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NEWSCHESTER

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Dear Wildcat Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing holiday break and that you were able to spend some quality time with your family and loved ones. It's hard to believe that we are in the second half of the school year. The first half of the school year went by so quickly and was filled with excitement and learning. We had a blast at McDonalds Night, Veterans Lunch, Book Fair, Bingo Night, and Field Days. Of course we really loved the Winter Chorus program put on by Mrs. Lusarian and her 3rd Grade students.

I am looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned for remainder of the school year and, as always, Thank You for all the continued support that you give Westchester. I truly believe we have an awesome school because of the teamwork of our students, staff and parents working collaboratively.

Your Proud Principal,

Missy Geraine

For parents who drop off in the back of the school

Please note, there is no right turn when exiting the parking lot from 7 AM until 8:30 AM. Also, there is no right turn off of 123 Avenue to pull into the back car lot from 7:30 AM to 8:00 AM.

Police officers have been ticketing. More importantly, it's for everyone's safety. Please abide by the posted signs.



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DATES TO REMEMBER



Jan. 14th-Feb. 5th—BSA Testing

Jan.15th—PTA meeting 8:15am & 6:15pm

Jan. 21st—No school

Jan.28th-Feb.1st--Celebrate Literacy Week

Feb.—Jump Rope for Heart Month

Feb. 1st—Take Your Child to Work Day

Feb.1st—Winter Social Dance

Attention all parents with in coming Kindergarten student's next school year. Please join us for Kindergarten Round-up on **Friday, February 22nd at 8:30 am.** Learn about all of the great things happening at Westchester Elementary and tour the classrooms. Don't forget to bring your children with you. Tell your friends!

CORAL GLADES ZONE SHOWCASE



The Coral Glades Innovation Zone will present our annual Zone Showcase to show our incredible programs for students. **This event will be held on February 7th at Sawgrass Springs Middle starting at 6 PM.**

This is a time that we bring all of our academic and elective/special programs together for a wonderful evening of fun performances. The Coral Glades Innovation Zone includes Coral Glades High, Sawgrass Springs Middle, Westchester Elementary, Parkside Elementary, and Coral Springs K-8.

More information to come



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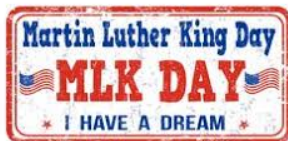
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Several classes and students participated in the City of Coral Springs Martin Luther King Art and Literary Projects. This year's theme was, "MLK Had a Dream: What is Your Dream?" We had several classes/students win prizes. The projects are on display in the Coral Springs Center for the Arts. Congratulations to the following participants:

Student/Class	Prize	Category	Grade	Teacher
Jabari Wright	3 rd Place	Individual Literary	5	Ms. Bell
Sophie Magin	Honorable Mention	Individual Literary	2	Ms. Sundook
Jalilah Davis	Honorable Mention	Individual Literary	5	Ms. Bell
1 st Grade Class	Best in Show	Group Literary	1	Ms. Krouch
2 nd Grade Class	2 nd Place	Group Literary	2	Ms. Sundook
Sydney Leath	Honorable Mention	Individual Art	4	Ms. Campbell
Kindergarten & 2 nd Grade	Honorable Mention	Group Art	K & 2 nd	Brokowsky, Krouch, and Cooper

The Giving Tree



Thank you to all who supported our “Giving Tree.” Students, parents, teachers and community brought over 500 gifts for families in our school, who are less fortunate because of unemployment, illness, family death and deportment. We are so grateful that we had a part in sharing the spirit and message of the holiday season.

Thank you to our students, parents, faculty, and volunteers for the hours of work and contributions that made our efforts so successful. Thank you to PTA Giving Tree Coordinator, Stephanie Stewart, Sawgrass Middle School, NJHS Advisor, Emily Riedmayer, Westchester Elementary School, No Place for Hate Team. Thank you again, for all you did to make “The Giving Tree” our sign of kindness and compassion for others

Please accept our sincere wishes to you and your family for a Happy and Healthy New Year!



