



Weatherstone Elementary ♦ 1000 Olde Weatherstone Way, Cary, NC 27513

(919) 380-6988 ♦ <http://www.WeatherstonePTA.com>

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

WEATHERSTONE CALENDAR

8/31	Tea & Tissues, K-parents 8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m.
9/2	2:45 dismissal
9/3	PTA Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
9/7	No School - Labor Day
9/10	PTA, Meeting 6:00 p.m., Parent Info Night, 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
9/16	2:45 dismissal
9/21	BAC Meeting at Weatherstone
9/22	Kickoff for Fall-Fundraiser
9/22	Fall Picture Day
9/22	Interims, 2 nd -5 th grade students
9/23	Early Release - 1:15 dismissal
9/25	AG First Semester's nomination window ends
9/28	No School - Teacher Workday
9/30	2:45 dismissal

WELCOME TO WEATHERSTONE!

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at Weatherstone Elementary! The *Explorer Express* will come home each week in your child's Tuesday folder. The newsletter is put together by volunteers, and is one of the many things that are made possible by the PTA program at WES.

Please take time to check out www.WeatherstonePTA.com. There you will find program descriptions, upcoming PTA events and contact information for the PTA Board. You can even join the PTA and fill out the student directory form online!

With your membership to the PTA, you will receive a student directory (only available to PTA members), a calendar, and make a tax-deductible contribution towards the 30+ programs the PTA funds at our school.

I hope to see you soon at WES!
Diane Williams, PTA President



WEATHERSTONE BUS ROUTES

Concerned with bus stops or bus drivers? Please contact the Transportation Hub for your child's route.

Routes 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15, and

16 are with Cary Transportation, phone number 460-3517. Route 7 is with Green Hope Transportation, phone number 380-3690.

At dismissal time, please do not park on Olde Weatherstone Way. Buses are unable to get thru the area safely. Thank you!

JOIN THE PTA

Welcome to all of the kindergarten parents! We have 83 paid PTA members already representing 13% of all students. We are hoping for 100% participation so if you haven't had the opportunity to join yet, just pledge online or fill out the form on the last page and send it with a check payable to "Weatherstone PTA" to your child's teacher.

Our Admiral's Club donors are listed below. These supporters contributed at the highest level of \$50. They received a car magnet, and will have their names entered into a drawing for a \$50 Southpoint Mall gift certificate.

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Brinton, Teresa	Martin, Shelia	Reilly, Sue	Walker, Pamela
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Daltorio, Vicki	Neill, Gayle	Rogers, Heather	West, Donna
Dreikosen, Cindy	Newnam, Jennifer	Rowe, Cynthia	Williams, Diane
Herget, Debbie	OBrien, Tammy	Royce, Sarah	Williford, Monica
Humphries, Elizabeth	Palonsky, Hilary	Satterfield, Beth	Zahn, Debra
Igboekwe, Emmeline	Penchuk, Laura	Sherman, Mary Beth	
Jones, Maret	Perkins, Sarah	Straight, Jill	
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Anne Clayton, VP Membership - Weatherstone PTA

WEATHERSTONE PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2009-2010

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PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION FAQ

What is the PTA?

The PTA is made up of parents and teachers at Weatherstone who want to make a difference in the education of our students.

Why should I join the PTA?

Your membership dollars help fund the programs, your volunteer time helps run the events, and your ideas help us change and improve. Remember that the only way to get a school directory is to become a member of the PTA. Plus it is so easy, just go to www.WeatherstonePTA.com and join!

When are PTA meetings held?

There are two types of PTA meetings and you are needed at both! The first are "PTA Board Meetings" held monthly, rotating between the morning and the afternoon. We also hold three "PTA General Meetings" throughout the year, usually before major evening school events.

What happens at a PTA meeting?

At the monthly PTA meeting, we review events that have just occurred and ones that are coming up. We listen to any concerns brought to the Board's attention. We also discuss and generate ideas to improve our programming.

