



# EXPLORER EXPRESS

FEBRUARY 23, 2010

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Safe Kids Attendance Line: (919) 380-6982 (Call in sick by 10:00 a.m.)

## WEATHERSTONE CALENDAR

### February

- 2/11-2/26 Food Drive - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Service Project
- 2/22-2/26 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 2/23 WES International Festival, 6-7 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

## TEACHER APPRECIATION: THIS 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 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. **Tonight, February 23rd from 6-7 pm.** Please plan to come and join the fun!



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

The annual carnival will be here before you know it! Mark April 17th on your calendar for a fun day of food, games, and inflatables. If you would like to volunteer to help with the festivities, please contact the Carnival chair, Barbara Taylor. 316-0299 or [ckmtay@hotmail.com](mailto:ckmtay@hotmail.com).

Room Parents: Please remember there is a mandatory meeting this Thursday, February 25th at 9:30 am in the cafeteria. At this meeting, you will receive your room assignments and an important packet of information. If you are unable to attend, please send a representative.

## SAILING UPDATE

Congratulations to the following classes for having the overall highest number of SAIL tickets:

- Kindergarten: Mrs. Cordle
- First Grade: Mrs. Floyd
- Second Grade: Mrs. Stewart
- Third Grade: Mrs. Strengholt (the fifth month in a row!)
- Fourth Grade: Mrs. Bailey (the fifth month in a row!)
- Fifth Grade: Mrs. Douds

The following classrooms earned the most SAIL tickets for this month:

- Kindergarten: Mrs. Helms
- First Grade: Mrs. VanAntwerp and Mrs. Asbell
- Second Grade: Mrs. Leonard
- Third Grade: Mrs. Zoller
- Fourth Grade: Ms. Whitt and Mrs. Foster
- Fifth Grade: Mrs. Marnell

Keep up the great work!

## WEATHERSTONE IDOLS TALENT SHOW

Do you have a skit that you and your friends want to perform? Do you sing, dance, play an instrument, or have an unusual talent you would like to share? Are you a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader?



If so, now's your chance to shine! The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Weatherstone Talent Show will be held on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. The talent show is open to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Look for the registration packet in your March 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday folder. **Please read over this information carefully** as we are accepting registrations on a first-come, first-served basis.

You are the talent that makes this show FABULOUS -- so don't be left out!

*Remember, a show can't go on without the Stage Crew! If this is your area of expertise we need you too!*

Heather Blythe 267-9797 or pblythe@nc.rr.com

## TALENT SHOW CHAIR NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR

Frances Mathes and I have co-chaired the WES Talent Show for 2 years now. This year will be our final year. My children will be moving to Green Hope Elementary and Frances will be moving on to other volunteer opportunities.

We would really like to find one, or ideally two, parents to join us this year in anticipation of taking over the Talent Show next year.

We've worked hard to streamline the show and make the organizational part as painless as possible! If you come on board this year you can shadow us and learn all that you need to know for next year. Please volunteer!! The children look forward to this talent show every year and it is great to be a part of something that they cherish so much.

Please let me know if you are interested. Have any questions? Please don't hesitate to contact me! I have a teaching sheet that I can send via email if you would like to look that over, too!

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## BINGO STILL NEEDS



### PRIZES!!!!

Please mark your calendars for **Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00pm to 8:00pm! A pizza dinner from ZPIZZA will be served along with drinks, desserts, and lots of BINGO fun and prizes.

First, a BIG thanks to all of you who have already donated prizes. But to make BINGO a big success, we *still* need help getting prizes to give away! You can either donate an actual prize or a gift card to a retailer of your choice. All donated items can be dropped off at the school's front office.

PLEASE help make BINGO a success by having great prizes to give away!!

If you have any questions, please call BINGO co-chair Catherine Dupuis at 380-1236 or email her at [catdupuisnc@gmail.com](mailto:catdupuisnc@gmail.com). Thank you!

### 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!

### THIRD GRADE PARENT INFO MEETING-CogAT SCORES

All Third Grade parents are invited to an informational parent meeting to learn more about the results of the CogAT test scores. Mrs. Sipek will interpret the test scores and what they mean for your child. There will also be a time for Q & A. Plan to attend this informative meeting.

Where: Weatherstone Elementary School - Media Center  
When: Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Time: 5:00pm- 6:00pm

Thank you,

Melissa Sipek, AG Teacher,