
March 2024

NEWSCHESTER



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(754) 322-8902

Wildcat Families!

It's almost Springtime and our Spring Break is fast approaching! We are already in the third quarter. As we continue to strive for student achievement and mastery of grade level standards, it is equally important that we remind our students to display character traits such as caring, citizenship, fairness, responsibility, and respect. Parents, always encourage your child to emulate these traits. As we continue to move forward, I want to remind everyone that although academics are vital, so is being kind to one another.

We had our Life Skills and Wellness Night last month and it was a huge success. Our theme was "Teach Them, Love Them, Watch Them Grow!" We had many rooms for our families to visit, such as Music and Art therapy, Positive Affirmations, and a Pet Therapy room which featured our very own therapy dog, Zoey and several of her friends. Thanks to everyone who came out to support Westchester. My wish is for everyone to feel accepted and loved now and always.

Everyone is eagerly awaiting a relaxing and rejuvenating spring break. Our students and staff have worked hard and earned a well-deserved break. I wish you all a wonderful break! Stay safe!



Fondly,
Mrs. Geraine
Your proud principal



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March 4-8: Book Fair

March 6: SAC Meeting @ 2:30 p.m

March 6: STEAM Night

March 12: PTA Meeting @ 8:30

March 15: Kdg Round-up @ 8:30

March 20: Kid of Character

March 21: Early Release Day

March 22: Teacher Planning Day

March 25-29: Spring Break

April 1: Classes resume



Safety and security are our top priorities. Please make sure to remember the following safety procedures:

- ❖ All visitors **MUST** report to the front office and must have I.D. to gain access to our school.
- ❖ All visitors must go through our Raptor Visitor System.
- ❖ Students will wear their I.D.s while on campus.
- ❖ Parents must update their contact information with the front office.
- ❖ Visitors must stop at the front gate and speak with our Campus Monitor to gain entrance to campus.
- ❖ Identification is needed to gain access to front office.



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- ❖ The first bell rings at 7:55 a.m. each morning.
- ❖ On campus supervision begins at 7:30 a.m.
- ❖ Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. All students are invited to eat breakfast at no charge.
- ❖ It is vital that students arrive to school on-time.
- ❖ K - 2 car rider students are dropped off and picked up in the front of the school, at the main entrance on Royal Palm.
- ❖ K-2 Walkers enter and exit through Gate 2 at the front of the school (corner of Royal Palm and 123 Ave)
- ❖ 3 - 5 car rider students are dropped off and picked up at the rear of the school on 123rd Avenue. If you have more than one child, use the drop off and pick up area of the youngest child.
- ❖ 3 - 5 Walkers enter and exit at rear of campus, Gate 6, on 123rd Avenue.
- ❖ Please do not park or leave cars unattended in the car loop area.
- ❖ Dismissal is 2:00 p.m.
- ❖ Early Release Day dismissal is 12:00 p.m.

For the safety of our students, we ask that parents in the car lane abide by some simple safety rules:

- ❖ No cell phone usage when in the car line.
- ❖ Parents, please remain in your car.
- ❖ Please make sure your child is prepared to exit the vehicle when you pull into the car line.
- ❖ Children are to exit from the right side of the vehicle (sidewalk)
- ❖ Please stay in one lane, the outside lane is for those cars that are parking or exiting.
- ❖ Pull all the way up. The safety of your child/children is our top priority.

Parents, our front door closes at 8:05 a.m. daily. If you arrive after 8:05, you must come in the office to sign your child in. We understand that the car line can be long, however, there usually is a ten-minute window of time (7:40 - 7:50) where there is no line. In case of inclement weather or traffic accident, the door may remain open later than 8:05. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



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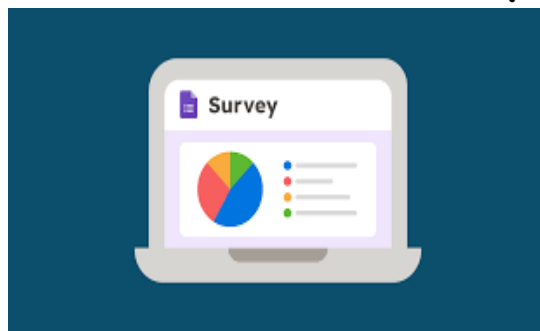


If you have a child who will be entering Kindergarten next school year, please join us for our Kindergarten Round-up on March 15, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in our school's cafeteria. During Round-up you can:

- Register your child.
- Learn about our school.
- Take a tour and meet the teachers.
- Learn about parent involvement opportunities.
- Get info on before and aftercare program.

We look forward to meeting our future wildcats!

Annual Customer 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. The surveys will be available online in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese. Thank you for taking your time to complete the survey. The survey window is open March 1 - April 30th.

