
September 2018

NEWSCHESTER

**YOU
BE
YOURSELF**
Westchester Elementary

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Dear Wildcat Families,

We had a great first 2 weeks of school. All of the students are now able to find their classrooms on their own and the drop off and pick up lines are running smoothly. Thank you for all of your patience and support with our new safety and security measures. As the year progresses we will continue to review our procedures to ensure our staff and students are as safe as possible.

Our theme this year is "You Be You". We are encouraging all students to be the best individual person they can be and to embrace their individuality. I am excited for all of the things we have scheduled for the school year. The PTA has been planning events all summer to ensure Westchester Elementary School is even better this year. As always, I want to thank you for all the continued support that you give Westchester. If you would like to contact me, please feel free to email me at Melissa.geraine@browardschools.com I truly believe we have an awesome school because of the tremendous teamwork of our students, staff and parents.

Your Proud Principal,
Missy Geraine



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- Sep. 3 No school
- Sep. 10 No school
- Sep. 12 Joe's Pizza Night
- Sep. 13 Cheerleading 2-4pm
- Sep. 19 No school
- Sep. 20 Pictures, Grades K, 1, 3
(See Below)
- Sep. 21 Pictures, Grades 2, 4, 5
- Sep. 27 PTA Bingo Night 6:00pm

2018-2019 PRE-ORDER

Order before **December 14, 2018** and the name of your child will be embossed on the cover for **FREE!!!**

Orders received after December 14th will not include an embossed name.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED ONLINE

<https://www.yearbookordercenter.com>

The school number is 10653

Questions: please contact Geri Newman at <mailto:gnew512@bellsouth.net>

Drop off and Pick Up

Thank you all for your assistance when dropping off and picking up. As a reminder you may drop off your students beginning at 7:30am. If you would like to drop off earlier we do offer before care for a small fee each month. If you walk your child to school, please refrain from parking in the developments across the street. We have been notified that they will begin towing unauthorized cars in the am and pm. As a reminder all gates are locked during the school day. If you need assistance please call the office and someone will get to you as soon as possible.



MEDIA CENTER

Back to School On-line Forms

Back to school forms

All emergency forms will be completed ON-LINE at, <http://www.browardschools.com/bts>

Parents don't forget to apply for Free & Reduced Lunch. Apply on line at: <http://www.myschoolapps.com>
You will receive an email letting you know if your lunch is completely free or at a reduced rate.

Reading Across Broward

Reading Across Broward will be getting an exciting new look this year. Students will be able to log the books they read on the Beanstack website or App. They will earn digital badges as they reach goals and on April 1, 2019 their logs will automatically be sent to the Media Center. No more lost logs. More information will be coming soon about how to use this new log.

Westchester Reads

Students read eight books and log them on a "Westchester Reads" reading log. Then they hand the log in at the Media Center and choose a small prize. Students can get a "Westchester Reads" log in the Media Center or from their teacher.

Checking-out Books

Students have already started checking out books. With our new Specials schedule they may need your help to remember when their books are due back. Books are checked out for 14 days but they can always be returned sooner or renewed when needed.

Attention ESOL parents: The Parent Outreach Office Serves:

- English Language Learners (ELLs)
- Recently-arrived Immigrants
- Parents
- Families
- Community members/organizations

For more information you may contact the following:

Y. Nathalie Delia, Community Liaison - Haitian Creole <mailto:yvette.delia@browardschools.com>

Monica Nelsas, Community Liaison – Spanish <mailto:monica.nelsas@browardschools.com>

Osiris De Los Rios, Community Liaison - Immigrant Grant <mailto:osiris.de-los-rios@browardschools.com>

Brunilda Chico, Bilingual Clerk (754)321-2951 <mailto:esolparents@browardschools.com>

aftercare

Here are a couple of things to remember for the 2018 - 2019 school year

- Starting Pay Period 2, the rates for Before and Aftercare will increase to accommodate for a Campus Monitor. Please visit our website at www.westchesteraftercare.weebly.com for the letter.
- Please remember the earliest you can pick up is 2:30, if you need your child(ren) earlier, please make different dismissal arrangements prior to that day.
- Photo Identification is required for student pick up. No ID, No Child
- When you are parking to pick up, please park in a parking spot and not in the fire lane.
- Please be sure to have the Yellow car sign with your child's name and grade when going through the gate, otherwise you will be stopped by a school official.

*The Last Day to make for Period 2 is September 11th

Westchester No-Fuss Fundraiser for Technology

September 4th – September 21st

In lieu of a traditional sales fundraiser, this year we will be participating in a school-wide No-Fuss Fundraiser to raise money for technology. 100% of the funds collected will be staying with our school and donations are tax deductible. Students who contribute at least \$50 will be invited to attend an In-School Dance Party hosted by our Westchester PTA in October.

Additional information will be coming home soon.



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WES PTA Page for September 2018 Newschester

Welcome Back from your PTA!

Thank you to all our new and returning members - we are so excited to have over **250** members already, halfway to our goal! If you haven't had a chance to join, we have made it easy - just go to our website at www.westchesterpta.com! Remember that the first class to reach 100% membership will get a pizza and ice cream party!

Also on our website you will be able to purchase your **Westchester gear**, and view and sign up for events and volunteer opportunities. (Just don't forget to fill out Broward County's volunteer application- the link can also be found on our website!)

Upcoming Events

B-I-N-G-O



Mark your calendar for fun at our Back-To-School **Bingo Night** on September 27th at 6 pm in the Cafeteria. Come support Westchester and also enjoy a great night of food, drinks, prizes and fun!! PTA Members will get an additional game board as a thank you for joining! Details to come.

BOOK FAIR



We will be welcoming back our Scholastic Book Fair from October 1st through October 5th. Our theme this year is "Enchanted Forest of Books: Let Your Imagination Grow!" This is a great opportunity to support Westchester and encourage reading! It is also a great way to get involved- the book fair is a popular event that can always use extra helping hands!

REFLECTIONS



Students have the opportunity to partake in the Reflections Art Program sponsored by the National PTA. This year's theme is "Heroes Around Me" and encourages your child to



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imagine, create and celebrate through dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. The deadline for submissions is October 18, 2018. For more information and registration, please visit our website at www.westchesterpta.com.

MEETINGS

- Our second **PTA meeting** will be held **Tuesday, September 11th at 8:15am** in the cafeteria. The **room parent meeting** will immediately follow at **9:15am**.
- **SAC/SAF** meetings will be held **on September 25** in the Media Center at **2:15**.

The School Advisory Council (SAC) and the School Advisory Forum (SAF) are a group of parents, community members, business partners, and school staff who meet to create and ensure the success of the School Improvement Plan (SIP). The SIP guides school programs and activities to meet its goals and to improve student achievement. These meetings are a great way to become informed, share ideas and create positive changes for our school. Your participation is highly encouraged!

PICTURE DAY

Individual pictures will be taken on the following days:

GRADES K, 1 & 3 Thursday September 20, 2018

GRADES 2, 4 & 5 Friday, September 21, 2018

On-Going Events

BOX TOPS



Please save those Box Tops!!! This is free money for our school for our students. They can be dropped off at the front office or sent in with your child. They can be sent in a Ziploc, or attached to the Box Top forms that are sent home periodically. Thank you for your participation.



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ICE CREAM

The cafeteria will be selling ice cream to the students on Wednesdays for \$0.65 during lunch. We are in need of volunteers to help make this a success – from 10am to 1pm. Send an email to eaanders@hotmail.com if you are interested!



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