

Wildcat Pride

Serving the students of North Wauchula Elementary School

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Winter Parent Night - December 15th, 5:30 PM
Winter Break- December 22nd - January 3rd
PTO Meeting - February 28th, 6:00 PM
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Fall Picture Retakes - December 14th
Santa Pictures - December 16th
Class & Spring Picture Day - January 25th
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- H. Gray

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

November was National Parent Engagement Month, and we enjoyed seeing so many of our families taking part in our calendar of activities for family engagement. Our faculty and staff are well aware that our accomplishments would not be possible without the strong support we receive from parents and guardians like YOU!

We also enjoyed learning about the military careers of veteran friends and family members during our Veterans Day assembly. Our AVID College and Career expo was a success, with many volunteers sharing experiences ranging from being a college student, to law enforcement, and welding. Thank you so much to all of the participants. They just might have inspired some bright futures!

During these first few months of school our students and staff have been working exceptionally hard to achieve learning gains for every student based on their assessment results at the beginning of the school year. December will be our time to shine, as students will be taking their second FAST (Florida Assessment of Student Thinking Progress Monitoring and STAR test. Mid-Year i-Ready diagnostics will take place in January. After school tutoring programs will begin in January, and students will be selected for participation based on these assessment results and classroom performance. Be on the lookout for invitations.

In case you have not heard, we have adopted the cutest new wildcat named Wiley. He will soon be visiting our classrooms and you just might spot him at Cool Cat.

While we will have some fun seasonal activities sprinkled in here and there, attendance at school each and every day is critical, as important instruction and assessments will be taking place each and every day up until Winter Break. For parents/volunteers to participate in any school event, a current volunteer application must be on file for the 2022-2023 school year at least one week in advance.

We hope that everyone will be able to join us on Thursday, December 15th. We will have a merry time at our winter family STEM night from 5:30 until 7:00. There will be make and take activities, music, books, hot cocoa, cookies and even a visit from Santa.

DECEMBER

		1	2
5	6	7 Tasty Traditions Pick Up Day	8 4th Grade Field Trip Florida Aquarium
12 3rd Grade Field Trip SFSC	13 Book Club The Million Dollar Race 1st Grade Field Trip Lakeland Theater	14 Fall Picture Retakes	15 3rd Grade Outdoor Classroom Winter Parent Night 5:30 p.m.
19	20 Cool Cat Ceremony AR Party	21 Early Release End 2nd Quarter	22 23 Candy Grams
26 	27	28	29 30 Winter Break 

JANUARY

2 	3 Records Day NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS	4 Students return to School	5 1st Grade Field Trip Skate World
9	10 Book Club Julietta and the Diamond Enigma	11	12 Treat Trolley
16  No School	17	18	19 Report Cards
23	24 Book Club Stella	25 Class & Spring Picture Day	26 27
30	31		

FEBRUARY

		1 Progress Reports	2	3
6	7 Book Club The Beast and the Bethany	8 Student Early Release	9 Valentine Grams	10
13	14  Valentines Day	15	16	17
20 President's Day  NO SCHOOL	21 Book Club The Lion of Mars	22	23	24 Inservice Day
27	28 PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.	Hardee County Schools support the education of our children and youth experiencing homelessness. The McKinney-Vento Act		Remember to Order your Yearbook \$20 

FAST Monitoring Schedule		
Class	READING	MATH
Kindergarten	Monday-Friday 12/5 - 12/9	Monday-Friday 12/12 - 12/16
1st	Monday 12/12	Thursday 12/15
2nd	Monday 12/12	Thursday 12/15
3rd	Tuesday 12/13	Friday 12/16
4th	Monday 12/5	Friday 12/9
5th	Tuesday 12/6	Thursday 12/8

Book Club Schedule

12/13 *The Million Dollar Race*
01/10 *Julietta and The Diamond Enigma*
01/24 *Stella*
02/07 *The Beast and The Bethany*
02/21 *The Lion of Mars*



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Mission

We provide all students a high quality education in a nurturing and creative environment to develop responsible citizens.

Snippets from around campus . . .

Kindergarten by Mrs. S. Whaley

We had a great time on our field trip to the Heartland Maze. We are thankful for all the parents who volunteered to join us as chaperones. We hope you had a great Thanksgiving Break. We only have a couple weeks before Christmas Break.

