

WIZARD WORDS NEWSLETTER – MARCH 14th 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

I am proud of our students' positive efforts and behavior while joining them on several recent outings where they have had opportunities to celebrate reaching reading milestones as well as highlight their gifts and talents.

Ms. Sykes and I had met with every grade level several weeks ago and talked about the importance being positive representatives of our school when learning both within and beyond our school walls. Students have taken this to heart and modeled this in several ways.

Our whole school went to the PNC arena two weeks ago to celebrate exceeding our reading goal and students were safe, respectful, and appreciative. I joined our Odyssey of the Mind Team in Durham at NC Central last weekend and they demonstrated strong sportsmanship, creative and critical thinking and passion! I attended the Pieces of Gold Performance with our 4th and 5th grade students at Memorial Auditorium and they both performed flawlessly and waited patiently for hours behind the scenes. Lastly, I joined our 2nd and 3rd grade students in the Creative Coding elective while they presented with confidence to NCTIES (North Carolina Technology in Education Society) conference attendees at the Raleigh Convention Center.

Please commend your child for being positive representatives of our school.

~Mr. Grant

SCHOOL DIRECTORY AVAILABLE THRU MEMBERHUB

Did you know that we have a school directory available online through our PTA MemberHub? If you haven't joined yet, please do so through the link below. Once you've set up your user ID and password - log in and complete your Profile! You will be able to see all of your "Hubs" for both school-wide information and maybe class-specific (if your room parent is choosing to use MemberHub for communications).

At the top of the screen is a menu - one of the options is "Directory." You can choose when you set up your profile how much information you want others to see. It is most helpful if you set up your family profile to include your child's name - doing so allows other parents to use the search feature and find out how to contact you via email or phone (whatever info you want available) to set up play dates and connect with their child's friends outside of school.

Sign up for MemberHub here - it is free of charge!

<https://washingtongt.memberhub.com/join/pe8h0b>

TEACHER / STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Washington's PTA's "sweet" week, to spoil our teachers and staff, was a huge success. The newly renovated lounge, playfully dubbed the "2nd Grade Teachers' Lounge," was revealed to an awestruck staff. It was beautifully decorated by the CR Hill Design Group. What a great way to show our gratitude for a community of teachers and staff that truly have our children's best interest at heart...THANK YOU to all of them!

A special thank you goes out to our WES family that donated the TV for our staff lounge. Many thanks to all of our parents for your tremendous support and donations. We could not have done it without you.

VOLUNTEER FOR PTA

Have you considered "Stepping Up" and getting a little more involved in PTA at our school? We are starting to fill next year's committees! Take our survey below to find the right fit. We have many committees that are seasonal around different events and many things can be done from home.

Our Board meets 9-10 times during the school year on Friday mornings and we would love to see some fresh faces as board members! Email Amy Thomas at wesgtpta@gmail.com if you have specific questions about what might be a good fit.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CQ3ZPLW>

NC SCHOOL HEROS

Our very own Mr. Grant has been nominated as a NC School Hero! Your vote could help Washington win \$10,000!!!!!!

Vote DAILY at <https://www.ncschoolheroes.com/>

LITERACY RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Let's keep our kids reading! We hope you find these resources from school helpful!

[Literacy Videos](#)

WAKE COUNTY SMART START

Do you have a 4-year old ready for Pre-K? Info here to see if you qualify for [Wake County Smart Start!](#)

WAKEUP PANEL

WakeUP Wake County's public forum this year will host a panel of education experts to answer submitted questions. Our panel will include; Dr. Helen F. Ladd, co-author of "Educational Goods:

Values, Evidence, and Decision-Making", Wake County Public Schools Superintendent Cathy Q. Moore, WakeEd Partnerships president Steve Parrott, and Assistant Professor of General Internal Medicine, Keisha L. Bently-Edwards, Ph.D. of Duke University.

The Value of
PUBLIC EDUCATION

More Than Just Test Scores

March 28, 2019

CAM RALEIGH | 409 W Martin Street, Raleigh

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Helen Ladd

Co-Author of Educational Goods: Values, Evidence, and Decision-Making

Education Forum

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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Speaking UP for a better tomorrow



Every year WakeUP presents awards for advocacy, innovation, and vision. This year WakeUP will present the Southeast Raleigh Elementary School, Southeast Raleigh YMCA and your partners (DHIC, Southeast Raleigh Promise, etc.) the Thomas Crowder Visionary Award.

Register [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

-) PTA Board Meeting (Conf Room at School) all are welcome - Friday, March 22nd
9:30am
-) Spring Picture Day - Friday, March 15th
-) Junie B. Jones (4th & 5th Grade Musical) Performances Tuesday March 19th
(2:15pm) and Wednesday, March 20th (2:15 and 7:00pm)
-) Teacher Work Day (No School) - Friday, March 29th

STAY IN TOUCH WITH PTA

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