

SEPTEMBER 2024

WELCOME BACK DOLPHIN NATION

Wesley Lakes Elementary Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents,

The year has started off on a great note! Students have already taken their first MAP assessment and had a celebration to recognize their growth, students have demonstrated the expected behaviors as they have learned the procedures for the school and our teachers have started using data for instructional purposes. I am looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and growing together. Please know that if I can ever be of assistance, I am a phone call, email or visit away!

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SPECIAL THINGS AT WLE

Calling ALL WLE artists.... Would you like to submit artwork to be featured in our 1st showcase of the year??? The McDonough Cluster Art Show will be held Oct. 15-28th at the McDonough PAC featuring artists from our school, cluster, AAS, Impact, and Excel. Stop by the Art Room for drawing paper to submit your art entries. Entries will be accepted Sept. 9-Oct. 7th. For more information see Ms. Brown.

STEM Preparation for The Science and Engineering Fair for 24-25 school year is on its way. ALL 4th & 5th grade students should start thinking about topics, experiments, and engineering projects soon! You may be purchasing your tri-fold boards now.

Music is off to a great start this year. WLE is so excited to announce our 24-25 Chorus and Percussion Clubs!

Nice to meet you WLE. I'm Mrs. Marentes and I am so happy to be here. The new Spanish Specials had a wonderful first week. Students are practicing their greetings in the hallway at school each day. Felicidades.

OUR FIRST WEEKS AT WLE

Our youngest Pre-K & Kindergarten learners are doing a great job with learning the Wesley Lakes Way! Parents and guardians please help us develop good habits by establishing a good evening routine. Check your child's book bag and daily for important papers.

Our 1st grade family is off to a great start. Please continue to encourage your student to complete their homework choice board weekly and turn it in to their teacher every Friday. All students need to practice their reading fluency daily for 10-20 minutes. Don't forget to submit any absence note from the doctor's office or yourself when your child returns from being out of school.

WLE's Second-grade dolphins are simply amazing! Please encourage them to read for 10-20 minutes each night. Remember to send a note after any absence. All transportation changes must be done in writing.

Our 3rd grade dolphins are ready to explore on their first field-trip of the year to Henry County's own Cubihatcha Nature Preserve. This trip is Thursday, September 12th. This is an outdoor event, so plan to wear comfortable shoes and cool clothing.

Fourth grade is off to a successful start this year. All Chromebooks should be charged daily. The white light indicates that it is fully charged. If you have not already done so, please join ClassDojo to receive updates about students behavior, academics, and to communicate with your child's teacher.

August was awesome for our fifth graders. Parents please continue to have your student practice their multiplication facts until fluent. Remind your child that cell phones should remain in their bookbags and should not be used during the school day.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ☒ Friday, Sept. 6th at 8am: Grits & Grands
- ☒ Tuesday, Sept. 10th: WLE Picture Day
- ☒ Sept. 16-20: Fall Break/ No school
- ☒ Tuesday, Sept. 24th at 5:30PM: Curriculum Night at WLE





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SEPTEMBER IS

PBiS MONTH

Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports

WHAT IS PBIS?

Positive Behavior Intervention and Support is a school-wide approach to building a positive school culture and climate. Using the PBIS framework, schools develop a continuum of evidence-based practices for developing and implementing schoolwide expectations and acknowledgments. The WLE leadership team will continue to highlight and celebrate positive student behavior in classrooms, our cafeteria, restrooms and even recess. PBIS encourages school citizenship and pride, strong peer and teacher communication and encourages student behavior that promotes positive learning environments. As we continue through this school year, you can expect to be hearing more about the exciting work this team is doing!

WHAT DOES PBIS DO FOR OUR SCHOOL?

Students are explicitly taught what appropriate school behavior looks and sounds like at WLE. Students are recognized and praised for positive behaviors. All teachers will continue to use class Dojo to track points that are used for student and class incentives. Students can earn points throughout the school day in all areas of the building for demonstrating their dedication to safety, integrity, value, and being engaged in learning.

CLASS DOJO has been chosen to serve as our school-wide behavior incentive program. The platform brings the entire school community together with one place for teachers and families to connect, communicate, and share learning experiences. It also serves as a self-monitoring tool for students to encourage positive behavior choices. Students are recognized throughout the school day as they model positive behavior choices within all areas of the school. As students are recognized for behaviors such as; being engaged and ready for class instruction, modeling top-rated student behavior in the hallways and restroom and displaying positive play and interactions on the playground, they will receive 1 Dojo point from staff members. As the points accumulate, students are able to receive prizes and rewards. Once a student earns a point, it will not be removed. If a student displays negative or poor choices, administrators will follow the guidelines of the HCS Student Handbook.

The GOLDEN SPOON is an opportunity for classes to earn points for weekly prizes as they model positive behavior in the cafeteria.

MEET WLE'S PBIS TEAM



STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Student Ambassadors at WLE represent 4th and 5th grade students who model positive attitudes and behaviors among their peers and teachers. Ambassadors have been nominated by their classroom teachers to serve and represent WLE as they have shown exemplary in the classroom, excellent character, positive attitude and being helpful to others. Student Ambassadors will...

- maintain good academic standards.
- display positive self-discipline.
- promote a willingness to help others.
- dependable when needed for duties at the school.
- willing to meet new people and talk to them.
- display excellent character.
- complete tasks assigned by the Facilitators.
- help build a strong, supportive, and effective team!
- commit to the program on a consistent basis.
- strive to be role models for the students at WLE!

How To Help? Parents and guardians, talk to your students about their D.I.V.E. behavior in the classroom, cafeteria, restroom, hallways and on the playground. Ask them what does D.I.V.E. behavior look and sound like. Feel free at any time to donate individually wrapped candies, juice boxes, popsicles, chips, cookies or other treats to the PBIS incentive program. Each month our students are celebrated for showing these positive behaviors.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS

