



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

- 9/9 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
- 9/17 Fall Fundraiser 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, 1pm dismissal
- 9/26 Fall Picture Day
- 9/26 AG First Semester's nomination window ends
- 9/29 District 9 BAC meeting, 6:30p.m. at Northwoods ES
- 10/4 WEShare Yard Sale

WE'RE HALF WAY THROUGH THE FALL FUNDRAISER

There's only one week remaining! We've already announced some of the Quick Start Daily Drawing winners. Any child who will 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. Get these slips in right away because they must be turned in one day before they qualify to be included in the drawing.

ADDITIONAL DRAWINGS

12+ Items - Drawing for TWO cash prizes of \$100.00 each

20 + Items - Drawing for a Nintendo Wii.

The program ends September 17th when all materials should be turned back in to the school. There's not much time left! Help support all the programs which make Weatherstone Elementary so great. There are so many ways to participate - wrapping paper, kitchen items, plant bulbs and, of course, cash donations. It's easier than ever with home delivery well before Thanksgiving.

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.

SEPTEMBER IS PTA MEMBERSHIP MONTH. JOIN THE PTA TODAY!

The following Admiral's Club members recently 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.

Heather Blythe	Gayle Neill	Beth Satterfield
Melanie Farrell	Jennifer Newnam	Tyra Vanek
Cathy Healy	Laura Penchuk	Kimberly Wynne
Janet May	Nory Pollock	
Ella McGaughey	Sue Reilly	

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

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

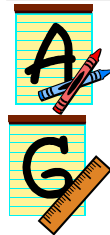
Tuesday, September 9, 2008 : Hours: 4PM- 9PM
WES PTA Dining for Dollar\$

Name:

Teacher:

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_____	_____
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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.

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: **Talent Show, Science Day, Science Fair, Red Ribbon Week, Cultural Arts 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.

WAKE COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA LIASON POSITION

The Wake County Special Education PTA exists to support parents and educators of the almost 19,000 students receiving special education services throughout the Wake County Public School System. In our efforts to reach all schools, we seek a volunteer to act as a liaison between the two groups to share information and ideas and be parents' point-of-contact for special education questions and issues that may arise at the school.

In September, we will hold two volunteer liaison training sessions on the following dates:

- Thursday, September 11th at 6:30pm at the Caribou Coffee/Bruegger's Bagels at Preston Corners (4214 Cary Parkway near High House)
- Saturday, September 20th at 10am at Eva Perry Regional Library in one of the meeting rooms (more information to come).

Please RSVP to info@wakesepta.org if you plan to attend a training session so that we will have enough training materials on hand.

Leigh Menconi, Lmenconi@earthlink.net
www.WakeSEPTA.org

Wake Special Education PTA, 919/788-2500

Please note: Membership for WakeSEPTA is separate from the WES PTA. If you are interested in membership, please see www.WakeSEPTA.org for their membership terms. You don't have to be a member of SEPTA to attend a meeting.

DISTRICT 9 BOARD ADVISORY COUNCIL (BAC) MEETING

Welcome new and returning WES parents!
My name is Christine Naughton and I am your District 9 BAC Parent Representative. You are invited to attend the first BAC meeting for the 2008-09 school year on Monday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m. at Northwoods Elementary School.

Chuck Dulaney, WCPSS Assistant Superintendent for Growth and Planning, will be the guest speaker. He will be discussing the multi-year reassignment plan that he is currently designing. This plan has the potential to affect many of us, so please consider attending.

A great way to find out more about our school district is to join the District 9 BAC Yahoo group, which has various files that you can download on a variety of school-related topics. There is also a place for questions and comments that are updated regularly. To register, go to www.yahoo.com and obtain a **Yahoo ID**. Then go to **Groups** and search for **District 9 Board Advisory Council**. Once your registration is approved, you will be able to access the information.

If you are unable to attend a meeting, I will be providing a summary of the meeting(s) as well as a reminder of upcoming meetings in our *Explorer Express*. Please feel free to come and hear about YOUR school district!

Christine Naughton, District 9 BAC WES Parent Representative

WESHARE YARD SALE: OCT 4

Are you clearing out your closets now that the kids are back in school? Do you have piles of things in your garage that you don't know what to do with? Do you have items that you would like to donate to a good cause? Or do you need an incentive to reorganize and clean sweep your house?

WEShare is having a yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 4th.

We need donations of gently used household items and clothing. Proceeds of the yard sale will be used for upcoming WEShare projects during the holidays.

We will be collecting the donated items during the week of September 29th. There will be more details in upcoming issues of the *Explorer Express*.

If you have questions, please contact Sue Reilly at

syreilly@nc.rr.com (preferred) or 481-1734

And look for more info to come!

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.