

# Wizard Words Newsletter - January 18th, 2019

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year! Some important reminders:

Families, current 5th and 8th grade magnet students **MUST** apply in order to continue in a magnet middle /high school. They do have priority, but they have to submit a magnet application.

Entering kindergarten siblings of returning magnet students (rising first-fifth) **MUST** apply to attend Washington in kindergarten for the 19-20 school year. The K siblings will be seated first (have the highest magnet priority), but they must submit a magnet application. Incoming magnet kindergarten students must first register at their base school before completing the online application. Base families who have an incoming kindergartener register their child at Washington.

You can access the magnet application online at: [magnet.wcpss.net/apply](http://magnet.wcpss.net/apply)

### **The application window closes January 30th.**

I have had parents inquire about taking lengthy trips during the school year. While travel can be educational and beneficial it is important students are consistently attending school and that you familiarize yourself with attendance policies before planning and booking a trip.

If magnet families have 10 or more consecutive unexcused absences they can potentially lose their spot in a magnet program, become withdrawn, and return to their base school.

The following is the link to key information regarding [Washington's attendance policy](#). This information is also on our school website under the parents link. The following is [Wake County's board policy](#) for attendance. You can download, complete, and send in the [excused absence form](#) to have some days potentially approved by me.

~Bob Grant

## **YEARBOOK HELP NEEDED!!!**

At this point, we do not have any volunteers to put together our yearbook for the 2018-19 school year. We **CANNOT** do this without help. We need a team of 3-5 people who can manage order forms and work with our administration team to collect candid and group pictures to drop into Strawbridge's EASY online tool to put together our yearbook. These jobs can primarily be done from home - no long pta meetings required;)

PLEASE email Amy Thomas ASAP at [wesgtpa@gmail.com](mailto:wesgtpa@gmail.com) if you can help with this. Our kids love this memento of their time at Washington.

## MATH & SCIENCE NIGHT AND SCIENCE FAIR - Thursday, January 24th!!!

Please sign up here to volunteer. **We need at least 15 more volunteers on 1/24 to make this event run smoothly!!!** [Volunteer Sign Up](#)

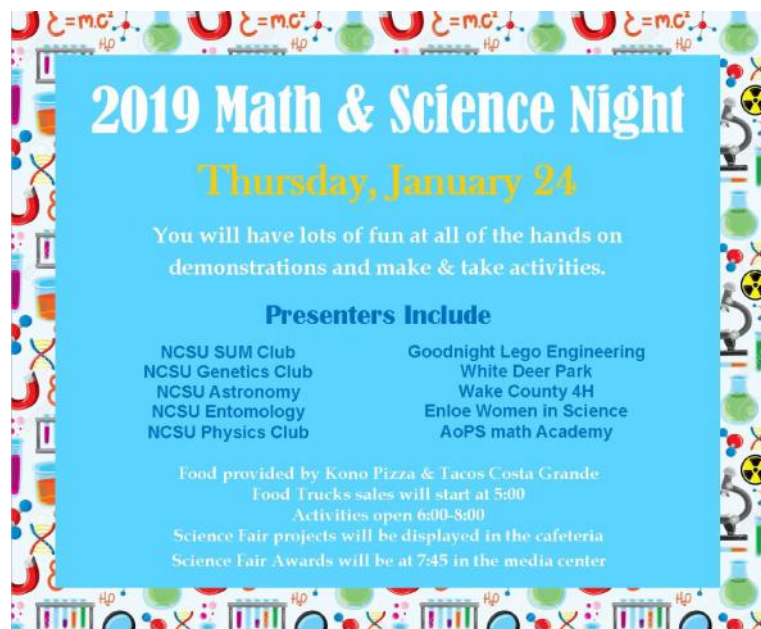
Science Fair Details:

- ) **Thursday, January 24** — Check in from 8-9am. Projects due in WES Cafeteria no later than 9am.
- ) **Thursday, January 24** — Awards Ceremony will be during Math and Science Night (6-8:15pm). ALL PROJECTS MUST BE PICKED UP BY THE END OF THE EVENING! Winners going to regionals will be registered at the end of the evening. PARENTS MUST BE PRESENT!
- ) **Saturday, February 2** — Regional Science Fair Competition in Durham

A complete list of the Science Fair Rules can be found

here: <https://app.memberhub.com/download?r=124289&u=253y9vc7xy2> Please read ALL rules carefully. Failure to follow rules can result in your project being disqualified from judging.

Math & Science Night Details:

A colorful poster for the 2019 Math & Science Night event. The poster has a blue background with a decorative border of science-related icons like beakers, flasks, and symbols. The text is centered and includes the event title, date, a description of the activities, a list of presenters, and logistical information.

