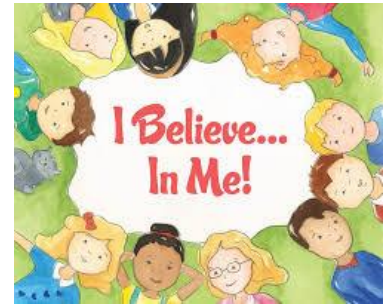

December 2019/January 2020

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Dear Wildcat Families,

The holiday season has arrived and with it much fun as well as Westchester Wildcat traditions.

Mrs. Goodman brought laughs to our Westchester family as she played "Grandma" in the 3rd grade chorus show at Sawgrass Springs Middle. It was a wonderful evening as our 3rd graders sung us right into the holidays. Many thanks to Mrs. Lusararian, 3rd grade teachers and the 3rd grade students for all their hard work!

Our annual giving tree was another success. We were able to collect more than 100 gifts for students in need. We were able to help out seventeen Westchester families. We have very generous Wildcats, and this warms my heart! Thank you to the PTA for your help with housing and organizing the gifts.

Another tradition at Westchester is the holiday store. Students visited the holiday store to purchase gifts for their loved ones! 'Tis better to give than to receive, right?! What a great lesson for the kids to learn when they're young.

I would like to wish all of you and your families a happy, healthy and relaxing holiday season!

Your Proud Principal,

Melissa Geraine



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REMEMBER

YEARBOOK

- **December 20** - Early Release
- **December 23 – January 6** - No School Happy Holidays!
- **December 25** - Deadline to purchase Panthers tickets.
- **January 7** – First day back to class.
- **January 13 – February 7** – BSA testing for 3rd – 5th grades.
- **January 14** – S.T.E.A.M. Night
- **January 20** – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School.
- **January 29** – Report Cards

Merry Christmas! Happy Chanukkah! Happy Kwanza! Happy New Year!

Yearbook News

The yearbook for the 2019-20 school year can still be pre-ordered. The cost of each yearbook is \$25. This will guarantee a copy for your child.

To order your yearbook, go online to www.yearbookordercenter.com and complete all the requested information. Our school number is 10653. Please print a copy of your receipt or keep a copy of the order number for your records.

The embossing of your child's name is no longer an option as the deadline has passed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Geri Newman at grnew512@bellsouth.net.

Westchester Yearbook Receives National Award

For the second year in a row, the Westchester Elementary School Yearbook has received recognition from the American Scholastic Association for its outstanding publication. This year, the yearbook was awarded second place recognition among all Elementary Schools with enrollments of 1,001 - 1,700 students who submitted publications.

This publication is a result of assistance and involvement of many students, parents and staff members. Thank you everyone.



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MEMBERSHIP

Joining the PTA is a great way to support our school and get involved in the community. If you haven't had a chance to join, we've made it easy. You can sign up online at westchester.memberhub.store or you can fill out a registration form and pay by cash or check. Membership costs \$10 and you also have access to great discounts to places like Legoland and Rapids Water Park.

VOLUNTEERS

Westchester always needs our beloved volunteers. For more information or to sign up for any volunteer opportunities, please visit our webpage at www.westchesterpta.com and go to Volunteers. To keep up to date on new volunteer opportunities, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ptawestchester.

Thank you to each one of the volunteers who make Westchester a success – your involvement is truly appreciated!!!

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BOX TOPS



The collection of Box Tops for Education is an easy way to raise money each year for our school!

Box Tops are now going digital! Go to the app store on your phone to download the Box Tops for Education app today! Set your school to Westchester Elementary to get started.

Currently, you can still submit your physical Box Tops without the app.



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- **Where to find Box Tops:** Box Tops can be found on many General Mills, Betty Crocker, Green Giant, Old El Paso, Ziploc, Kleenex, Hefty, Saran, Viva, Huggies, Scott, Cottonelle and Kotex products. Look on all sides and surfaces of the packages. Sometimes they're hiding!
- **What to do with them:** Clip them off and put them in a Ziploc bag or glue them to the collection sheet sent home with your child. Be sure to label the bag/sheet with name, grade and teacher. Turn them into your child's teacher or in the PTA box in the office.
- **How much are Box Tops worth?** Each Box Top is worth 10¢ when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education

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FLORIDA PANTHERS

2019 - 20 SEASON

GAME INFO

Westchester Elementary School PTA Night with the Florida Panthers

Vancouver Canucks vs. Florida Panthers

Thursday, January 9 at 7:00PM | BB&T CENTER

DETAILS

Come out and support your Florida Panthers for Westchester Elementary PTA night. Each ticket will include a seat for the game as well as a post game shot on the ice!

