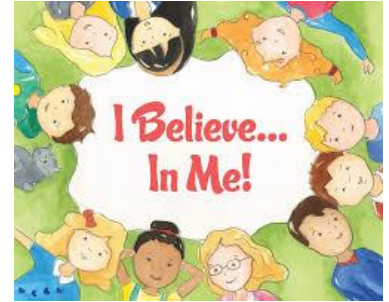

March 2020

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Dear Wildcat Families,

Happy Spring! It is a great time for renewal and reflection.

We have a shorter month than usual coming up due to Spring Break, but that does not mean we still do not put our best foot forward even with spring fever in the air.

Be sure to visit our book fair and pick up a good read to enjoy during our time off. Please make a note that our book fair is open on March 4th from 3 pm to 6pm this time. This is different from past book fair times. Please continue to encourage your child to read every night or read with them. The love of reading is invaluable!

Also, be sure to attend our Social Emotional Learning Afternoon with Mrs. Brahms and our wonderful staff. That is also on March 4, 2020 from 4 pm to 5pm.

I sincerely hope everyone has a safe and fun Spring Break. Come back rejuvenated to show off what we know on the 3rd grade FSA ELA and 4th and 5th grades FSA Writing Assessment!

Your Proud Principal,
Melissa Geraine

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 2 - 6 - Spring Book Fair
- March 4 - SEL Afternoon 4pm- 5pm
- March 4 - Book Fair OPEN 3 - 6pm
- March 8 - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS - SPRING FORWARD (Turn clocks up 1 hour)
- March 10 - PTA Meeting 8:15 AM
- March 17 - Planning Day - **No School for Students**
- March 18 - Zone Night 6 - 8pm at Sawgrass Springs Middle
- March 19 - Early Release Day
- March 20 - Planning Day - **No School for Students**
- March 21 - **Deadline to pre-order yearbooks.**
- March 23 - 27 - SPRING BREAK
- March 31 - SAC meeting 2:15pm

Happy Spring and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

YEARBOOK

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.

The cost of each yearbook is \$25.

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

Yearbook Ad space is no longer available.

PARENT SURVEY

In an effort to improve System Practices, Broward County School District is conducting a Parent Survey. We value your opinion and ask that you please take time to complete this survey. Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. Thank you for taking your time to complete the survey.

Survey link: <https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/130076/p568>



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. Membership costs \$10 and you have access to great discounts to places like Legoland and Rapids Water Park.



BOOK FAIR

Our Spring Book Fair will be held from **Monday, March 2nd - Friday, March 6th**. 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 4th from 3:00 - 6:00 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 and enter 33065 to find Westchester.

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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BOOK FAIR

We need help with the Spring Book Fair! This is a popular event and we can always use extra helping hands! We need help during the school day during the week of March 2nd through March 6th.

MEDIA CENTER

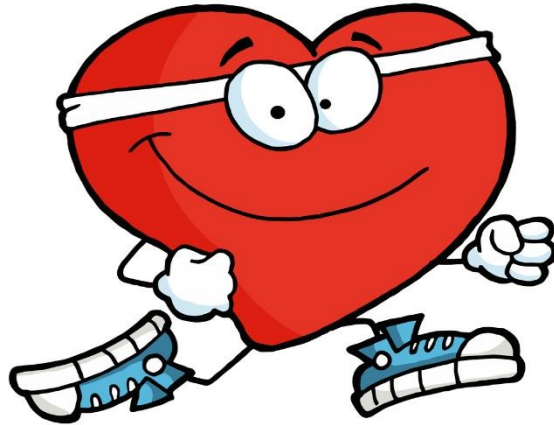
The Media Center is being upgraded! This summer, the Media Center will be going under construction and we need your help sorting, organizing, and boxing up books before summer begins. There are many shifts available for this month.

PROCTOR FOR THE FSA

Parents are needed to proctor for the FSA during April and May. We will need your help! Please consider proctoring!

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

Our school is amazing!! Together we raised over \$9,500 during the Kids Heart Challenge. This is the most our school has ever raised! Way to think heart healthy and support the American Heart Association. The additional prizes for the Kids Heart Challenge should arrive prior to spring break. Thank you for supporting heart health and the Kids Heart Challenge from the American Heart Association!



ONGOING EVENTS

AMAZON SMILE



You shop, Amazon gives! That's right, when you register Westchester Elementary PTA as your chosen charity @ 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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Imagine Math Information for Parents



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

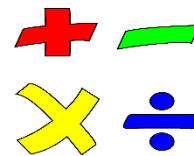
The Parent URL is:

<https://math.imaginelearning.com/customers/55509/registerations/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.

FROM THE COUNSELING CORNER

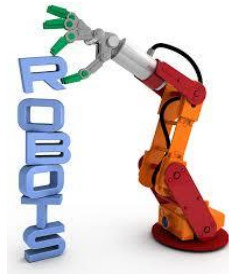
Our SEL event is on March 4th from 4-5 PM!!! Please join us for an afternoon of resources that will help you assist your child(ren) on managing stress, building healthy relationships and having a successful school year! We look forward to seeing our Westchester families!!!

KIDS OF CHARACTER



The character trait for March is SELF-CONTROL. Our students should continue learning to self-manage. It is a skill that allow kids to manage their thoughts, actions and emotions so they can get things done! It is having discipline over one's behavior or actions. This character trait helps students take responsibility for their actions. We don't always have self-control, but it's important to recognize when we don't so we can fix future behavior.

WANT TO LEARN HOW TO BUILD A FUNCTIONING ROBOT?



- Can you think critically, and problem solve?
- Do you know how to code or want to learn?
- Are you in 3rd or 4th grade?

If you answered yes to these questions, maybe Robotics is for you. During the month of March, Ms. Haage and Mr. Transue will be accepting applications from interested 3rd and 4th grade students to start forming next year's Robotics team.

If you are interested in joining, please see Ms. Haage or Mr. Transue for an application.

Save the Date
Night of the Arts
April 23, 2020: 6-8pm

Join us at Westchester Elementary to enjoy a night of multifaceted entertainment.

Students beautiful artwork will be displayed in the Cafeteria.

Don't miss your only chance to see our talented musicians in the Westchester Chorus, Recorder Club, Orff Ensemble and our newly formed Little Kids Rock Band.

Bring the whole family to spend some time together and support the "ARTS". Your generous donations of purchasing artwork, raffle tickets, and food will go directly to the art and music departments.

READING ACROSS BROWARD

Reading Across Broward reading logs are due on Wed., April 1. Give the reading log to your teacher on April 1 and it will be turned in to the Media Center. If you have logged your books in Beanstack it will be automatically turned in. Reading Across Broward awards will be given in May.

**K-2ND GRADE
SUPERINTENDENT'S HONOR ROLL AWARD
(100 BOOKS INCLUDING 5 AWARD BOOKS)**

**3RD-5TH GRADE
SUPERINTENDENT'S HONOR ROLL AWARD
(50 BOOKS INCLUDING 5 AWARD BOOKS)**

READING *ACROSS* BROWARD

LOGS DUE APRIL 1ST

- * LOG BOOKS VIRTUALLY ON BEANSTACK
- * LOG BOOKS ON READING ACROSS BROWARD LOG (PAPER)
- * K-2 BOOKS READ FROM RAZ KIDS CAN BE LOGGED
- * SPECIAL ASSEMBLY FOR STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE



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