

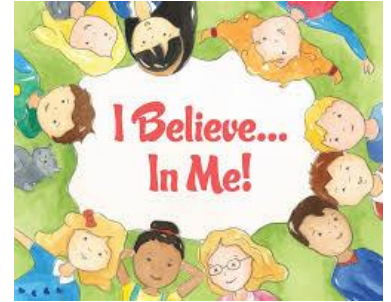
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February 2020

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# NEWSCHESTER

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Dear Wildcat Families,

I can't believe how fast this school year is moving. We are in the process of completing the BSA testing in Grades 3-5 and the results will be reported to you as soon as they arrive.

As we enter the third quarter of school for the 2019-2020 year, we continue to strive for student achievement and mastery of grade level standards. Equally important, we remind the students to display traits such as: caring, citizenship, fairness, responsibility, trustworthiness and respect. Students may be noticed displaying these qualities and are honored by becoming our "Kid of Character" for the month. Always encourage your child to emulate these traits.

Parent involvement is crucial to student success, so we provide opportunities for parents to be involved in our school and their children's education throughout the year. Please continue to encourage your child to read every night. The love of reading is invaluable!

As we continue to move forward, I want to remind everyone that although academics are vital, so is being kind to one another. My wish is for everyone to feel accepted and loved now and always.

Your Proud Principal,  
Melissa Geraine

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- **February 5** - World Read Aloud Day
- **February 6** - The Kids' Heart Challenge
- **February 7** - Valentine's Social 6pm - 8pm
- **February 11** - Interim Reports Issued
- **February 11** - 8:15 am - PTA Meeting
- **February 14** - Early Release Day
- **February 17** - President's Day  
**NO SCHOOL.**
- **February 25** - 2:15 pm - SAC Meeting



### YEARBOOK SALES

You can still pre-order the 19-20 Westchester Yearbook. By ordering now, you guarantee that your child gets one.

**The deadline for ordering is March 21, 2020.**

To order, go on-line to:

<https://yearbookordercenter.com> You will need to enter our school # which is 10653. The option to have your child's name on the front cover is no longer available. Just enter all the requested information and remember to keep a copy of your order number.

If you have any questions, contact Geri Newman at: [grnew512@bellsouth.net](mailto:grnew512@bellsouth.net)

**Yearbook Ad space is no longer available.**



## 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](http://westchester.memberhub.store). Membership costs \$10 and you have access to great discounts to places like Legoland and Rapids Water Park.

## REFLECTIONS

Westchester has three students moving to the State competition in the Performing Arts Categories! Congratulations to **Lauren Hargreaves** who won a Merit Award in Dance (Primary), **Sienna Fazio** who won Honorable Mention in Music Composition (Intermediate), and **Carter Cyrius** who won an Award of Excellence in Music Composition (Primary). The Florida PTA winners will be announced on March 31st!

## VALENTINE'S SOCIAL

You can still order tickets to the Valentine's Social! There is limited availability so purchase your tickets today, before they sell out!

## 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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/ptawestchester).

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

## ONGOING EVENTS

### AMAZON SMILE



You shop, Amazon gives! That's right, when you register Westchester Elementary PTA as your chosen charity @ [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to Westchester! AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know, with the same products, same prices, and same service.

### 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.

- **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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# VALENTINE'S SOCIAL

February 7th From 6-8PM  
Westchester's Cafeteria

DJ &  
Dancing

**\$8/PERSON**

Photo  
Spot

Includes Italian Dinner, Drink,  
Dessert and ALL Activities

Crafts

Games &  
Prizes

**Tickets are on sale now at  
WestchesterPTA.com**

Tickets are limited and will be on sales until sold out or January 31st. Tickets must be pre-purchased, and will be held at the door on day of event. All parties must have a ticket for entry. This is not a drop off event.



## BOOK FAIR

Our Spring Book Fair will be held from **Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**. The theme is “Jungle: Elephants, Tigers, and Books, Oh My!” Students will visit the fair during their Specials time. The fair will also be open on Reading Night - Wednesday, **March 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 pm**. This is a great opportunity for families to come out and shop for books together!



