
October 2023

NEWSCHESTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Wildcat Families!

Hello Fall! It's the time of the year when we celebrate all the things that we are thankful for. Westchester has the best students, families, and community, and for that, I am thankful!

We are near the end of our first quarter of school. Our students have been working hard and have already completed the first window of state assessments. Although we work hard, we also love to have fun. We have so many wonderful activities to look forward to during the month of October. We have our Fall Book October 9–13. Your child will get an opportunity to visit the bookfair during the school day. Please join us on Literacy Night, October 11th for some fun grade level activities and for a chance to shop with your child/children.

We are also having our second Trunk or Treat! We had so much fun at last year's Trunk or Treat, that we just had to do it again. Our staff and PTA will have decorated vehicles with trunks full of goodies! I know this year's event will be even bigger than last year. I can't wait to see you all on Friday, October 27th for a "spooktacular" time!

Please be sure to view the calendar and PTA section of this newsletter to keep up with all the exciting things happening here at Westchester.

As always, I thank you for your continued support!

Your proud Principal,
Mrs, Geraine



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October 3: Interim Reports

October 4: SAC/SAF Meeting 2:30

October 6: Picture Day

October 9-13: Book Fair

October 11: Literacy Night 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

October 17: PTA Meeting @ 8:30 a.m.

October 23: Early Release Day 12:00

October 24: Planning Day, No School

October 26: Read for the Record

October 27: Trunk or Treat

October 31: Fall Parade



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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School begins at 8:00 a.m. If your child arrives after 8:05 a.m., you must escort your child into the front office and sign them in. We close our front door at 8:05 a.m. Parents, please make sure your child is ready to exit the vehicle when you arrive in the car line. We appreciate your cooperation.



Get ready for our 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat! We had such a great time last year that we've decided to do it again! Join us Friday, October 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. Our staff and PTA will have nicely decorated trunks filled with plenty of treats. Volunteers are needed for this event. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up at www.westchesterpta.com



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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.



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Parents and family members are invited to complete the annual Title 1 Family Engagement Survey regarding the services funded through Title I in the Broward County School District. We really appreciate your feedback. [Title 1 Survey](#)



Congratulations to our Teacher of the Year and our School Related Employee of the Year. We are excited to announce that Ms. Hager, a Fifth Grade Dual Language teacher is Westchester's Teacher of the Year and Ms. Jeffrey, our Office Manager is our School Related Employee of the Year. It is an honor to have these exemplary ladies represent Westchester Elementary and Broward County Public Schools! Congratulations Ms. Hager and Ms. Jeffrey! You Rock!



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We are collecting candy for our Trunk or Treat event. The candy drive is October 2 - 20th. Candy must be prepackaged, and store bought. The grade level with the most candy in weight will win a pizza or ice-cream party.



Wildcat SWAG shop is now open. Check out our fun spirit items at [Etsy.com/shop/westchesterswagshop](https://www.etsy.com/shop/westchesterswagshop)

New spirit wear is on sale now! We have long and short sleeve, long sleeve, and jacket options. Check out our new apparel at www.tinyurl.com/Spiritwear2324



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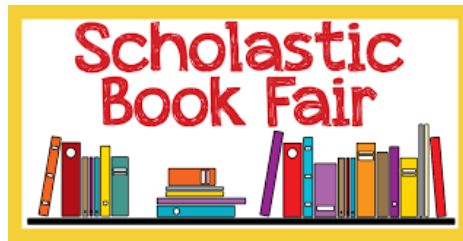
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- Fall Book Fair is next week October 9 - 13th. You can create an e-wallet at scholastic.com/fair
- Literacy Night is Wednesday, October 11. There will be grade level activities to participate in and you will also have an opportunity to shop with your child.
- Volunteers are needed, if you are interested, please sign up at www.westchesterpta.com



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Join us!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

12 p.m. | 2500 Forest Hills Blvd

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COMMUNITY BARBEQUE

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Coral Springs Police Department



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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 saferwatchapp.com/browardschools. The app gives alerts in Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) and alerts are compatible with local law enforcement and the BCPS Special Investigator (SIC) about incidents or concerns.
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Download and Use the FortifyFL App
 Download the FortifyFL App at getfortifyfl.com. Using the app, you can report a variety of unsafe (potentially harmful, dangerous, violent or criminal activities, or the threat of these activities) to the appropriate law enforcement agency and school staff.
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Contact Silence Harts
 Anonymous tips can be made to the BCPS SIC:
 - Call 754-322-8900
 - Send a T4507 (SIC 4575), under "SIC" type with your text message
 - Email sic@browardschools.com



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