Your child is learning many things this second nine weeks. In phonics, we will continue learning our letters and sounds, cvc words, syllables, rhyming and isolating sounds in words. In reading, we are learning about key details, characters, setting, problem, solution, and retelling a story. In math, we are working on comparing numbers through 10 and teen numbers. Please continue to practice the sight word lists daily and read their AR book daily.

We will be taking our second FAST state test the second week in December. Please make sure your student is here everyday as we prepare for testing.

We will watch *Polar Express* on Monday, December 19th. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If you have any concerns or questions, please be sure to contact your child's teacher.

First Grade by Mrs. G. Neel

First Grade will be attending a live play on December 13th in Lakeland. We will be watching Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Jr.. Also, in December we will be learning about Christmas and how it is celebrated around the world. Each class will then compare holiday traditions.

First grade will also be teaching many new skills this semester. To kick off the new year, we will be going to Skate World in Lakeland on January 6th to learn about math through roller skating. A permission slip we be sent out shortly.

Please continue working on recognizing numbers 0 -120. It is important for them to recognize number words from zero to twenty. You can help your child by having them write those numbers as well as tell you what number comes before and after that number. Practicing counting together by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's is also beneficial.

We will begin reading longer texts that are both fiction and nonfiction. Beginning readers need encouragement and practice reading out loud to someone. Your child needs to read their AR book with you each night, and you can ask questions about the story.

We are also encouraging our students to read the Skirmish books. Skirmish books are challenging and interesting books that help expand your child's knowledge. Please encourage your child to check out these books. Let's see how many first graders can read all 13 books. Any child that reads and passes all the tests will receive a very special treat!!! Let's go First Graders!

In February we are planning some fun events for the students. We will have a STEAM Day for all First Graders. Keep a look out for more information.

Second Grade by Mrs. S. Himrod

Time keeps marching on ... into the mid-year! 2nd grade has been preparing for the second set of diagnostics. We have used the previous diagnostic data, remediation groups, and enrichment to further 2nd grade's progress.

Exciting times are ahead with Santa pictures, Winter Literacy Night, and Winter Break. January starts a new quarter with new AR goals. February 1st, we will be going on an extended day field trip to Lowry Park Zoo.

As you can see, time does keep marching on and 2nd grade is keeping up pace.



Third Grade by Mrs. M. Rodriguez

Leveling up has never been so much fun for 3rd graders!



We continue to leap forward in this game of learning by ... exploring lines, angles, rays, quadrilaterals, symmetry, fractions, and measurement.

In reading we are cycling back to text/graphic features, retelling and summarizing, figurative language, monitoring and clarifying.

These third graders are making headway and learning about energy, heat sources, comparing places and goods and services. We plan to keep moving ahead and stepping up the game...

December Field trip: South Florida State College, December 12, 2022 for a performance by Young People's Theatre. You can help your child elevate their reading by reminding them to read their AR books and having them read to you or vice versa. Reading together is also a great way to bond and can play a vital role in vocabulary development.



Important: Your child needs to forge ahead and learn those math facts. The multiplication incentive testing is coming up.... They don't want to miss out on the fun swimming pool party!

Fourth Grade by Ms. S. Idsardi

Fourth Graders are leveling up when it comes to multiplication and division this quarter! In November, students enjoyed a field trip to AgFest presented by Hardee County Farm Bureau. Classes learned about various aspects of agriculture in our county. Additionally, we had a blast at the Florida Aquarium thanks to our sponsor, Mosaic. Students had the opportunity to dissect squid in the lab! We are wrapping up this semester by reading great literature, studying Christmas around the world, and using evidence and elaboration in our writing. It's not game over, yet! We've got more goals to set and crush in 2023!

Fifth Grade by Ms. J. Clark

As December rolls in, our students are pushing to finish the first half of 5th grade. Along the way, they were challenged by two hurricanes. But like the champs they are, they worked through the challenge and are ready to take the 2nd FAST assessments in mid-December. December 6th will be the reading testing date and December 8th will be the math testing date. These tests are a very important tool for monitoring their growth this year. Please make sure your students attend class and come prepared with earbuds/headphones for use on these tests. In addition, students are striving to meet AR goals and keep grades up before the quarter ends. Our students were scheduled for our Outdoor Classroom field trip to Coquina Beach in November; but due to red tide, it will be rescheduled. As you can see, our kids are continually advancing on their personal path to success. We encourage the support of family and friends to help students maintain the high levels of hard work and dedication it takes to reach their goals.