**2019 Math & Science Night**  
**Thursday, January 24**

You will have lots of fun at all of the hands on demonstrations and make & take activities.

**Presenters Include**

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| NCSU SUM Club      | Goodnight Lego Engineering |
| NCSU Genetics Club | White Deer Park            |
| NCSU Astronomy     | Wake County 4H             |
| NCSU Entomology    | Enloe Women in Science     |
| NCSU Physics Club  | AoPS math Academy          |

Food provided by Kono Pizza & Tacos Costa Grande  
Food Trucks sales will start at 5:00  
Activities open 6:00-8:00  
Science Fair projects will be displayed in the cafeteria  
Science Fair Awards will be at 7:45 in the media center

## WAKE ED PARTNER'S READ PARTNERSHIP

Washington has been selected by the WakeEd Partnership in Raleigh for their Partner's Read Literacy Program! They will train our volunteers and provide books (actual hard copies the kids can take home with them!) to support 1st Graders at Washington who are not yet reading on grade level.

We need **2-3 more volunteers** who are available during school drop off for 10 Fridays this spring, from 8:50 - 9:20am. Dates are: February 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, April 5, 12, 26, May 3, 10.

Please email Amy Thomas at [wesgtpa@gmail.com](mailto:wesgtpa@gmail.com) to sign up.

## WAKE UP AND READ



Wake County Public School System is partnering with Read Across America and WAKE Up and Read to put books in the hands of every child in Wake County. They have set a goal of collecting 110,000 books to distribute to children in 13 Wake County schools. Washington will be a collection site again this year. We will be collecting new and gently used books until February 15th. Look for the boxes in the Main Office and at carpool!

**Even if you don't have children's books, you can purchase items to support the drive, including through the WAKE Up and Read Amazon, Barnes, and Noble, or Quail Ridge Books wish lists. Donations are also welcome and may be made online through the Wake Ed Partnership."**

## YOUR BOOKFAIR DOLLARS AT WORK!!!

Profits from the Book Fair are being put to use in the Media Center! Did your student bring home a new book before Winter Break? Our Media Specialist, Mrs. Hash, used a portion of our profits to purchase books for every Washington student to take home a new book "for keeps!"

Mrs. Hash has also purchased a Cover One book binding machine from Scholastic. This awesome machine will allow Mrs. Hash to put new bindings on damaged books that would otherwise be discarded, extending their life in the Media Center Collection.

### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION NEEDED

A few of our amazing teachers are working to build a functional database of community partners that teachers can use when they are looking for resources. If you (or anyone you know) has an area of expertise that might be useful in one of our events, electives or classrooms, please fill out this google form so they can reach out! Authors, Artists, Scientists, Programmers...calling anyone and everyone who is interested in giving back to Washington! Please fill out the Google Form

here: <https://goo.gl/forms/1OkVJrzHnt7NWein1>

### SAVE THE DATE(S) - SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHTS ARE BACK!!!



**JELLYBEANS**  
SUPER SKATE CENTER of CARY

Private Event for Washington Magnet.  
Come show your school Spirit!  
Located at 1120 Buck Jones Rd. Raleigh NC

Welcomes  
**Washington Magnet Elementary**  
Private  
School Spirit Skate!

**Saturday, Feb. 23rd**  
**5:15PM-7:00PM**  
**\$6 Admission \ \$1 skate rental**  
Admission charge applies to all except non-skating

Everyone is welcome to stay during our public session from 7-10PM at no additional charge.  
Must arrive before 6:30PM.

**Private Family Skate! Parental supervision is required for this event.**

### AMAZON SMILE - BONUS FOR MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Through January 31, 2019, AmazonSmile will donate 15% the purchase price of new print magazine subscriptions. Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/b?node=18541223011> for details.

If you do any online shopping with Amazon, please consider using this link. Start here, then log in to your Amazon account like your normally do and they make a donation to our PTA!

[smile.amazon.com/ch/56-1383300](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-1383300)

## **BOX TOPS SUCCESS!!!**

Thank you to all who sent in Box Tops - our fall submission raised over \$300 for our school (that is over 3,000 box tops) - they will be using it to fund our elective programs! Please continue to send in your box tops! Thank you to parent Michelle Faircloth for all of her hard work compiling and organizing these to submit for us!!!

