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# NEWSCHESTER

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Dear Wildcat Families,

I wanted to make you aware of something that has been getting a lot of media attention. The "Momo Challenge" is reportedly infiltrating video games like Minecraft, Fortnite, as well as YouTube, WhatsApp, and social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, etc.). It encourages children to engage in potentially dangerous acts while threatening acts of harm if they do not comply. I think it's important that our parents educate themselves on what is going on and how important it is that you monitor your children's use of social media and online gaming platforms for these potential risks. Additionally, please monitor your student's apps on their devices that are for connecting/socializing with other people. Some popular apps we are hearing about is House Party and Snap Chat. Kids are getting up "Keyboard Courage" and saying things on these platforms that are considered mean, rude, and even threatening. Again, I implore you to monitor your children's screen use. You never know whom they are communicating with. The NBC link below provides some guidance regarding this topic:

[https://www.nbcmiami.com/news/national-international/How-to-Talk-to-Children-About-Dangerous-Momo-Challenge-502783461.html?\\_osource=SocialFlowFB\\_MIBrand](https://www.nbcmiami.com/news/national-international/How-to-Talk-to-Children-About-Dangerous-Momo-Challenge-502783461.html?_osource=SocialFlowFB_MIBrand)

Your Proud Principal,

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# DATES TO REMEMBER



March 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>—Book Fair

March 6<sup>th</sup>—Reading Night 6:00-8:00 pm

March 13<sup>th</sup>—Joe's Pizza Night

March 21<sup>st</sup>--Early Release Day

March 22<sup>nd</sup>—No School for Students

March 25-29—Spring Break

Registration packets for the 2019-2020 school year for incoming Kindergarteners and new students are available at this time in the front office.

You may also take a tour of our school on Friday mornings at 9:00am. Please call the front office to reserve a tour. 754-322-8900



On Thursday, February 14, 2019, Westchester Elementary along with Broward County Public Schools participated in A Day of Service and Love. Please click on the link below to see how our Wildcats participated:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/0vpz7nxx74hmcnc/58961016141550247822.mp4?dl=0>

## #2getherInServiceandLove



The Cafeteria is hiring, two positions available, full benefits included. Contact Andrea Geller cafeteria manager for more information at 754-322-8910 or

[andrea.geller@browardschools.com](mailto:andrea.geller@browardschools.com)



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# YEARBOOK

March 19, 2019 is the deadline for ordering Yearbooks on-line. If you order by then, your child is guaranteed to get a yearbook. The cost remains at \$25 for each book.

To order, go on line to <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/> and you will need to enter our school number which is 10653. Complete the process and keep a copy of the order number for your records.

Name embossing on the front cover is no longer available.

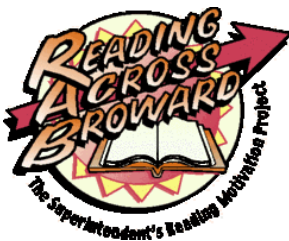
## YEARBOOK ADS

Ads for the yearbook are no longer available. Thank you to all who have placed ads and supported our yearbook this year.

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

Family Reading Night will be held on **Wed., March 6 from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.**

The theme is Dr. Seuss and there will be many activities for you and your children to enjoy. Have you ever felt Oobleck? Do you love word games? The activities are designed to encourage families to improve reading skills while having fun together. The Book Fair will be open so you can shop with your child for great new books. PTA will be selling pizza and snacks as well. Join us for the fun.



Reading Across Broward reading logs are due on April 1. If you have been logging the books in Beanstack, Ms. Nixon will get the list of books automatically. If you have been using the traditional paper reading logs, please give them to your teacher by April 1st. Remember that all books a student reads from May to April count toward Reading Across Broward.



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## 2018-2019 FSA



### FSA will be paper-based testing.

*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.*

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Tuesday, April 2 - ELA Session 1  
Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - ELA Session 2  
Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> - Math Session 1  
Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> - Math Session 2

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Tuesday, April 2 - Writing  
Wednesday, May 1 - ELA Session 1  
Thursday, May 2 - ELA Session 2  
Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> - Math Session 1  
Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> - Math Session 2

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Tuesday, April 2 - Writing  
Wednesday, May 1 - ELA Session 1  
Thursday, May 2 - ELA Session 2  
Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> - Math Session 1  
Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> - Math Session 2  
Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Science Session 1  
Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> - Science Session 2

**MAKEUPS FROM THURSDAY, MAY 9TH - TUESDAY, MAY 14TH.**

*Thank you very much for your cooperation!*



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## MEMBERSHIP



**Last call for PTA membership!!** The class with the most PTA members will earn a pizza and ice cream party! The deadline for membership registration is March 11th! The teacher of the winning class will also receive a \$50 gift card!! It's easy to register and your \$10 goes towards student programs and incentives to make learning fun! It's a win-win! Register online at [www.westchesterpta.com](http://www.westchesterpta.com)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Test Proctors

FSA testing is fast approaching, and each testing classroom will desperately need volunteers to assist! That means we will need many volunteers to make testing go smoothly. Please consider helping out for the following dates, its only for a short period of time.

**April 2, 3**      **May 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8**

Please contact Beth Fazio ([eaanders@hotmail.com](mailto:eaanders@hotmail.com)) for more information.

### BOOK FAIR

Our Spring Book Fair is Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and we need your help! This is a popular event that can always use extra helping hands! Please go to our website at [www.westchesterpta.com](http://www.westchesterpta.com) and click Volunteers and Volunteer Opportunities to sign up today!

The theme is Dino-Mite Book Fair: Stop, Chomp and Read! Students will visit the fair during their Specials time. Reading Night is Wednesday, **March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.** PTA will have pizza for sale and will provide a free treat to students, while supplies last.

You can visit our Book Fair website and set up e-wallet, a digital payment option by going to [www.scholastic.com/fair](http://www.scholastic.com/fair) and entering 33065 to find Westchester.

Online shopping is available until **March 16<sup>th</sup>** and all purchases ship free to the school!



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## IMPORTANT DATES

- The Spring Book Fair will be held from **March 4<sup>th</sup> through March 8<sup>th</sup>**.
- Reading Night will be on **Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.**
- The next general PTA meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am.**
- The next SAC/SAF meeting is on **Tues, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 pm** in the Media Center.

## ONGOING EVENTS

### BOX TOPS



Please save those Box Tops!!! **We will be having a contest coming soon to see who can collect the most 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.

### 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! Get some holiday shopping done and help our school at the same time! AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know, with the same products, same prices, and same service.

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