Shopping for books is even easier with E-Wallet. E-wallet is a new, secure, cash-free way to shop the fair. For further details, please visit [www.scholastic.com/fair](http://www.scholastic.com/fair) and enter 33065 to find Westchester.

To volunteer at the book fair, visit our website at [www.westchesterpta.com](http://www.westchesterpta.com) and click **Volunteers** and **Volunteer Opportunities**. The book fair is a popular event that can always use extra helping hands!



## WORLD READ ALOUD DAY

World Read Aloud Day is happening on **February 5, 2020!** This worldwide event calls attention to reading aloud and sharing stories. Now in its 11th year

and celebrated in over 173 countries, World Read Aloud Day is a wonderful reminder of the power and importance of this best practice.

## **KIDS' HEART CHALLENGE**

February is American heart month, so for it we are bringing The Kids Heart Challenge (Jump Rope for Heart) back! We kick off the challenge on February 6th, but don't wait until then to set up your student's online account. Visit <http://www2.heart.org/goto/westchester>. Your student gets to choose a healthy challenge and will earn a FREE wristband! PLUS: Any student that raises \$100 by our School-Assembly on February 6<sup>th</sup> will be recognized and earn a mystery-scented Heart Squishy stress ball!

Heart disease and stroke are the world's #1 and #5 killers. Let's encourage our students to have healthy and kind hearts together! Our Kids Heart Challenge will continue Through February 21st.

## **KIDS OF CHARACTER**

The character trait for February is HONESTY. Our students should continue learning to be truthful, trustworthy, and sincere. This character trait helps develop relationship skills by providing opportunities to say "I'm sorry" when we've made a mistake or by taking responsibility for our actions. We don't always make the best choices, but it's how we learn and recover from them that shows who we truly are. Wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it, and right is right even if no one is doing it.





Attention all parents with in-coming Kindergarten students next school year. Please join us for Kindergarten Round-up on **Friday, February 28 at 8:30 am**. Learn about all the great things happening at Westchester Elementary and tour the classrooms. Don't forget to bring your children with you. Tell your friends!

### Westchester Shout Outs

**The Speech & Debate Team has the pleasure of taking 25 students to the Falcon Invitational Speech & Debate Tournament at Floranada Elementary School on Saturday, January 25. We are proud to share four winners in the categories of Duo Interpretation, Ariana V and Neenah; Impromptu, Emiliano; and Original Oratory, Ariana S. We want to extend a huge thank you to the Coral Glades High School Debate Team for spending their Saturday judging this tournament and sending us into competition after giving us an inspirational pep talk! Awesome to experience vertical support from the High School Team!**

**We awarded a special Falcon Invitational MVP Medal to Miranda! Her partner in DUO Interpretation was unable to be at the tournament. Miranda took their speech and competed SOLO!! We are so proud of her determination and bravery!**

**We are looking forward to our next tournament in early February!**

**~Your Speech & Debate Team Coaches,  
Ms. Silcox, Ms. Greenwood, and Mr. Salmeri~**









## CANDY GRAMS FOR SALE

Student council will be selling Candy grams starting Monday February 3rd. 1\$ per gram. A heart lollipop and a special note will be delivered to your Valentines classroom!

### Imagine Math Information for Parents



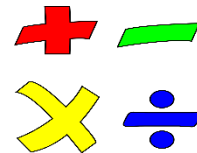
Parents can now see their child's progress on Imagine Math. Follow the steps below:

The Parent URL is:

<https://math.imaginelearning.com/customers/55509/registrations/new>

1. Type the URL into your browser (Chrome is recommended)
2. Create your account
3. Link your child's account to the parent account. This is done by using your child's username and password for their Imagine Math account (your child should know this or ask their teacher).
4. Students login using their Clever accounts or through math.imaginelearning.com
5. After parents login, you can also print student certificates: [Printing Student Certificates as a Parent](#).

### Imagine Math Facts



Brand new is Imagine Math Facts for our students. Students can practice their basic math facts: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division so they may reach a level of automaticity.

Additionally, (pun intended), this will make your child's confidence soar and enable your child to move forward with other math concepts. Please encourage its use at home as well.

The Imagine Math Facts Icon can be found on their Clever account.