bellsouth.net

Usually held in the fall, the media center coordinates a large book sale with a vendor & the teachers. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, stock shelves & process book sales. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the WES media center.

Buildings & Grounds: Chair, Nichelle Weintraub naberry@mindspring.com

Meets to maintain the memorial gardens & flowerbeds at WES. Join this committee & burn some calories, build strong bones, get a work out while meeting other WES parents.

Character Education: Katherine O'Connor (staff) koconnor@wcpss.net

Promotes the monthly WCPSS character trait throughout the school year. Volunteers are needed to make this a meaningful, fun program that encourages kindness, respect, courage, kindness, responsibility, self-discipline, integrity, perseverance & good judgment among our WES students.

Chorus Boosters: Chair, Brenda Singer bbsinger@nc.rr.com

Working closely with the music teacher, this committee supports the activities of the 4th and 5th grade chorus, as they perform at WES and at other locations throughout the area.

Community Helper Day: Chair, Beth Satterfield Beth.satterfield@gmail.com

This is a fun; educational event held during the fall that introduces our younger elementary school children to our various "helpers" in our community. Firefighters (on their fire truck), policemen, trash collection services, etc. are all here! Volunteers needed to "man" the different stations, navigate the children & supply goodies to the helpers!

Coupon Books: Chair, Sue Burkinshaw sburkinshaw@nc.rr.com

In the fall, coupon books are made available to families to purchase or sell to others.

Cultural Arts: Chair, Letha Muhammad lazzubair@att.net

Each grade level will enjoy performing arts opportunities chosen from a selection at the United Arts Council kick-off at the beginning of the school year. This committee coordinates these performances.

Dining For Dollar\$: Chair, Lee Anne Shanks lashanks@earthlink.net

This is a quarterly fundraising event held at local eating establishments. Volunteers contact establishments to book events & help coordinate/staff as needed for related activities. WES PTA receives a percentage of the proceeds from purchases made by WES families.

Fall Fundraiser: Chair, Leigh Vittert leighvit2@aol.com

The largest PTA fundraising campaign. Students have a sales brochure that they use to solicit sales. Volunteers check the orders & deliver the processed orders to the students once they arrive at the school.

Family Nights: Chair, Mary Beth Sherman msherman6@nc.rr.com

These are family events to be held on a Friday evening twice during the school year (fall & Jan/Feb). Dinner is served for one hour & then the fun activities, normally Bingo, begin.

Fifth Grade Activities: Co-Chairs, Carole McVeigh carolemev@aol.com, Steph Hurley thenchurleys@gmail.com, Cindy Korabik cindykorabik@nc.rr.com

Parents of 5th grade students plan activities particular to that grade level throughout the year, such as the Recognition Ceremony at the end of the year, the 5th Grade Picnic, the 5th Grade group photo and a gift to the school from the class.

International Night: Chair, Kim Hunt kimthunt@aol.com

Highlights the many nationalities represented at WES. The committee assists the WES staff member who coordinates most activities for the event.

Kid's Vote: Chair, Cindy Korabik cindykorabik@nc.rr.com

Set up voting for the students in the presidential election.

Legislative: Chair (need volunteer)

A representative from WES tries to attend district meetings, School Board meetings, etc. and report back on items of interest to WES.

Media Center Volunteers: Chair, Diane Williams prp1970@bellsouth.net

Committee will help the media center staff with various tasks such as re-shelving books. There is lots of flexibility in the times & days needed.

Merchant Fundraising: Chair, Laura Snyder Laura.Snyder@sas.com

Students collect labels from specially marked food products & parents can shop at participating stores to earn school credits. These credits can later be used to purchase school equipment. Primarily we need volunteers to cut labels according to specifications.

Newsletter: Chair, Etta Kan tenten@alumni.princeton.edu

The *Explorer Express* is a weekly publication, coming home each Tuesday throughout the school year to provide parents with information about everything going on at WES. Two Co-Editors and two Distribution Managers provide this weekly service. Submissions are due by noon on Thursdays to explorerwes@yahoo.com.

