



# EXPLORER EXPRESS

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## WEATHERSTONE CALENDAR

### February

- 2/11-2/26 Food Drive - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Service Project
- 2/22-2/26 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 2/19 Spring Pictures
- 2/23 WES International Festival, 6-7 pm
- 2/23 PTA Fundraising Meeting, Rm. 224, 2 pm
- 2/25 Room Parent Mtg., 9:30 am (MANDATORY)

### March

- 3/5 School Spirit: ACC Day
- 3/10 Early Release, 1:15 pm
- 3/11 PTA Meeting, 9:30 am
- 3/12 BINGO Family Night 6-8 pm
- 3/18 Science Fair

## SPECIAL PTA MEETING: FUNDRAISING

Would you like a say in the fundraising for the 2010-2011 school year? If so, please join us on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm in room 224. We have already received some new ideas and want your input. If you would like to be on the agenda to share an idea, please contact me at [prp1970@bellsouth.net](mailto:prp1970@bellsouth.net). Thanks!

Diane Williams, PTA President

## TEACHER APPRECIATION: NEXT WEEK!

**FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup> - FEBRUARY 26<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us in showing your appreciation. Your participation will make it an extra special week for your teachers!

- Monday: Bring in a single flower for your teachers (to become part of a class bouquet).
- Tuesday: Write a note to your teachers telling them what makes them special to you.
- Wednesday: Bring in school supplies for your teachers.
- Thursday: Let your teachers know how sweet they are by bringing them something sweet.
- Friday: TGFT!!!! (Thank Goodness For Teachers) Show your appreciation by giving your teachers a hug, a high five or a fist bump!

Note that the Teacher Luncheon will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information about that later.



## WES SPRING CARNIVAL: LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Please mark your calendars -- the Weatherstone Spring Carnival is **Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.**

The Carnival committee is gearing up for a great day of games, inflatables, food, and fun!!

**Casting Call:** We are in search of people to help with food and drink, coordinate volunteers, and assist with the silent auction! No experience necessary! Hollywood is calling your name...we can see your name in lights!

There will be a mandatory **room parent meeting** Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am to discuss the upcoming Spring Carnival. If you are unable to attend, please send a representative.

Please call or e-mail Barbara Taylor 316-0299 or [ckmtay@hotmail.com](mailto:ckmtay@hotmail.com) with any questions about Carnival!

## ART NEWS

We say goodbye and congratulations to Miss Nickelson, who has accepted a full-time position at Salem Elementary - and we welcome Mrs. Kling, our new part-time art teacher! Mrs. Kling attended Meredith College and UNC-Greensboro and has degrees in Interior Design and Art Education K-12.



Congratulations to **Sarah Meyer**, her artwork will be on display at the **2010 Gifts of Gold Art Show** March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in the lobby of Memorial Auditorium as a part of the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary performance of Pieces of Gold. Many of our 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade students have been creating artwork inspired by Egypt, Australia, and China. We will have some of this work displayed in our halls during our International Festival on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our K-2 students have enjoyed creating pictures with snow themes. Congratulations to all of our hard-working art students!

We welcome parent volunteers in the classroom! Please e-mail us if you're interested! Thank you!

Ms. Palko and Mrs. Kling:  
[jpalko@wcpss.net](mailto:jpalko@wcpss.net) and [mkling@wcpss.net](mailto:mkling@wcpss.net)

**Deadline: Wednesday noon ♦ E-mail: [explorerwes@yahoo.com](mailto:explorerwes@yahoo.com) ♦ Editors: Melanie Farrell & Beth Satterfield**

### SPOTLIGHT VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our PTA Spotlight Volunteer for February, **Jennifer Ellerbe**.

Jennifer has been volunteering her time at WES for 3 years. She is currently serving as the Chairperson for the Building and Grounds Committee. The committee continues to focus its efforts on grounds clean-up days. In addition, this year Jennifer and the committee repainted the picnic tables, and they look great! Jennifer is also involved with the Accelerated Reader program, and in the past has volunteered for the Book Fair and the KITs program.

She has two children: Caitlynne in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Cayla in Kindergarten. Jennifer is co-room parent in Cayla's class, and she really enjoys helping with activities such as Book-a-Bite, story time and learning experiences in both classes. "My children are happy to see me volunteering at the school."

Thank you, Jennifer! We truly appreciate all of your hard work for our students and the school. For the month of February, Jennifer will have use of the "PTA Volunteer" parking spot. Please help us honor her by leaving the space available. Thank you!

Elizabeth Humphries,  
VP of Volunteers

### 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 Web site ([weatherstonees.wcpss.net](http://weatherstonees.wcpss.net))
2. Click on 'Staff Web sites'
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 STILL 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 e-mail [Emmelinei@nc.rr.com](mailto:Emmelinei@nc.rr.com) or call 919-468-5311, to let me know of your interest.

Thanks!  
Emmeline Igbokekwe,  
Science Fair Chair

### FOOD DRIVE: 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE SERVICE PROJECT:

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have a heart for the hungry! February 11<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> we are teaming up with Town Planner to collect food for the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC and the Inter-Faith



Council. Please consider donating items such as peanut butter, canned meals (pop-top cans a plus!), canned fruits and vegetables, rice, cereal, paper products, hygiene items, diapers, elderly nutrition drinks and infant formula. **No glass containers please!**

Contribution boxes are located in every 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom, in the front lobby, by the school store and by the lost and found at the cafeteria. Thanks for helping our students be a part of serving our community!

### 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**. Please plan to come and join the fun!



### B-I-N-G-O: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Bingo family night is back and scheduled for Friday, March 12th from 6:00 - 8:00pm.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact BINGO co-chair Catherine Dupuis at 380-1236 or e-mail her at [catdupuisnc@gmail.com](mailto:catdupuisnc@gmail.com).