## **REFLECTIONS WINNERS FROM WASHINGTON!**

Congratulations to our students that won our school competition and moved onto the county level:

Visual Arts K-2 Primary: 1st place: Sahithi Nalluri, 2nd place: Ahryck Thomas, 3rd place: Genevieve Heifrich

Visual Arts 3-5 Intermediate: 1st place: Musa Zafiruddin, 2nd place tie: Anvi Joshi, 2nd place tie: Esha Penmatsa, 3rd place: Haroon Zafiruddin

Visual Arts 3D K-2 Primary: 1st place: Margot Porper

Visual Arts 3D 3-5 Intermediate: 1st place: Amelie Proper, 2nd place: Rihanna Thomas , 3rd place: Musa Zafiruddin

Photography 3-5 Intermediate: 1st place: Musa Zafiruddin, 2nd place: Haroon Zafiruddin

Literature K-2 Primary: 1st place: Ahryck Thomas, 2nd place: Vihaan Rakhecha

Literature 3-5 Intermediate: 1st place: Anvi Joshi, 2nd place: Aarnav Muddula

Music 3-5 IntermediateL 1st place: Haroon Zafiruddin

Film Production 3-5 Intermediate: 1st place: Musa Zafiruddin , 2nd place: Haroon Zafiruddin

Special Artist Winners (*County winners Moving to state level*): Andrew Haywood, Samir Arouna, Sanyah Baity, Bryson Chavez, Jaiden Tabron, Isaac Wilson, Tyrique Young

And Special Congratulations to our County Winners!!!

Haroon Zafiruddin: *2nd place Film production*

Musa Zafiruddin: *3rd place Film production*

Haroon Zafiruddin: *1st place Photography*

Haroon Zafiruddin: *2nd place Visual art*

Sahitti Nalluri: *Honorable mention visual arts*

Musa Zafiruddin: *Honorable mention visual arts*

Musa Zafiruddin: *Honorable mention Visual Arts 3D*

## **CULTURAL ART "WINDOWS OF WASHINGTON" A 5TH GRADE ART LEGACY**

Dear parents, we are excited to present a preview of the legacy, our 5th grade students have created for the Media centre.

The legacy "Windows of WashinGTon" is a cityscape mural consisting of five buildings, each with an educational theme. The themed buildings of Science and Technology, Math, Literature, Music and Art have windows designed by the students.

When you come in to the media centre, find the window & enjoy the beautiful artwork created by your child! This was made possible by the funds from the PTA & the United Arts Council Grant. The artist in Residence who worked with our students were Anna Podris and Keith Norval.

<https://www.annapodris.com/> Thank you for your contributions to the PTA.



### **SCHOOL SUPPORT - GRANTS AND ADVOCACY**

Our first round of PTA Early Bird teacher grants awarded Mr. Bastin the funds for a computer simulation system that will be utilized in various ways in the AIG as well as other classrooms. We look forward to having another round of grants this spring to further encourage creative learning at Washington.

In Advocacy, our Parent Advisory and Support Team for Safe and Inclusive Schools met Thursday January 17 to discuss all the ways we can make and keep Washington a safe and inclusive environment for our students and staff. If you have any concerns you would like discussed at future meetings, please contact Hollin Goodwin at [hollin.goodwin@gmail.com](mailto:hollin.goodwin@gmail.com). She will be happy to bring them up in our meeting for you.

### **SCHOOL RATING WEBSITES**

Now that Magnet Tour season is upon us, we've realized that many of our online ratings are very outdated. Please take a minute to provide feedback online so other families touring can see how great our school is.

**If for some reason, you feel that you can't give us a glowing review, please reach out to Mr. Grant at [bgrant@wcpss.net](mailto:bgrant@wcpss.net) and let him know what's going on.**

We would really appreciate if everyone reading this would take a minute to do a Great Schools review here, plus one other site from the list below:

<https://www.greatschools.org/north-carolina/raleigh/1954-Washington-Elementary/>

If you have time to do a few more, please click through these links and leave your feedback for families that are researching their school options.

<https://www.niche.com/k12/survey/start/?t=k&e=washington-elementary-school-raleigh-nc>

<https://www.schooldigger.com/go/NC/schools/0472001903/school.aspx>

[google.com](https://www.google.com)

Search for Washington Elementary Raleigh

The panel on the right comes up with Google Reviews - click "Write a Review"

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ) Weather Make-Up Day (School in Session) - Friday, January 18th
- ) No School - Holiday - Monday, January 21st
- ) Science Fair / Math & Science Night / General PTA Meeting - Thursday, January 24th
- ) Early Release - Friday, February 15th
- ) No School - Teacher Work Day - Monday, February 18th
- ) Weather Make-Up Day (School in Session) - Tuesday, February 19th
- ) PTA Board Meeting (Conf Room at School) - Friday, February 22nd 9:30am
- ) Jellybeans Spirit Night - Saturday, February 23rd 5:15 - 7:00pm

### **Stay in Touch with the PTA**

Email: [wesgtpa@gmail.com](mailto:wesgtpa@gmail.com)

Website: <http://www.wizardpta.org/>

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