

Wingate Elementary News

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August/September



Growing Together with Curious Minds and Kind Hearts

Be Safe ~ Be Kind ~ Be Persistent ~ Be a Problem Solver

August Calendar & Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 21 st	Fire Drill – 10:05 am
Thursday, August 23 rd	Fire Drill – 2:05 pm
Monday, August 27 th	No School for Students – Educator Effectiveness Day
Tuesday, August 28 th	Parent Info Night (K, 1, 3)
Wednesday, August 29 th	Parent Info Night (2, 4, 5)
Friday, August 31 st	Fun Friday and Wingate Spirit Wear Day
Monday, September 3 rd	No School – Labor Day
Tuesday, September 4 th	PTA Meeting – 6pm
Wednesday, September 5 th	Explorer Outing at Get Air
Tuesday, September 11 th	SAC Meeting – 6pm
Wednesday, September 12 th	Gifted and Talented Info Night – 6pm
Friday, September 14 th	School Picture Day
Friday, September 14 th	Annual Wingate Carnival
Monday, September 17 th	No School for Students – Teacher Workday
Friday, September 28 th	Fun Friday and Wingate Spirit Day

A Note From Mrs. Landman

It is with great enthusiasm and excitement that I welcome you to the 2018-19 school year. Teachers and staff have been hard at work preparing learning environments for your children. Not only have Wingate teachers been setting up their classroom, but they have been collaborating to grow deeper understandings of how to best meet the needs of your child. Our professional learning focus this year will be growing our reading instruction with a specific focus on small group reading instruction that is targeted at individual student needs. Our goal is to grow capable readers who love reading!

Chromebooks in Classrooms

We are so excited to announce the addition of 160 Chromebooks to our classrooms at Wingate! The Chromebooks were a result of the recent mill and bond as well as taking the

option to exchange one desktop in Tech Lab 2 for two Chromebooks that can be utilized directly in classrooms. These Chromebooks will be added to the Chromebooks that were purchased with PTA funds last year. Our goal is to be a 1:1 school.

Safety and Security Updates

You may have already noticed our new security vestibule here at Wingate. Once it is fully operational, the security vestibule will allow visitors to access the front office, but not the rest of the school. Visitors will need to sign in at the office before proceeding into the school. Within the next month, electronic locks and cameras at corridor entrances will be installed. Funds from the mill and bond were used to enhance our school's security. An additional update to safety procedures is with regard to fire drills. All scheduled fire drills will now be announced to both teachers

Safety and Security (con't.)

and students. If a fire drill is expected, students will practice clearing the building as normally instructed. If the fire alarm goes off at a time other than a scheduled drill, teachers and students will stay in the building unless an immediate threat is detected (smoke and flames) and wait for further instructions.

PTA Fund Raising Survey

Last spring a survey was sent to families and staff regarding PTA fundraising. The purpose of the survey was to collect information that would help prioritize how fundraising dollars are spent and provide an opportunity for feedback regarding fundraising.

The top three priorities for fundraising dollars as indicated by parents were:

1. Technology for students and classrooms
2. Classroom materials such as books, manipulatives, etc.
3. Special programs such as art and Spanish

The top three priorities for fundraising dollars as indicated by staff were:

1. Technology for students and classrooms
2. Classroom materials such as books, manipulatives, etc.
3. Instructional materials used by teachers.

The survey also indicated that the fundraisers with the most participation were the school carnival, the sock hop and the 100% Explorer Donation.

Finally, both staff and parents indicated a preference for community building fundraising events and pure profit events as opposed to product based fundraisers.

Wingate Facebook Page



For up to the minute information about Wingate, be sure to "Like Us" on Facebook @explorerlearning. Also be sure to join our Wingate PTA group on Facebook and "Like" BeLingual Kids @BeLingualKids to follow our Spanish program.

New GT Parent Night

Would you like to learn more about Wingate's Gifted and Talented program? If so, please join Sue Dailey, Wingate GT teacher, for an

GT (con't.)

informational session on Wednesday, September 12th at 6pm in the library.

Playground Improvements

Wingate has an amazing improvement on our playground! The pea gravel was removed and replaced with wood chips, which increases safety and accessibility. A HUGE thank you goes out to Barnes Electric and the City of GJ for donating equipment and hauling away over 50 dump trucks full of gravel! We would also like to thank Wingate parent, Mick Bunn, who donated a great deal of time and energy to make the project a reality. Finally, we would like to thank the volunteers who came out to shovel gravel during the evenings.



New Faces

We have some new faces at Wingate this year.