Ticket Prices:

Upper Level: \$20

TO ORDER:

<https://groupmatics.events/event/Westchesterelementary>

ORDER DEADLINE:

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

Bags or purses larger than 1'x1' will NOT be permitted in the arena. Backpacks, backpack purses & drawstring bags will also not be permitted into BB&T Center

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Westchester Shout Outs!!!

Speech and Debate Club

Westchester's Speech & Debate Team has had a huge presence in Broward County's Elementary School Debate Tournaments this year. Our team is made up of 57 fourth and fifth graders, and one second grader. The second tournament, held on December 12 at JP Taravella High School, yielded sixteen winners, across all categories of Speech and Congressional Debate. We are looking forward to the Falcon Invitational at Floranada Elementary School in January! The Team represents Westchester with poise and determination.





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Thank you to Mrs. Silcox and Ms. Greenwood for expanding out students' minds...sometimes Mr. Salmeri too.



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Robotics

Westchester's robotics club had their first competition on Saturday, December 14. Three of our four teams went to Don Estridge High Tech Middle School in Boca and competed against 28 other elementary and middle school teams. One of our teams came home with the Inspire Award for having a positive attitude, passion for robotics, and a clear vision of the future of their robot.

On January 11, one team will go to Mirror Lake Elementary in Plantation to participate in their first competition. All four teams will participate in their second competition at Pembroke Pines Charter Middle School on January 18.

When the competition season is over, around March or April, Ms. Haage and Mr. Transue will start looking for next year's team. Any current third or fourth graders who may be interested in joining robotics should stay tuned to announcements starting in March to find out how to apply.

Just Do It!

Congratulations to 4th grader Madison Compton from Mrs. Bloch's class, and Jazmine Filkowski from Mrs. Hilbon's class. Madison and Jazmine were two of 100 students in Broward County who received an award for exemplary achievements and significant improvements in their academics. Madison and Jazmine were honored as part of a district-wide celebration! Way to go, Madison and Jazmine!



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Imagine Math

Congratulations to **Nekhi Charlemagne** who has won the top spot for Imagine Math in Mr. Maloff's class, our school, and the state! Keep up the math superstar power, Nekhi!

Kudos to the following classes:

Mr. Maloff, Mrs. Marwood, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Hersh, Mrs. Fentress, Mr. Transue, and Mrs. Dowling for winning a \$50 pizza gift card! They were the winners of the IMAGINE MATH FALL SEMESTER BLOCKBUSTER AWARDS! Also, Westchester Elementary is a shining star in Broward County! Our Wildcats are winners of THE FALL SEMESTER BLOCKBUSTER AWARDS PREMIER SCHOOL!! Woo hoo!!! Keep it up, Wildcats!

Parent Night - SAVE THE DATE!

Come have fun with your child!

S.T.E.A.M. Night - January 14, 2020

6 - 8 PM

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math



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2019-2020 BSA - Grades 3,4 & 5

Please review the Broward Standards Assessment (BSA) schedule below:

GRADES 3, Computer Testing

- Monday, Gr 3, January 13-Reading, Session 1
- Tuesday, Gr 3, January 14- Reading, Session 2
- Wednesday, Gr 3, January 15- Math, Session 1
- Thursday, Gr 3, January 16-Math, Session 2

GRADE 4th Computer Testing

- Tuesday, Gr. 4, January 21, Reading, Session 1
- Wednesday, Gr. 4, January 22, Reading Session 2
- Thursday, Gr. 4, January 23, Math, Session 1
- Friday, Gr 4, January 24, Math, Session 2

GRADE 5th, Computer Testing

- Monday, January 27, Reading, Session 1
- Tuesday, January 28, Reading, Session 2
- Wednesday, January 29, Math, Session 1
- Thursday, January 30, Math, Session 2
- Monday, February 3, Science, Session 1
- Tuesday, February 4, Science, Session 2

MAKE UP DAYS

- 3RD GRADE – Friday, January 17, 2020
- 4th GRADE/5th GRADE ELA and Math – Friday, January 31, 2020
- 5th GRADE Science – February 5 – 6, 2020

Please make sure your child has a restful night's sleep, eats a healthy breakfast and arrives at school on time each and every day. Thank you very much for your cooperation!



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