

Pawprints

The Newsletter of the
Wake Forest Elementary School PTA

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Message from the PTA President

Dear Wake Forest Elementary Families,

Having recently seen the Kindergarten classes dressed up in their "100 Day" creations, it's clear that we are heading into the last few months of the school year. It's been a very good year so far and it promises to get even better. We have several fun activities scheduled in the coming months. Watch for Johnna's e-mails concerning volunteer opportunities. If you are not receiving these e-mails and would like to, please contact Johnna Matthews at jrmatthews@embarqmail.com.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend our next PTA Board meeting on February 21 at 6:30 in the Media Center. While General PTA meetings usually have a short period of official business followed by a program, our Board meetings are where we share ideas, suggestions and our visions for how the PTA can continue to play an active part in making our school a positive experience for all. I invite anyone who has the slightest curiosity of how we work, along with those of you who want to share your suggestions and ideas. I promise you will not get "roped" into anything. In fact, even if you do volunteer to assist us, you will have a three day "cooling off" period in which you can change your mind! While this may sound silly I am aware that some people have the fear of being "sucked in" and volunteering for activities they truly don't have time for.

Thank you for all you do to make WFE a caring and nurturing environment for all of our children and I look forward to seeing you at our February Board meeting.

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March Spirit Events

Dance Baby Dance II will take place on March 8 from 12-2pm in the Mill Room at THE FACTORY. Presale tickets can be purchased online for \$8.00 per person (non-walkers are FREE). Tickets at the door will be \$10.00. The event will be for families with children from 0-10 and DBD will donate 1.00 per WFE attendee to the WFE PTA. There will be great music, lights, contests, prizes, and food! For more info check out www.DanceBabyDanceNC.com.

On March 11, Spirit Night returns to Milton's Pizza and Pasta in Wakefield Commons, 14520 New Falls of Neuse Road, 570-9099. Take a break from cooking and join other WFE families from 4:00 - 11:00pm. Take-out orders also qualify!

Yearbook Update

A big "thanks" to those parents who have submitted photos for our yearbook. Our deadline is only weeks away!

If you have pictures that you have not submitted, please do so by March 14th. You can email pictures to Janet (jebriley@nc.rr.com) or Carole (Tinker5@nc.rr.com). If you have copies of pictures you'd like to submit, please put them in an envelope labeled "yearbook" and give it to your child's homeroom teacher. We have tried to be at as many events as possible, but there are certainly some events we have missed. Please take time to snap a few memories of our WFE Cougars!

Ordering information will be going home in your child's Monday folder soon.

5th Grade T-shirts

5th Grade t-shirts should be distributed by mid-February to all students who ordered them. If you did not order one and would like to, there will be another opportunity in March. The cost is \$10. Keep your eyes open for a reminder from the 5th Grade teachers.

Primary Focus Assembly

On Wednesday February 13th the entire school was entertained by Primary Focus. The PTA was very excited to be able to sponsor this program which focused on several positive character traits including responsibility, caring, citizenship, fairness and respect.

The groups of performers are made up of college-age volunteers who take a year off from school to travel around the country sharing their message. A message we try to instill in our kids everyday... Make Good Choices! For more information go to www.primaryfocus.org. Special thanks to Jennifer Owens for organizing this wonderful assembly for our students.

Accelerated Reader

Are your students working on the Accelerated Reader books? These books are identified by red tape on the binding in the Media Center, and a list is available online at wfes.wcpss.net.

Students can earn points by taking a short assessment on the books they have read. Points can be redeemed at the "AR Store" at the end of each quarter. Challenge your student(s) to earn some points this quarter!

Mark Your Calendars!

February

21
6:30 PTA Board Meeting
Visitors welcome!

March

7
Early Release

21
No School

31
Spring Break Begins

April
1-4
Spring Break

7
Teacher Workday
No School

9
Spring Book Fair begins*

10
Kindergarten Orientation

17
PTA Board Meeting

21-22
Spring Pictures*

*Volunteer Opportunity!