Please help us welcome:

Nicole Robinson – 1st grade

Wendy Woodworth – 2nd grade

Emerald Vaca – 2nd grade (back from maternity leave)

Jaimie Elliott – 4th grade

Patrice Dixon – ½ time SpEd

Tammy Goza- Instructional Coach

Noreen Jaurez-Alexander – Preschool teacher

Shauna Whittier – SSN Parapro

End of Day Arrangements

If you need to adjust your child's end of day routine (i.e. bus, pick up, etc.) and require assistance from the office with relaying a message to your child, please call the office by 3:00. The end of the day is extremely busy and we cannot guarantee message delivery after 3:00. In addition, late messages can also cause bus and pick up delays. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

Parent Information Nights

Please join us on August 28th or August 29th for valuable information about your child's classroom. Teachers will present essential information about expectations for the year. Mrs. Landman and Mr. Hoskin will present school information as well. Time/days are as follows:

Tuesday, August 28th

5:30-6:00 School Info Session
6:00-6:30 Kinder and 1st grade
6:00-6:30 School Info Session
6:30-7:00 3rd grade

Wednesday, August 29th

5:30-6:00 School Info Session
6:00-6:30 2nd grade
6:00-6:30 School Info Session
6:30-7:00 4th and 5th grade

Drop Off Time

Just a reminder that morning drop off begins at 8:30 am. We do not have playground supervision before 8:30. If you arrive before 8:30, please feel free to wait with your child in the drop off line or parking lot. If you choose to use the parking lot, please escort your child through the parking lot and across the crosswalk.

Attendance

Thank you in advance for notifying our office if your child will be absent from school. If the office is not notified, the absence will be considered "unexcused." After four unexcused absences, a meeting with the parent, student and principal will be required in order to complete an attendance plan.

Visitors and Volunteers

Wingate is a wonderfully inviting community and we welcome parents and visitors here at school. However, we do ask that you follow

Visitors (con't.)

some general guidelines when visiting and volunteering at Wingate.

- Sign in at the office and get a visitor badge.
- If you would like to visit or volunteer in your child's classroom, please make *prior arrangements* with your child's teacher to find out when would be the best, most appropriate time to visit and/or help.
- Visits during special activities (i.e. assemblies, class parties, etc.) are welcomed without prior arrangements with the classroom teachers.
- Siblings can sometimes be a distraction in the classroom and at class events such as field trips. Please check with your child's teacher as to whether or not it is appropriate for the student's sibling to attend.

School Dress Code

Our primary focus at Wingate Elementary is to provide all students with a safe and positive learning environment. A student's clothing may influence his/her attitude as well as how much he or she learns. It is not our purpose to dictate specific dress, but rather to ensure that our students are dressed in such a way as to contribute to their success and help generate a positive learning environment throughout our school. In general, students should not be wearing clothing that compromises safety or modesty or is disruptive to the educational process. If a student's clothing creates a substantial disruption for the student or for the school, parents will be contacted and the student will be required to change into more appropriate clothing that may be provided by the school or the parent. School administration will determine if attire is inappropriate.

Toys and Pokemon at School

In order to keep our day focused on learning, we are asking students not to bring toys.



Pokemon cards, etc to school. If your child is bringing a toy for his/her share day or for Extended Hours, she/she may leave it in his/her backpack until share time or once Extended Hours begins.

Water Bottles

Students are welcome to bring water bottles to school. Staying hydrated is so important for our brains and bodies! Please be sure that your child's water bottle has a secure lid and contains only water (ice is ok too.) Please do not send sugary drinks, drink mixes or other beverages in the water bottle your child uses in his/her classroom.

Medications at School

If your child requires medication at school, we must have signed orders from your child's doctor before we can accept the medication. If you need forms, please contact our health assistant via the main office. Also, please do not send medication to school with your child. The parent or guardian must deliver it to the school office.

Allergy Friendly School

In order to make Wingate an allergy friendly school, we are asking for your support and awareness regarding life-threatening allergies.



We ask that birthday treats are store bought and are marked with a list of ingredients. Please try to avoid sending foods to school that contain high risk allergens such as

peanuts and tree nuts. Also be mindful of products that contain latex, which can cause reactions.



HOW TO PRAISE YOUR KIDS

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- ★ Great effort! You must have **worked** really **hard**.
- ★ You really **studied** for your test and your **improvement** shows it.
- ★ I like the way you tried all kinds of **strategies** on that math problem until you finally got it.
- ★ I love the way you stayed at your desk, you kept your concentration, and you **kept on** working.
- ★ Wow, you really **practiced** that, and look how you've **improved**.
- ★ See, you **studied** more and your grade on this test is higher.
- ★ You tried **different strategies** and you figured out how to **solve the problem**.
- ★ You **stuck to this** and now you really understand it.

Big Life Journal
Source: Mindsetkit.org



