



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

- 9/2 Tea & Tissues, K-parents 8:45a.m.-9:45a.m.
- 9/2 Fall Fundraiser Kick-off
- 9/2-9/4 End of Grade (EOG) Pretest, 3rd grade
- 9/9 Dining for Dollar\$ at Bear Rock Café, 4-9p.m.
- 9/17 PTA Board Meeting, 9:30a.m.
- 9/17 Spirit Wear order forms due
- 9/23 PTA, Meeting 6:00p.m.,
Open House, 6:30p.m.-8p.m.
- 9/23 Interims, 2nd-5th grade students
- 9/25 Early Release
- 9/26 Fall Picture Day
- 9/26 AG First Semester's nomination window ends

WELCOME TO WEATHERSTONE!

Welcome to the 2008-2009 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 on one of the many PTA programs available at WES. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep you informed about what is going on at the school and how you can get involved.

We are very excited to introduce you to the PTA website as another way of learning about the opportunities available to you and your children through the PTA. Please take time to check out www.WeatherstonePTA.com. You will find program descriptions, upcoming events and how to contact the PTA Board. You can even join the PTA right on-line!!!!

With your membership to the PTA, you will receive the student directory to contact classmates, the PTA calendar detailing the programs and events occurring throughout the year, as well as help fund the 30+ programs here at WES.

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

WEATHERSTONE BUS ROUTES

If you have concerns regarding bus stops or bus drivers, please contact the Transportation Hub for your child's route.

Routes 1,2,4,5,8,9,10,12,13 and 14 are with Cary Transportation, phone number 460-3517.



Routes 3,6,7,11 and 15 are with Green Hope Transportation, phone number 380-3690.

WEATHERSTONE PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2008-2009

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THE BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR STARTS TODAY

We're starting right away! It is the official kickoff of the 2008 Fall Fundraiser. This fundraiser generates more money for our PTA than any other. This includes programs like purchasing the agenda books for all of our 3rd through 5th grade students and cultural arts programs for all grades throughout the year. In your Tuesday folder, you will find sales materials and information on how to participate.

- Check your wrapping paper inventory.
- Do you need flower bulbs for your garden?
- Start your gift buying early.

We're keeping it easy with home delivery of orders. The fundraiser only lasts two weeks, so don't delay. Get your orders in. All children who sell (or donate money equivalent to) at least six items should send in the bottom of their sheet to be included in our Quick Start Daily Drawings for a Webkinz. The drawings will begin Friday, September 5th. There will be one winner each day until the fundraiser is over. Slips for the Quick Start Daily Drawings must be turned in the previous day in order to be included. Remember: all sales materials should be turned in by September 17th.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Leigh Vittert at Leighvit2@aol.com or Tammy O'Brien at ObrienClan@nc.rr.com.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Volunteers Must Register (Even If You Registered Last 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 23.
- **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 and go to the Timesheets tab at the top left corner.

Elizabeth Humphries, VP of Volunteers

DINING FOR DOLLAR\$ AT BEAR ROCK CAFÉ

Let's start this school year off right by joining our school and neighborhood friends for a delicious dinner at one of our favorite restaurants in the area! Yummy sandwiches and soups await in a relaxed atmosphere.

Please bring the slip below. The classroom with the most participation will win a reward from Bear Rock Café!

Bear Rock will also give a percentage of the sales from this event to our Weatherstone Elementary PTA!

Lee Anne Shanks and Tracey Wiwatowski
Dining for Dollar\$ Co-Chairs

Bear Rock Café

9575 Chapel Hill Road, Morrisville
In the Park Place Shopping Plaza
Telephone: 462-1687

Tuesday, September 9, 2008 : Hours: 4PM- 9PM
WES PTA Dining for Dollar\$

Name:

Teacher:

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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: Buildings and Grounds, Talent Show, Science Day, Science Fair, Hospitality, Popcorn Parties or Reflections. 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 469-6590 or eah@mindspring.com and she will help you find the perfect match.

MERCHANT FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

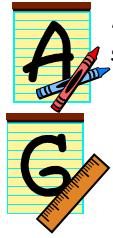
Remember to link your Kroger, Food Lion, Harris Teeter (#4768) and Target (#462) shopping cards so that Weatherstone can benefit from your regular shopping. Harris Teeter and Kroger cards must be relinked annually. Also remember to tell the Office Depot sales associate that you want Weatherstone (#70060524) to receive credit for your purchases each time you visit. All of these stores donate a portion of your purchases to Weatherstone. The Kroger program may be changing this year, so stay tuned.

And don't forget to send in General Mills box tops, Campbell's UPCs (no longer the full labels), V8 caps, Tyson 123 labels and Harris Teeter/Hunter Farm milk caps. Place them 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>. Encourage family members and friends to do the same.

For additional information about these programs, please visit the PTA bulletin board (next to the Media Center) or go to: <http://www.WeatherstonePTA.com/fundraising.php>. If you have any questions, contact Laura Snyder at 919-531-9092.

Thank you,
Laura Snyder, Merchant Fundraising Chair

ACADEMICALLY GIFTED PROGRAM NOTES



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

- First Semester's nomination window began July 1, 2008 and ends September 26, 2008.
- Second Semester's nomination window begins January 2, 2009 and ends January 23, 2009.

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

SPOTLIGHT VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Congratulations and many thanks go out to our first PTA Spotlight Volunteer, **Laura Snyder**.

