



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

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

WEATHERSTONE CALENDAR

November

- 11/16-20 Book Fair - 9:00a.m.-4:15p.m.
- 11/19 Family Night Book Fair, 6:00-7:30p.m.
- 11/20 Hurricane Ticket Order Due
- 11/20 "Food 4 Friends" (canned food drive) ends
- 11/25-27 Thanksgiving Holiday - **NO SCHOOL**

December

- 12/01 NO Explorer Express
- 12/02 Early Release, 1:15 p.m.
- 12/03 PTA Meeting, 2:30 p.m.
- 12/04 School Spirit Day
- 12/15 PTA Meeting 6:00 p.m.,
Winter Program 6:30 p.m.

IN MEMORY

We will be planting an Asian Pear Tree on campus this fall to remember Ravi. I think Ms. Lewandowski said it best when she said that, "in years to come, and as the tree grows - all who enter the doors of WES will have the knowledge of this special little boy that we lost!"



I would like to express a special thank you to Garden Supply Company on Old Apex rd, for their donation of the planting of this tree. They will ensure that the tree will be given the best start possible on our campus. www.gardensupplyco.com.

Diane Williams, PTA President

WAKE WEDNESDAYS

Have you wondered what your child's teacher is doing on Wednesday when we dismiss an hour early? The first few weeks of the year were used to learn about what is expected during their Professional Learning Team (PLT) time, and to set norms for the groups to work by. Teachers were introduced to the standard agenda, and have shared leadership roles during the PLT's. No one teacher is responsible for leading each meeting, but the facilitator roles are rotated so that all have a chance to be teacher leaders. The rich and data-driven conversations are a pleasure to watch. Teachers are spending time collaborating by looking at data. Teachers are sharing teaching methodologies.

Teachers are planning interventions and enrichment for individual students. The last Wednesday of the month is spent in vertical planning with another grade level. The focus this past Wednesday was to discuss the new math program from Houghton Mifflin and gain insights into how the K-5 curriculum progresses through the years. Grade levels are sharing how they are teaching and evaluating each of the five math strands.

Robin J. Wahl, Principal

SPOTLIGHT VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our PTA Spotlight Volunteer for November, **Kathy Wood**.



Kathy has been volunteering her time at WES for 2 years now. She has two children attending WES. Thomas is in first grade and Gracie is in Kindergarten.

Kathy is serving as co-chair for Dining for Dollars, and was co-chair for the Fall Fundraiser this year. She is also a Room Parent in both her kids' classrooms. Kathy commented, "It's really fun to spend time in their classrooms, getting to know their classmates and see(ing) them interacting in their world. My children light up when they see me at school!"

Kathy enjoyed her experience with the Fall Fundraiser. She feels it not only gave her an opportunity to raise money for the school, but to also learn the physical layout of the school, meet teachers, and get to know some of the older students for the first time.

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

Elizabeth Humphries, VP of Volunteers

PTA DADS/KIDS: PRACTICE WITH THE PANTHERS!

Saturday · November 21, 2009 · 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Carolina Panthers Practice Fields, Charlotte, N.C.

Dads, come spend time with your kids AND Kevin Donnalley of the Carolina Panthers. You'll get to practice like the pros and bring up to four children for only \$15 per family! Dads who are PTA members can attend free, **please visit**

AllProDad.com/PTA for more details or to register.

4th GRADE SERVICE PROJECT: FOOD 4 FRIENDS

The fourth grade classes will be collecting canned food from October 26th-November 20th for the NC Food Bank. Their project is called "Food 4 Friends." There will be two boxes at the front of the school during these days for students to drop their cans off. Please help our fourth-graders by bringing in canned goods and help them learn to help others!



5th GRADE SERVICE PROJECT

This is our last week for donations for the Raleigh Rescue Mission. Please be sure to bring in any hats, coats, mittens gloves or blankets.

Thank you. "The Fifth Grade Students of WES."

IT'S BOOK FAIR TIME!

The Book Fair Committee is preparing for our annual Weatherstone Book Fair, which begins on Monday Nov 16th and ends Friday Nov 20th. This is a fun event that promotes reading and the children love it! Volunteers are needed to help run the Fair. Any time that you can give, whether one hour or several hours, is much appreciated! The dates volunteers are needed are:

Thursday Nov. 12 th (set-up)	9:00
Monday Nov. 16 th	9:00-4:15
Tuesday Nov. 17 th	9:00-4:15
Wednesday, Nov. 18 th	9:00-3:15,
Thursday Nov. 19 th	9:00-4:15
Family Fun Night	6:00-7:30
Friday Nov. 20 th	9:00-2:00
Friday Nov. 20 th (clean-up)	2:00

If you are interested in volunteering please Email Ruth Alvarez, ruth@pathwaysforpeople.org.

Thank you,
Ruth Alvarez

ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART?



This is it Explorers- Friday November 20th is the last day for turning in your Hurricanes Ticket Order Forms for the PTA Fundraiser. Look for me at the PTA Table in the hall Wednesday, Thursday,

and Friday mornings before the 9:05 bell. Ms. Baggett's class is currently in the lead for the Ice Cream Party, but anything can happen between now and Friday. You can earn a Prize Pack with an order for four tickets or more.

Please go to the Website to print your order form:
<http://www.WeatherstonePTA.com>

Bill Schoeffler,
Hurricanes Fundraiser Chair and Fifth Grade Parent

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Yearbook orders are due Tuesday, November 24th! Please return all orders by this date to ensure your child receives a yearbook. Extra order forms are in the office or you can order online at www.jostensyearbooks.com or www.weatherstonepta.com and go to "Click here - Buy your yearbook". If you have any questions please contact Terri Harlow at tharlow@nc.rr.com. Don't forget and order today!!!



THE BIG CHILL

Check the forecast.... Is the temperature dropping? "The Big Chill" will arrive at Weatherstone on Tuesday, December 15th. The musical will be presented by all the fifth grade classes and there will be Weatherstone Staff singing as well! You don't want to miss this show! There is a PTA meeting at 6:00 p.m. and the show will follow. Bring your cameras and video recorders and enjoy the show!

FREE SEASONAL FLU SHOTS!

Wake county is providing free seasonal flu shots to all school-age children Kindergarten through grade 12. Only injectable vaccine will be available from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- Nov. 18 at Panther Creek High School
- Nov. 19 at Green Hope High School
- Nov. 24 at Cary High School

A parent or guardian must accompany all students receiving the vaccine, regardless of age.

For more information please check www.wcps.net/news/2009_oct08-flu_wakegov/



DECEMBER 8TH-DINING FOR DOLLAR\$ AT PLANET SMOOTHIE

Please join your classmates at Planet Smoothie on December 8th for Dining for Dollars! Enjoy the more than 30 delicious smoothies on the menu. Planet Smoothie will donate a portion of their sales from WES families to our PTA.

The class with the most participation wins a Smoothie Party! Planet Smoothie is located in the Stone Creek Village Shopping Center (off High House Road), behind Harris Teeter and next to Zpizza. Store hours are 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m."

Where: PLANET SMOOTHIE 90 Cornerstone Dr. Cary, NC 27513 919.460.6064	When: Tuesday, December 8 th <u>ALL DAY</u>
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