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To complete the survey, click on the link or QR Code:



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The survey will be available Friday, March 1, 2024 - Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

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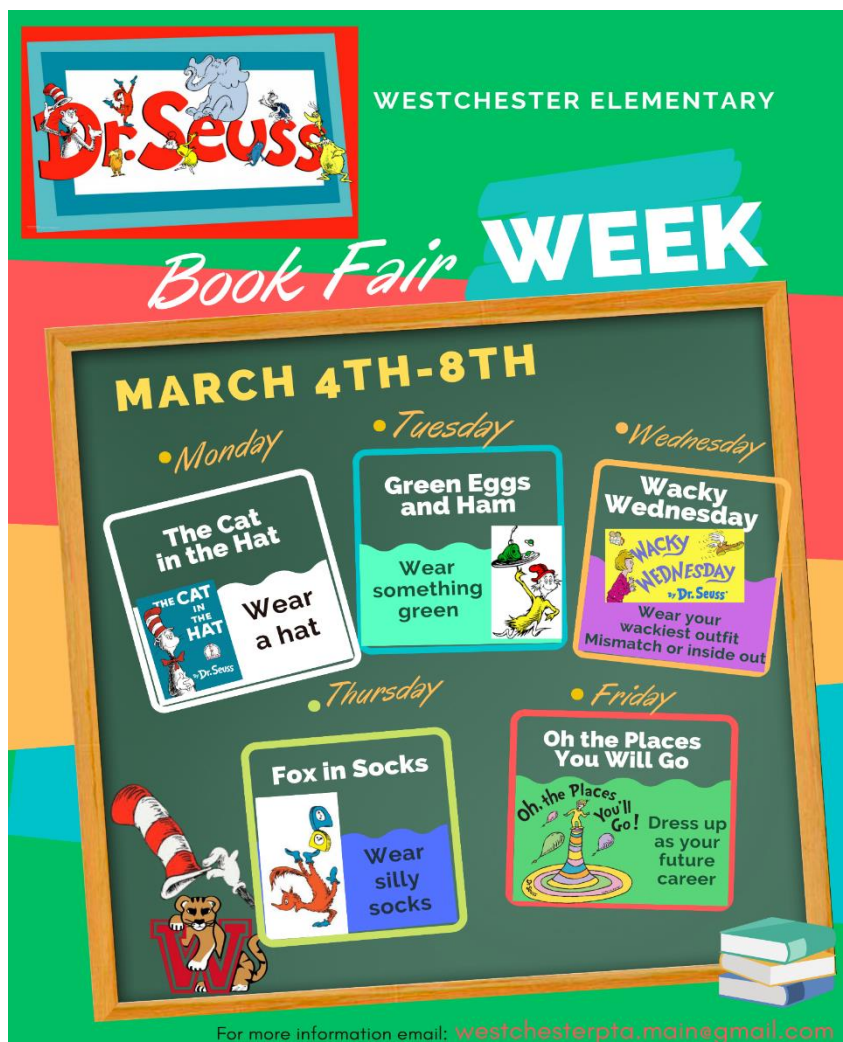
It's time for our Spring Bookfair! Our spring bookfair is Monday, March 4 - Friday, March 8.

Purchase your e-wallet at <http://bookfairs.scholasitc.com/bf/westchesterelementary>.

If you'd like to volunteer to work the bookfair, please visit <https://www.westchesterpta.com/volunteer>.

Join us for our STEAM Night on March 6th 5:30pm-7pm. You will be able to shop at the bookfair. We will also have pizza and ice cream for sale.

We are also having Bookfair Spirit Week! Please view the flier for each day's theme!



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Yearbook Sale

JAN 19TH- APRIL 26TH

LAST CHANCE-DON'T MISS OUT

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See Something. Hear Something. Say Something.

In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety concern that is not urgent, you can do so anonymously. Help identify and intervene with unsafe individuals BEFORE they hurt themselves or others by reporting non-urgent threats, harassing behaviors, illegal activity (vandalism, theft, the sale of drugs), as well as information about planned crimes.

How do you make an anonymous report? There are many ways to provide a tip, just follow the directions below:

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Download and Use the SaferWatch App
 Download the SaferWatch app at saferwatch.com/download. The app gives users in Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) and local law enforcement a safe and secure way to report suspicious activity to the BCPS System Investigation Unit (SIU) and to local law enforcement.
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Download and Use the FortifyFL App
 Download the FortifyFL app at getfortifyfl.com. Using the FortifyFL app, users can quickly report unsafe behaviors, illegal activity, or threats to the appropriate law enforcement agency and to local law enforcement.
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Contact Silence Marks
 Anonymous tips can be made to the BCPS SIU:
 • Call 754-321-2211
 • Email SIU@bcps.org or SIU@browardschools.com




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