Laura is a working mom and looked for opportunities to volunteer during non-business hours. Laura has served on the Family Bingo night and Book Fair committees as well as Red Ribbon Week and Spring Carnival. Her main focus so far this year has been Merchant Fundraising. She spent time this summer getting ready for the coming year, and her efforts resulted in about \$375 for WES from box tops, caps and labels left over from last year. Finally, Laura would like to help spread the word about finding out if your employer will donate money to the school based on your volunteer hours worked. Laura is employed at SAS Institute and they have a program in place that she takes advantage of to earn funds for WES. Be sure to check with your employers to see if they offer similar programs. Thanks again, Laura! For the month of September, Laura will get to use the "PTA Volunteer" parking spot. Please help us honor her by leaving the space available for her use. Elizabeth Humphries, VP of Volunteers

CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Have you been saving your used printer cartridges all summer, waiting to recycle them? Well, it's time to bring them in! The cartridge recycling bin is located just outside the Media Center door. Bring out your cartridges of any kind - printer or copier - and leave them in the bin. Bring them from home or the office or anywhere else you know of that disposes of used cartridges.



Our school earns money and the earth is a little better off for each cartridge recycled. If you have a large number of bulky cartridges you'd like to recycle, give Samantha Herring a call at 380-7816 and she'll help you arrange a drop off. Samantha Herring, Recycling Chair

ATTENTION SAS PARENTS

If you work at SAS, are you aware of the following programs?
SAS Employee Volunteer Fund: SAS will donate money to our school based on the number of hours you volunteer at WES. There are many opportunities to volunteer during non-business hours. However, you must enroll by September 15th to participate.

National DonorsChoose.org matching gifts program: WES teachers can submit requests for project materials from participating vendors. Then SAS will match employee donations (which are tax deductible) towards that project. For example, Miss Baggett's second grade class received over \$200 worth of materials last year for a "Sounds" project through this program.

Please contact Laura Snyder at Laura.Snyder@sas.com if you would like additional information on how you can take advantage of either of these wonderful programs.

SEPTEMBER IS PTA MEMBERSHIP MONTH. JOIN THE PTA TODAY!

The following Admiral's Club members joined PTA at the highest level of \$50 or more. They received a car magnet and will have their names entered into a drawing for a \$50 Southpoint Mall gift certificate. The drawing will be held at the PTA meeting preceding the Open House on Sept. 23rd.

Linda Ackerman	Sue Lynn Kim	Mary Sherman
Tammy Bevan	Jay Krueger	Kathryn Sobel
Beth Campbell	Shawn Kruse	Julie Stallman
Anne Clayton	Diane Lawrence	Jill Straight
Marcia Cottros	Shelia Martin	Barbara Taylor
Karen Daves	Carole McVeigh	Laura Toombs
Jennifer Ellerbe	Alka Mehta	Leigh Vittert
Jayne Field	Brandy Morton	Robin Wahl
Alesa Galloway	Ashley Nagel	Nichelle Weintraub
Dorothy Gann	Hilary Palonsky	Angie Wells
Courtney Harkins	Andrea Petkau	Donna West
Terri Harlow	Kathleen Piazza	Diane Williams
Debbie Herget	Tracy E. Reilly	Monica Williford
Elizabeth Humphries	Paula Renke	Pamela Yannoni
Kim Hunt	Patricia Richey	Debra Zahn
Samantha James	Heather Rogers	

It's your turn to join so you can get the following benefits:

- School Calendar
- Student Directory
- Your name posted on the website

You can choose your own membership level - starting at just \$7. It's easy to join online at www.WeatherstonePTA.com.

SEPTEMBER IS PTA MEMBERSHIP MONTH. JOIN PTA TODAY!

**When you
join PTA,
your child benefits.**



PTA Helps parents, students, and school staff work together on programs and activities that benefit children. These programs include:

- Accelerated Reader
- Talent Show
- Cultural Arts programs
- Science Fair
- School Calendar and Website
- and much, much more

It's easy to join online!
WeatherstonePTA.com

Weatherstone Spirit Wear Sale

Show your school spirit and support the PTA! Spirit Wear is available for a limited time by pre-paid orders. Complete and turn in the order form below to your child's teacher by Wednesday, September 17th. The t-shirts are the same design as last year, but with a royal blue tie dye shirt color. Orders will be filled in the beginning of October.

Questions - contact Tracey Wiatowski P: 460-8167, E: twiatowski@nc.rr.com

Weatherstone Spirit Wear Order Form:

Return to your child's teacher with a check or exact change by **Wednesday, September 17, 2008.**

Make checks payable to **Weatherstone PTA**. * Please include your child's teacher's name on the memo field of your check.

Child's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Item	Youth			Adult					Price	Amount Due
	S	M	L	S	M	L	XL	XXL		
Tie Dye T-Shirt									\$15.00	
Tie Dye T-Shirt (XXLarge)									\$17.00	
Navy Hooded Sweatshirt									\$20.00	
Red Hooded Sweatshirt									\$20.00	
Weatherstone Car Magnet									\$3.00	
Total Amount Due:									\$	

* Payers of any returned checks (e.g., closed account, insufficient funds) will be contacted by the PTA Committee Chair to obtain payment in cash to cover the check. The parent/payer of checks returned by the bank will be assessed a fee to cover the bank fees related to the returned check (\$10 per check as of 12/1/04). This fee must be paid to the PTA in cash.