
October 2022

NEWSCHESTER



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Principal's Message

Wildcat Families!

It is hard to believe that we are near the end of our first quarter of school. Our students will be receiving their first quarter report card next month. We have been working hard and have been remarkably busy during the first marking period.

Although we work hard, we also like to have fun. We have so many wonderful activities to look forward to during the month of October. We have our Fall Book-Fair October 10th – 14th. We hope you all join us on Literacy Night, October 12th for some fun grade level activities and to shop with your child/children. I am so excited that we are having our first Trunk or Treat! Our staff will have decorated vehicles with trunks full of goodies! I cannot wait to see everyone at this fun event.

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

You can also visit us at www.browardschools.com/westchester or follow us on **Twitter** @newschester or on Instagram @Westchesterelementary. If you have any questions, feel free to call us at 754-322-8900.

As always, I want to thank you for your continued support. I honestly believe we have an awesome school because of the tremendous teamwork of our students, staff, and parents.

Your Proud Principal,

Mrs. Geraine



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October 10 – 14: Book Fair

October 12: SAC Meeting

October 12: Literacy Night

October 13: BurgerFi Night 11:00 am – 9 pm

October 18: PTA Meeting 8:30 a.m.

October 20: Crumbl Cookie (all day)

October 20: Early Release

October 21: No School Planning Day

October 28: Trunk or Treat 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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.
- Dismissal consistency is important, please alert the teacher and the office ASAP of any changes.
- Early student sign-outs end at 1:30 p.m.



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Our 22-23 Parent and Family Engagement Survey is available! Use the link below to participate in the survey.

www.tinyurl.com/5fnhbj6m

Westchester is a Title 1 School. Title I is a federally funded program available to select schools, based on the percentage of students eligible for free and reduced lunch. Title I funds are supplemental to district funds given to schools and are to be used to increase student achievement. These funds can be used to help purchase programs/resources for our students and helps with funding for staff members. Please be sure to complete your application for free and reduce lunch. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 754-322-8900



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Arrival & Dismissal

UPDATES

Front Car Dropoff (K- 2):

It is now a right turn only when exiting the car loop on Royal Palm Blvd. during arrival and dismissal. You can make a U-turn at the second opening heading west.

To help speed up the car line, please make sure your child is ready to exit your vehicle when you enter the gate. During arrival we ask that you pull forward to the stop sign.

Back Dropoff 123rd Ave (3 - 5):

For parents that drop off in the back car line, as soon as you round the curve in the back car line, students are able to exit your vehicle anywhere near the gate. There is no need to wait to pull all the way forward. For dismissal, the back gate opens at 1:45, there is no lining up on the swell.

Parents, please refrain from cell phone usage while in the car line.

We appreciate your attention to these safety matters!



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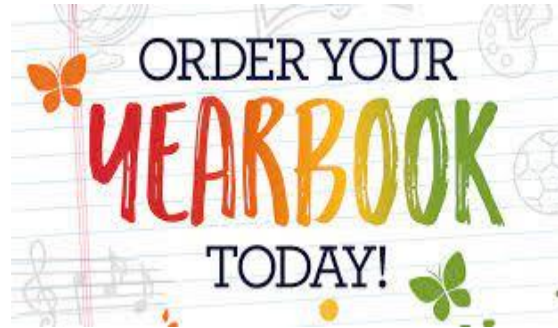
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Order your 2022-2023 Wildcat yearbook now at <https://westchester.memberhub.com/store/items/774158>

Our yearbook sales will continue throughout the school year but there is a little incentive for ordering early!

- October 1st - December 1st cost is \$25 (with free name stamp on yearbook)
- December 2nd- January 15th cost is \$25 (without name stamp) or \$30 (with name stamp on yearbook)
This is the last chance for name stamp.
- January 16th- May 15th- \$30 (without name stamp on yearbook)



OCTOBER 10 - 14

- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! To SIGN UP go to www.westchesterpta.com
- Flyer distribution this coming week with class shopping date. You can preview books & shop online 10/7-10/20 at <http://bookfairs.scholastics.com/bf/westchester elementary>
- Literacy Night- Oct 12th (6pm-8pm)- Grade level Activities & Shop at our Book Fair! Come join us for a night filled with fun activities!



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TRUNK or TREAT



We are having our FIRST Annual Trunk or Treat celebration on October 28th!

We have some fun activities to help engage our teachers and students to help prepare for our special night! Our first activity is a CANDY DRIVE! The grade with the most candy by Oct 20th, will receive a prize! **Candy must be pre-packaged and store bought. A flyer detailing the event will be sent home soon.

Reflections Art Program



Over the past few years, Westchester Elementary School has participated in a unique program offered by the PTA. This a national PTA event. This program is called Reflections Art Program. This year's topic is Show Your Voice. Students who are interested in participating will demonstrate their interpretation of this topic through the arts (dance choreography, music composition, film production, literature, visual arts, or photography). It is open to all grade levels.

To begin, the student will create and submit their project by November 18th, to their teacher, who will then give the submission to Debbie Ferrara or Noelle Cheresnick. It is judged locally. The winners will then advance to the state PTA. The winners of the state PTA will then advance to the National PTA. Westchester Elementary has had students reach the national level! If you have any questions, please email westchesterpta.thearts@gmail.com

Disclaimer: This project is NOT a substitute for school time or school activities. It is to be done at home and outside the classroom ONLY. Below is an informational video

<https://youtu.be/F30WEbPSYIs>

In order for a student to participate- a parent/guardian MUST be a member of the PTA



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Kids of Character



Sun Sentinel Kids of Character is a partnership with Broward County Schools and Publix Super Markets to honor students for doing exemplary deeds, at home, in school and in the community. One wildcat student per class is awarded each month for a specific character trait. This character trait for the month of October is **Responsibility**.

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