



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

9/22	Kickoff for Fall-Fundraiser
9/22	Fall Picture Day
9/22	Interims, 2 nd -5 th grade students
9/22	Fall Fundraising Packets come home
9/23	Early Release - 1:15 dismissal
9/25	AG First Semester's nomination window ends
9/25	9:30 a.m. Room Parent Orientation Mtg., Rm 221
9/28	No School - Teacher Workday
9/30	2:45 dismissal
10/01	PTA Meeting 2:30 p.m.
10/02	School Spirit: Crazy Shoe Day
10/06	Voting at WES
10/07	Community Helper Day, K-1st
10/07	2:45 dismissal

PTA THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of you who came out to our first General Board meeting, which was held right before the Parent Information Night. We were able to vote in two members to the Executive Board as well as pass our budget for the year. Many of you were able to complete your volunteer registration and join the PTA.

Remember that joining the PTA gives us the funds to support more than 30 programs for the students of WES. It is not too late to join! Go to www.weatherstonepta.com.

Diane Williams,
PTA President

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Note- You 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.

- **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.

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: Hospitality, **Bingo Nights**, Talent Show, Science Day or Information Sign. 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 ebethhumphries@alumni.unc.edu and she will help you find the perfect match.

DESPERATELY SEEKING SOMEONE...

To Chair the Family Fun Night Bingo Nights. **This extremely popular event is in danger of not happening this year!!** Don't disappoint your kids AND don't let this PTA money-maker go unplanned. The former co-chairs have left step-by-step instructions outlining how to do everything. Just step in and follow the directions! Please contact me ASAP if you are willing to help keep Bingo Night alive!!

Thank you,
Elizabeth Humphries
VP Volunteers
eah@mindspring.com

Deadline: Wednesday noon ♦ E-mail: explorerwes@yahoo.com ♦ Editors: Melanie Farrell & Beth Satterfield

JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION'S WALK TO CURE DIABETES

JDRF: WES is proud to be participating in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Walk to Cure Diabetes. This exciting event will be held at the Time Warner Cable Music Pavilion on Saturday, November 7th and will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. With your support, we hope that children with diabetes will soon be able to enjoy happy, active, normal lives.

There are four ways you can help us make a difference for everyone living with diabetes:

- 1) You and your family can join the Weatherstone Explorers (team name) which consists of staff members, parents, and students who collect pledges and walk with us. Go to <http://walk.jdrf.org> to register (Our team name: Weatherstone Explorers).
- 2) You can send in spare change with your child to donate to the classroom.
- 3) Your child can donate \$1.00 on October 16th and wear their favorite hat for the entire school day.
- 4) You can send a tax-deductible contribution of any amount, made payable to JDRF or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

The classroom that raises the most money will be rewarded with a pizza party, and the teacher of that class will also receive a special prize.

Please join us in the Walk to Cure Diabetes. If you have any questions, please contact me at 380-6986 or khayes@wcpss.net

Kelly Hayes,
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT NEWS:

The School Improvement Team will be meeting soon to discuss this year's plan. The School Improvement Plan is made up of reading, writing, and math goals. The staff has come up with strategies and resources to help us meet these goals. This year our focus will be on making changes to our 4th grade writing goal to better meet the needs of our students. In addition, we will outline how we are utilizing our Professional Learning Team time on Wednesdays. Anne Daley and Corry Platt are the parent representatives currently serving on this team.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The Hospitality Committee welcomes everyone back and wishes the following staff members a very Happy Birthday!

Roberta Lenzen 8/27, Emily Asbell 8/30, Phyllis McDonald 9/15, Helen Caldwell 9/22, Sue Green 9/25, Hady Mottesi 9/29, and Sabrina Lewandowski 9/30.

Treats were provided by Janet May compliments of the Hospitality Committee on September 16th.

THE BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR STARTS TODAY

We're starting right away! It's the official kickoff of the 2009 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. Look for your child's fundraising packet in today's Tuesday folder. You'll find sales materials and information on how to participate. There's even an option if you don't want to purchase merchandise! Here are the important dates to remember:

- **September 22 - Packets home TODAY!**
- **October 8 - All money and orders due back to school!**

We're keeping it easy and simple with home delivery of orders...no need to come to school to pick up merchandise! The fundraiser only lasts two weeks, so don't delay. Start your holiday shopping early, stock up on gift wrap, stock your pantry with yummy goodies and treats! Remember: the deadline for all sales materials is **October 8th!**

If you have any questions about this fundraiser, please contact Kathleen Piazza at kjpiazza@nc.rr.com or Kathy Wood at mikekathywood@bellsouth.net

ROOM PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING

A Room Parent Orientation Meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 25, in room 221 at 9:30 a.m. If you have volunteered to be a Room Parent for your classroom, you will need to attend this meeting. We will be discussing Room Parent duties & responsibilities as well as providing a folder with information for your use. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Room Parent chair, Christine Naughton at 12christine@bellsouth.net or 468-5368 to obtain the Room Parent folder and information. Thank you for volunteering your time. The teachers and PTA greatly appreciate your dedication to your child's classroom!

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.