At a PTA general meeting, we update members on any changes, vote on the budget and vote in the volunteers of the executive board.

Who can attend PTA meetings?

All are welcome! We need your input and we need your vote to implement all of our programs and approve the budget, lack of attendance hurts what the PTA can do at WES!

How do I get more information?

Check out our website, www.WeatherstonePTA.com. On this site you will find contact information, volunteer opportunities, fundraising information and much more.

Thanks for taking the time to learn more about the PTA. If you do not see your question answered here, please feel free to contact me.

Diane Williams, PTA President

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Note: All volunteers must **re-register** each year!

All parents who wish to volunteer at Weatherstone at any time during the year, whether in the classrooms or on a committee, must first register and be approved by the Wake County Public Schools. The registration process is quick and simple. Don't delay - approval may take a few days or even weeks.

- You may register in the computer lab on most school days.

- If you're planning to make a special trip to register, please contact Jackie Palmquist in the office at 380-6988. There are some times when the lab is not available because a class is using it.
- The computer lab will also be open for registration during Open House on September 10th.
- **Remember: Even if you registered last year, you *MUST* do it again.** It is much quicker the second time because you don't have to re-type everything.

You can track your volunteer hours for tax purposes or if your company reimburses you for volunteering. To log your volunteer hours go the WCPSS Internet site at

www.wcpss.net/volunteer, then go to the Timesheets tab at the top left corner.

SPOTLIGHT VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to our PTA Spotlight Volunteer for September, **Nichelle Weintraub**.

Nichelle is our first honoree of the year and she is very deserving of the recognition. She is the current Chairperson for the School

Supplies and Student Directory Committees. She also plans on helping with the Teacher Appreciation and Spring Carnival Committees this year. In the past, Nichelle chaired the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and devoted time to the Spring Carnival, Teacher Appreciation, WEShare, School Pictures, and Community Helper Day.

Nichelle has a daughter in second grade this year at WES. Nichelle says of her volunteering, "I enjoy being able to be a part of my child's school and working with the staff, teachers and other parents. A lot of things could not get done without volunteers so I try to help where I can."

Thanks again, Nichelle! We truly appreciate your all of your hard work. For the month of September, Nichelle will have use of the "PTA Volunteer" parking spot. Please help us honor her by leaving the space available.

Elizabeth Humphries, VP of Volunteers

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Weatherstone Needs You!!

There are many opportunities to volunteer this year at WES. You can help out once a week, once a month or once a year! Please take a moment to consider getting involved in one of the following areas: Family Fun Bingo Nights, Talent Show, Science Day, Popcorn Parties or keeping the Information Sign updated. Without **YOU** these activities may not happen. The details of these committees and many more can be found on the PTA website at www.WeatherstonePTA.com. Click on "Committees & Chairs" to view descriptions or to contact a committee chairperson directly.

If you are unsure of what area might need your personal talents, contact Elizabeth Humphries at 414-8141 or ebethumphries@alumni.unc.edu and she will help you find the perfect match.



SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

The school year has gotten off to a great start. Please take a minute to meet the two School Counselors at Weatherstone!

Greetings! I am **Bill Lewis**, and it is a sincere pleasure and honor to join the Weatherstone Elementary Staff and Family. Currently I serve both at WES and at Fox Road Elementary. Many moons ago I taught summer camp here at Weatherstone! I will be working primarily with students in Kindergarten and 1st grade and welcome the opportunity to work with all students. My duties include classroom guidance, individual counseling, group counseling and teacher/parent consultation. My office line is 380.6957 and my e-mail address is wflewis@wcpss.net. My schedule is split evenly with Fox Road, so some months I will be here Tuesdays and Thursdays and other months I will be here Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. I am excited about serving the Weatherstone Staff and Family, and I look forward to an enjoyable and rewarding school year!

