

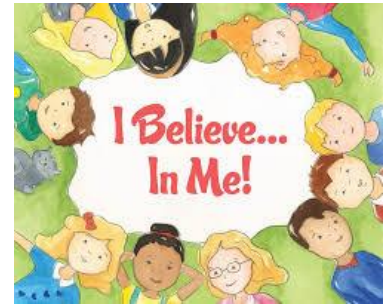
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September 2019

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# NEWSCHESTER

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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 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 "I Believe in Me". We are encouraging all students to believe in themselves. We want our students to know that they can accomplish anything as long as they believe it and work hard. 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](mailto: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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- No School on **September 2<sup>nd</sup>** for Labor Day.
- School Pictures will be on **September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**.
- PTA Meeting on **September 10<sup>th</sup>** at **8:15 am**.
- Book Fair from **September 23<sup>rd</sup> through September 27<sup>th</sup>**.
- Reading Night on **September 25<sup>th</sup>** from **6:00 - 8:00 pm**.
- No School on **September 30<sup>th</sup>** for Rosh Hashanah.
- Last Day to sign up for PTA to join the Ice Cream Social is **September 30<sup>th</sup>**.
- Ice Cream Social for membership drive will be on **October 4<sup>th</sup>**.
- Family Movie Night will be on **October 17<sup>th</sup>**.

## Yearbook News

The yearbook for the 2019-2020 school year can be pre-ordered now. The cost of each yearbook is \$25. If you order by Dec. 14, 2019, you can have your child's name on the front cover at no additional cost. Orders placed after that date, will not have the option of having a name on the front cover.

To order your yearbook, go online to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and complete all the requested information. Our school number is 10653. The name you enter in the personalization screen is the one that will appear on the front cover of the yearbook. Please either print a copy of your receipt or keep a copy of the order number for your records.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Geri Newman at [grnew512@bellsouth.net](mailto:grnew512@bellsouth.net)

## PUT IT DOWN...IT'S THE LAW

The Coral Springs Police Department is committed to ensuring our residents and visitors are aware of and well-informed about the new distracted driving laws for the State of Florida.

### **BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO REACH FOR YOUR CELLPHONE WHILE DRIVING, YOU SHOULD KNOW THE FOLLOWING:**

- **Effective July 1, 2019:** Motorists may be stopped by a law enforcement officer for texting and driving while the car is in motion
- **Effective October 1, 2019:** Cellphone devices can only be used in a **HANDS-FREE** manner when driving in designated **SCHOOL ZONES** and active workzone areas in Florida.

Children deserve our full attention. Any form of distracted driving is unsafe, but in a school zone (including school property) where children are likely to be present is especially dangerous.



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## MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all our new and returning members! 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](http://westchester.memberhub.store) or you can fill out a registration form and pay by cash or check. Membership costs \$10 and you also have access to great discounts to places like Legoland and Rapids Water Park.

As a bonus, sign up before September 30<sup>th</sup> and your child will be able to attend an ice cream social in the cafeteria sponsored by Larry's Ice Cream! This will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> during normal school hours.

## BOOK FAIR

The theme of our book fair this year is "Arctic Adventure: Snow Much to Read!" The book fair will be open during normal school hours from September 23<sup>rd</sup> through September 27<sup>th</sup>. The fair will also be open from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> during Reading Night. 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](http://www.scholastic.com/fair) and enter 33065 to find Westchester.

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



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## 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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# Title 1

As you may have heard, our school is now a Title 1 School. Here is some information that you have a right to know.

**Florida State Standards** – Where to find what your child needs to know based on their grade level:

<http://www.floridastandards.org/Standards/FLStandardSearch.aspx>

**School Public Accountability Report (SPAR)**, School grades, state assessment reports: The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of (indicators designed to inform parents and the general public about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets the public reporting requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Act and certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools. In addition, the Florida Department of Education publishes school grades, the results of the state assessment of Florida schools. You can access these reports at: <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/index.cfm>. If you would like to review a hard copy or if translation is needed, please contact Westchester Elementary at 754-322-8900.

**School Parent and Family Engagement Plan:** Our School Improvement Plan can be found on our school's website: <https://www.browardschools1.com/westchester>

**District Parent and Family Engagement Plan:** If you would like to read more about this, please go to:

<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/parent-involvement.asp>. If you would like a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Linda Howard, Title 1 Program Specialist at 754-321-1410.

Notifying all parents that the SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT was sent home via any of the following methods:

Meet and Greet, Open House, in First Day Packet or in your child's backpack during the first week.

Parents may access the following site for LEA Report Card for school grades:

<http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/>

**The SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT delineates the responsibilities of our school, the parent, and the student. It was signed by all parties. Please return it to school if you haven't yet and have your child turn it in to their teacher.**



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