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READING ACROSS BROWARD

If your child has not started logging the books for Reading Across Broward there is still plenty of time to participate. This years books can be logged on Beanstack. (Instructions are below.) Kindergarten – Second Grade students who log 100 books and Third – Fifth Grade students who log 50 books by **April 1, 2019** will earn a Reading medal at the end of the year.

Students access Beanstack through sso.browardschools.com . Login (The name is your child’s 06# and the password is your child’s birthdate Pmm/dd/yyyy). Select the “Beanstack” option. Click on the “Log Reading and Activities” button at the top left corner. As your child logs books, he or she will earn virtual badges and special recognition.

There is also a Beanstack app. To use it visit the App Store or Play Store and download the Beanstack app. Login (The name is your child’s 06#, the password is your child’s birthdate mmddyy). Go to “Log” at the bottom, select the “+” button at the top, select add to Archive. Scan the books ISBN number/barcode or enter the book title. Add the date the book was read. If it asks for the last page enter the last page in the book. Remember to “mark as complete” and click SAVE.

WESTCHESTER READS

Westchester Reads is still going strong. Students who read eight books and hand in the log with the paw prints may choose a book or another prize from the prize cart in the Media Center. (Remember to log the books students read for this program on their Reading Across Broward log, too).

CODE.ORG COURSES

In December students participated in Hour of Code but did you know your student can continue to learn about coding by using free courses through their Broward single sign on accounts. Go to sso.browardschools.com , choose the Code.org option. There are courses for each grade level and students can work on any course at their own pace. Most grades will be introduced to this during their Media classes this month. Login (The name is your child’s 06# and the password is your child’s birthdate Pmm/dd/yyyy).



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BSA Testing

Grade 3,4 & 5

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

GRADES 3, Computer Testing

- Monday, Gr 3, January 14-Reading, Session 1
- Tuesday, Gr 3, January 15- Reading, Session 2
- Wednesday, Gr 3, January 16- Math, Session 1
- Thursday, Gr 3, January 17-Math, Session 2

GRADE 4th Computer Testing

- Tuesday, Gr. 4, January 22, Reading, Session 1
- Wednesday, Gr. 4, January 23, Reading Session 2
- Thursday, Gr. 4, January 24, Math, Session 1
- Friday, Gr 4, January 25, Math, Session 2

GRADE 5th, Computer Testing

- Monday, January 28, Reading, Session 1
- Tuesday, January 29, Reading, Session 2
- Wednesday, January 30, Math, Session 1
- Thursday, January 31, Math, Session 2
- Monday, February 4, Science, Session 1
- Tuesday, February 5, Science, Session 2

MAKE UP DAYS

- 3RD GRADE – Friday, January 18, 2019
- 4th GRADE/5th GRADE ELA and Math – Friday, February 1, 2019
- 5th GRADE Science – February 6 – 7· 2019

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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Jan. 28-Feb. 1, 2019

We will be celebrating Literacy Week here at Westchester. To get students involved and excited, here is an ABC list of activities that you can incorporate into your curriculum throughout the week. We will have school-wide activities that students and teachers can participate in to show their love for reading! Have fun!

Ongoing Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Million Minute Marathon - Everyone on campus will stop and read for 20 minutes each day. Please choose a time that works well for your class and your students. • Teachers are encouraged to choose an item (or items) from the ABC activity list (attached) and incorporate into the curriculum each day.
Monday January 28	<p style="text-align: center;">BOOK BLACKOUT</p> <p>Let's kickoff Literacy Week with a blackout! Wear as much black as possible!</p>
Tuesday January 29	<p style="text-align: center;">Hats off to a good book!</p> <p>Wear a favorite hat to school for the day.</p>
Wednesday January 30	<p style="text-align: center;">WACKY WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Wear your clothes backwards, make your hair crazy, what else can you think of?</p>
Thursday January 31	<p style="text-align: center;">BE A READING SUPERHERO</p> <p>Wear superhero shirt or other attire.</p>
Friday February 1	<p style="text-align: center;">IDIOM DAY</p> <p>Let's explore figurative language! Will it be "raining cats and dogs?" Or perhaps you're a "smart cookie!" Dress up as your favorite idiom and let your friends and teachers guess!</p>

TWEET IT OUT

*CLW2019 *BCPSReads

Be sure to mention @Newschester & @BrowardLiteracy



WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

These past couple months have been incredibly busy and we wanted to say thank you for being involved! Thanks to **Deanna O'Connor** for another successful Harvest Drive! Thank you to **Stephanie Stewart** for all your hard work with the Giving Tree. Thank you to **Marlee Ramirez** for organizing such fun Field Days! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time or donated goods to the Harvest Drive and the Giving Tree! Because of your contributions, we were able to make the holiday season special for kids in our community. We are truly appreciative to each and every person who helped to make a difference.