Hi! I am **Katherine Oden**. I am so excited to be starting my 11th year as a School Counselor at Weatherstone. This year I will be working with students in 2nd through 5th grade. As a school counselor I work with parents and students in many ways through a variety of services. Each service is aimed at helping children learn and develop to their highest potential. Like Mr. Lewis, I will provide classroom guidance, small group work, short-term individual counseling and consultation with parents and teachers.

Additional services I provide:

- Section 504 Contact
- Testing Coordinator
- Student Support Team member
- Character Education programming

- Positive Behavior Support Team member

I am at Weatherstone Monday through Friday, full time. If you have any questions or wish to see me about your child please feel free to call me at 380-6981 (my direct line) or email me at koconnor@wcpss.net. I am really looking forward to meeting all of you and I know this will be a GREAT year at Weatherstone!



MERCHANT FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Please remember to link your **Kroger, Food Lion, Harris Teeter (#4768) and Target (#462)** cards so that Weatherstone can benefit from your regular shopping. Harris Teeter and Kroger cards must be re-linked annually. Note that the barcode needed for Kroger will be ready in late September. Please tell the **Office Depot** sales associate that you want Weatherstone (#70060524) to receive credit for your purchases each time you visit. All of these stores donate a portion of your purchases to Weatherstone.

And don't forget to send in **General Mills box tops, Campbell's UPCs labels for education** (no longer the full labels), **V8 caps**, and **Tyson 123 labels**. Please encourage family members and friends to clip them for you, too! All of labels can be placed in the Campbell's container outside the Media Center. For a full list of eligible Campbell's products visit:

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/eligibleproductsEN.aspx>.

For additional information about all these programs, please visit the PTA bulletin board (next to the Media Center) or go online, <http://www.WeatherstonePTA.com/fundraising.php>.

Thank you!

Hilary Palonsky, VP of Fundraising

ACADEMICALLY GIFTED PROGRAM NOTES

AG Program Nominations for 4th and 5th grade students:

- First Semester's nomination window began July 1, 2009 and ends September 25, 2009.
- Second Semester's nomination window begins January 4, 2010 and ends January 22, 2010.

All nominations **must** be in writing and given to Mrs. Melissa Sipek, AG Resource Teacher. Emails are accepted at msipek@wcpss.net.

Weatherstone Spirit Wear Sale

Show your school spirit and support the PTA! Weatherstone T-shirts and hoodies are available for a limited time by pre-paid orders. Please return the order form below with payment by Friday, September 18th. The orders will be filled in early October.

The T-shirts are red tie-dyed with navy lettering. The hooded sweatshirts are available in navy or red with white lettering. The red T-shirts will also be on sale at Open House on September 10th and you can preview the hoodies. We will also have a limited number of blue tie-dyed T-shirts with red lettering at the Open House. (The blue t-shirts are limited to stock on hand.)

Any questions, please contact Sue Reilly at syreilly@nc.rr.com or 481-1734.

Weatherstone Spirit Wear Order Form:

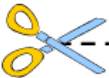
Please return the completed order form to your child's teacher with a check or exact change by **Friday, September 18, 2009**. Orders will be filled in early October.

Make checks payable to **Weatherstone PTA**.

(Please include your child's teacher's name on the memo field of your check. All returned checks will be subject to a fee.)

Child's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Item	Youth			Adult					Price	Amount Due
	S	M	L	S	M	L	XL	XXL		
Red Tie Dyed T-Shirt									\$15.00	
Red Tie Dyed T-Shirt (XXL)									\$17.00	
Navy Hooded Sweatshirt									\$20.00	
Red Hooded Sweatshirt									\$20.00	
Total Amount Due:									\$	



Join PTA Online www.WeatherstonePTA.com, or fill out this PTA Membership Form:

Parent Name(s):	Phone:
Address:	eMail:
Student Name:	Teacher:
Student Name:	Teacher:
Membership Levels (please select one): <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Admiral's Club <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Navigator Level <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Captain's Club <input type="checkbox"/> \$7 Shipmate Level	
<i>Thank you for your support of the Weatherstone PTA!</i>	