Health and PE Activities (Assist WES PE staff): Chair, Lora Meyer lorameyer@bellsouth.net

Help PE department with various events such as Jump Rope for Heart, Field Day, and First in Fitness.

Hospitality: Chair, Janet May jhvm@nc.rr.com

This committee coordinates hospitality services for PTA sponsored events such as the holiday program, talent show, tissue & tea, career day, fall cleanup & science day.

Popcorn Parties: Chair, Cristin McNeill crisitnM@ao.com

Will visit classrooms with the PTA popcorn machine to offer a treat for such events like Fun Fridays.

Pizza Hut-Book-It: Chair, Ashley Nagel ashleynagel@nc.rr.com

Committee coordinates & oversees this read-a-thon which takes place throughout Oct. Children log all of their reading hours & are awarded at the end with – what else – Pizza!

Recycling: Chair, Samantha Herring samjalyste@earthlink.net

We collect used ink cartridges to turn in for cash for the school.

Red Ribbon Week: Chair, Sue Reilly syreilly@nc.rr.com, **Martha Frank (staff)** mfrank@wcpss.net

This is a national event usually held in October to promote a united effort to keep students drug-free. Volunteers help with decorations, canned food collections, & judging. Most of the volunteer time takes place immediately before & after school.

Reflections Program: Chair, Beth Campbell thecampbells@prodigy.net

This is a local, state & national arts competition focusing on visual arts, literature, music & photography. The committee will publicize this competition, obtain judges & coordinate the judging in each category, arrange awards & an award ceremony, & send winning entries to the county competition.

Room Parent Coordinator: Chair, Christine Naughton 12christine@bellsouth.net

Will mostly act as liaison between the room parents & the teachers, various committees, etc to make sure that all the lines of communication are open!

School Pictures: Chair, Beth Campbell thecampbells@prodigy.net

Volunteers help the photographer on the days that school pictures are taken in the fall and spring.

School Store: Chair, Kim Hunt kimthunt@aol.com

Open on most Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m., the School Store, located in hallway outside the Guidance Office, offers pens, pencils, erasers, key chains, notebook paper and even recorders for music class.

School Supplies: Chair, Patrina Lawrence pblawrence@mindspring.com

Parents may pre-purchase in the spring all school supplies needed for the following year. It's one-stop shopping for busy parents, and any profits help the PTA.

Science Day: Chair, Emmeline Igboekwe Emmelinei@nc.rr.com

Committee coordinates speakers/exhibitions for Science Day for grades K-2.

Science Fair: Chair, Emmeline Igboekwe Emmelinei@nc.rr.com

Committee organizes and supervises the exhibits for the 3-5 grades.

Sound System: Chair, Barry Daly

This committee is trained in the set-up and running of the sound system at events for the school.

Spirit Wear: Chair, Tracey Wiwatowski twiwatowski@tlpromotions.net

T-shirts, car magnets and other WES items are sold in the fall to promote school spirit throughout the year.

Spring Carnival: Chair, Patty Richey mrichey3@nc.rr.com

Generally held in March at the school. Committee members are needed for coordinating ticket sales, games, food, volunteers, basket raffles, publicity & more. There is a job for everyone!

Talent Show: Chair, Heather Blythe pblythe@nc.rr.com

Usually held in the spring to highlight the many talents of our students at WES. The committee will coordinate performers, rehearsals, & decorate the stage for the performance. Work for this committee takes place from Dec/Jan until the talent show in the spring.

Website/Internet: Chair (need volunteer)

New committee to keep the information on the PTA website up to date.

WEShare: Chair, Sue Reilly syreilly@nc.rr.com

A new program at WES, where families help other families in time of need.

Yearbook: Chair, Terri Harlow tharlow@nc.rr.com

Parent volunteers take photographs throughout the year for use in the yearbook. Anyone with an interest in photography is encouraged to join this group of volunteers.