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We have plenty more opportunities to be involved. Check out the Volunteers section on our website to sign up today!

WINTER SOCIAL

Our Winter Social is coming up on February 1st from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the cafeteria! Tickets to the will be on sale from Monday, January 14th through Friday, January 25th. Tickets will be \$8 per person or \$30 for a Family 4-pack. Any tickets purchased beyond the Family 4-pack will be \$7.50 each. Check the PTA webpage for more details!

REFLECTIONS

Congratulations to all of our Westchester student winners! The Broward County Reflections Awards Ceremony is scheduled for January 18th at 6:30pm at Apollo Middle School. Best of luck to all of our artists!

IMPORTANT DATES

- The Winter Social Committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 9th at 9:15 am** in Room 155
- Winter Social tickets will be on sale from **Monday, January 14th through Friday, January 25th**.
- Our first general PTA meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 15th at 8:15 am** in the cafeteria
- The 5th Grade Committee meeting will be immediately following the general PTA meeting on **Tuesday, January 15th** in the cafeteria. An additional meeting will be held at **6:15 pm** on **Tuesday, January 15th** in the library.
- The Broward County Reflections Awards Ceremony is scheduled for **Friday, January 18th at 6:30 pm** at Apollo Middle School.
- The Winter Social will be held on **February 1st from 6:00 – 8:00 pm** in the cafeteria.

ONGOING EVENTS



BOX TOPS

Please save those Box Tops!!! This is free money for our school for our students. Box Top forms will be sent home with child or you can send them to school in a Ziploc bag with your child's name and the name of their teacher on it. Thank you for your participation.

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YEARBOOK

YEARBOOK ORDERS

You can still order a yearbook for this school year to guarantee that your child will receive one. However, the free option of having your child's name on the front cover is no longer available. The cost for the yearbook is \$25.

To order the yearbook, go on line

to <https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=www.yearbookcenter.com&data=01%7C01%7Ccraig.saban%40browardschools.com%7Ced9fdc561f66436e5a3c08d660ef4413%7Ceeacb5cb53704358a96aa3783c95d422%7C1&data=IFiBqRy8d1PCcBGnK9%2BdXTx1Q5k4SwcZIEW2QgMdCGQ%3D&reserved=0> **You will need to enter the school number which is 10653. Complete** the process and keep a copy of your receipt or the order number for your record.

If you have any questions, please contact Geri Newman at <mailto:grnew512@bellsouth.net>

YEARBOOK ADS

We still have space available in the yearbook for both dedication and business ads. The order form is available on line

at <https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=www.browardschools.com%2Fwestchester&data=01%7C01%7Ccraig.saban%40browardschools.com%7Ced9fdc561f66436e5a3c08d660ef4413%7Ceeacb5cb53704358a96aa3783c95d422%7C1&data=SunICUpLamLVq%2FYvDlphPC33qk1ggH%2Fh9eZQUdcU2kg%3D&reserved=0>. Once on the site, click on STUDENTS & PARENTS then YEARBOOK COMMITTEE then DEDICATION & BUSINESS and then ADVERTISEMENT REQUEST. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Newman at newmg322@bellsouth.net

The form is also available in the front office at school or on line

at <https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=www.westchesterelementarypta.com&data=01%7C01%7Ccraig.saban%40browardschools.com%7Ced9fdc561f66436e5a3c08d660ef4413%7Ceeacb5cb53704358a96aa3783c95d422%7C1&data=PmQ164Ynurw3niee4gs0g%2BQUCJZ%2FV%2FByXwLp8%2BEFh78%3D&reserved=0> Click under programs.

The cost for ads is as follows:

Full page- \$150

Half Page- \$80

Quarter Page-\$45

Business card size-\$30



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