

Weatherstone Elementary ♦ 1000 Olde Weatherstone Way, Cary, NC 27513
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Safe Kids Attendance Line: (919) 380-6982 (Call in sick by 10:00 a.m.)

WEATHERSTONE CALENDAR

January

1/29 Report Cards Issued

February

2/03 1:15 Dismissal
2/04 8:30am- 4:00pm Kindergarten Registration
2/05 School Spirit: Wear Red!
2/08 -2/12 Jump Rope for Heart
2/09 WES Math Night; Cafeteria 6-7 pm
2/11 PTA Meeting, 2:30 pm
2/15 Teacher Workday - No School
2/16-2/19 Warm Your Teachers Heart
2/16-2/19 Teacher Appreciation Week
2/19 Spring Pictures
2/23 WES International Festival, 6-7 pm

SAILING UPDATE

Congratulations to the following classrooms for having the highest number of SAIL tickets so far this year:



In kindergarten, Mrs. Hyde
In first grade, Mrs. Floyd
Second grade is Mrs. Zon
In third grade we have a tie between Ms. Whalen and Mrs. Strengholt (whew, what a battle this is!)
Fourth grade is Mrs. Bailey (for the fourth time in a row!)
And fifth grade goes to Mrs. Douds' class.

We also want to recognize the following classrooms for earning the most SAIL tickets for the grade level for this month:

Kindergarten goes to Mrs. Lawson
First grade is Mrs. Asbell
Second grade congratulations to Mrs. Britton's Class
In third grade, Mrs. Ewing's class was tops
Fourth grade honors go to Mrs. Gagliano
And fifth grade we want to recognize Mrs. Crisp's class for their efforts.

Keep up the good work, and keep on Sailing!

Robin Wahl, Principal

Deadline: Wednesday noon ♦ E-mail: explorerwes@yahoo.com ♦ Editors: Melanie Farrell & Beth Satterfield

B-I-N-G-O: WE NEED PRIZES!!!

Bingo family night is back and scheduled for Friday, March 12th from 6:00 - 8:00pm. We are in need of prizes to make this a fun and memorable night. Gift cards to retailers like Target or Walmart would be excellent. Or, if you enjoy shopping, you can donate a new item or items of your choice. We are in need of BIG prizes like fun board games, cool lunch boxes, Webkins... whatever your kids would love is what we need! If you plan on helping out ... **WE NEED IT NOW!** Please don't wait. This will give the committee members time to balance the gifts by level and gender/age appropriateness, as well as give us the opportunity to spend the gift cards wisely. Thank you!



Please note that gift cards and prizes should be dropped off at the front office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact BINGO co-chair Catherine Dupuis at 380-1236 or email her at catdupuisnc@gmail.com.

DISTRICT 9 BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The District 9 Board Advisory Council (BAC) will meet on Monday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Cary Elementary School. Debra Goldman, our new District 9 Board of Education Representative will be there. These meetings are open to the public and we encourage you to attend. Come and meet our new school board representative and find out more about our school district!

Christine Naughton,
District 9 BAC WES Parent Representative

WES MATH NIGHT: FEBRUARY 9th 6-7 pm

All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders and parents, you're invited to join Ms. Whalen, Mrs. Topoll, Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Sipek for Weatherstone's first ever math night. Meet us in the cafeteria on February 9th from 6-7pm. You will get a chance to try some fun math games that are aligned with the NC math curriculum. The math club will also be there to demonstrate how to play the 24 Game. Hope to see you there!



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART 2010

Help us to fund heart research by donating in honor of someone you love. During the week of February 8th-12th, WES will be holding our Jump Rope for Heart event to raise funds for the American Heart Association. Students

will participate in the event during their PE class times. An informational letter and the donation envelope will be given to each student in their PE classes during January.

Pledge envelopes and money must be returned by Friday February 12, 2010. We ask that the students do not go door-to-door or ask strangers for donations. Any contribution is greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to the American Heart Association.

You may also raise money online by creating a website for your child at www.americanheart.org/jump. By doing this, you may raise money in memory or in honor of someone in your family that has had Heart Disease or a Stroke. Parents may also want to check to see if their employers have a matching gift program that would double the donations.

We look forward to a week of fun and community spirit.
HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN 2010!!!

Sincerely,
Coaches Edwards, Elliott and Hajnos

NEWS FROM THE MEDIA CENTER

To save money and paper, information about how your children are using our WES Media Center and what your children are learning during their time with us will be posted on the Internet. Previously, this information has been sent home with report cards twice a year. Follow these steps to access this information:

1. Go to the Weatherstone Elementary School website (weatherstonees.wcpss.net)
2. Click on 'Staff Websites'
3. Click on 'Weatherstone Media Center'
4. Click on 'Course Information'
5. Click on the appropriate grade level

This site can be accessed at any time during the school year and summer vacation.

Phyllis Edgerton and Teri Phillippi,
WES Media Center Staff

THE SCIENCE FAIR NEEDS YOU!!!

The 2010 Science Fair will be on March 18th. We need between 15 and 20 volunteers to help set up and to be JUDGES. Your participation will make this fun and equitable. Please email Emmelinei@nc.rr.com or call 919-468-5311, to let me know of your interest.

Thanks!

Emmeline Igbokekwe, Science Fair Chair

WES 12th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

It is time again to come together to celebrate the many different cultures here at our school. Our theme this year is "Peace Is ..." Our past festivals have been very successful and we are planning another great evening. Mark your calendars now - **Tuesday, February**



23rd from 6-7 pm. The International Survey Form should have come home in your child's Tuesday folder last week. Please complete and return it. ***The class with the most returned surveys will receive an international cookie party.*** Your family may participate in the festival by simply preparing or purchasing cookies from your ethnic/cultural background. For example: Mexican Wedding Cookies or American Gingerbread Cookies. The cookies will be displayed with your information - then everyone enjoys the treats. Please consider being an ambassador for your country by setting up a small display about your country and/or wearing your national costume. Our music and Spanish teachers are working with students to present a musical introduction. Please plan to come and join the fun!

The International Festival Committee:

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