

Wingate Elementary News

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October



Growing Together with Curious Minds and Kind Hearts

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

October Calendar & Upcoming Events

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| Monday, October 1 st | Wingate 100% Explorer Donation Begins |
| Wednesday, October 3 rd | Wingate Explorer Outing at <i>Get Air</i> 2pm-9pm |
| Friday, October 12 th | End of 1 st Quarter |
| Friday, October 12 th | Wingate Spirit Wear Orders Due |
| Monday, October 15 th | No School for Students – Teacher Workday |
| Monday, October 22 nd | No School for Students – Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| Tuesday, October 23 rd | No School for Students – Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| Friday, October 26 th | Fun Friday and Wingate Spirit Wear Day |
| Monday, October 29 th | No School for Students – Teacher Inservice Day |
| Wednesday, October 31 st | Wingate 100% Explorer Donation Ends |
| Wednesday, October 31 st | Halloween – Annual Wingate Parade and Classroom Parties |

Wingate 100% Explorer Donation

A Note from Mrs. Landman

Our Wingate Explorer 100% Donation Drive runs throughout the month of October. The Explorer 100% Donation Drive is sponsored by PTA and provides pure profit funds to Wingate Elementary. Based on feedback, PTA and Wingate administration is working to reduce the number of fundraisers throughout the year. However, the Explorer 100% Donation Drive is the largest and most essential fundraiser to fund needs at Wingate. The Explorer 100% Donation Drive helps fund needs that our school budget cannot adequately fund. Funds from the Explorer 100% Donation Drive will go towards technology, safety and classroom instructional materials. Every cent will be spent on *our* students *this year*.

Why is fundraising needed? Wingate operates on a basic allocation budget of \$16,602. This primarily covers office and teacher supplies and day to day operations. Each teacher receives a small portion of the funds to spend

on his/her classroom. Wingate also receives \$18,942 in intervention funds. Intervention funds are used to pay our paraprofessionals who support students on a day to day basis.

Wingate's funding is less than many schools in our district because we do not qualify for Title I funding. Title I funding is based on the percentage of students who receive Free and Reduced lunch. Seventeen elementary schools in District 51 qualify for Title I funding. These schools receive anywhere from \$24,500-\$398,000 to spend on various supports for students. This allows schools to add staff, pay for full day kindergarten, add technology, and pay for professional development for teachers. As you can see, we need to bridge the gap in funding for our school.

Please show your support by donating what you can to our Explorer 100% Donation Drive. School wide participation will make the biggest impact on our success and any amount – small or large – will benefit student

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learning here at Wingate. Students will be able to see our schools' progress and individual contributions on a visual representation in the cafeteria, and we will have an all school celebration when we meet our goal of \$11,000!

You can donate at www.wingatepta.com or via check made payable to Wingate PTA.

New Security Procedures

Our newly installed electronic lock system is fully operational and in use here at Wingate.

The main door will be automatically locked every day between 4:30pm and 8:00 am.

Please utilize the north door and doorbell system if you are picking up/dropping off your child at Extended Hours. To access the office area during school hours, please utilize the camera and doorbell system at the main entrance.

Costume Parade and Fall Celebrations

On Wednesday, October 31st, we will have our annual Wingate costume parade at **10:00 am**. Students will parade around the school and enjoy a classroom party. Your child's teacher will provide information regarding details for the classroom party.

Because Halloween falls on a Wednesday (early release day) this year, all students may wear their costumes to school and keep it on for the entire school day. We ask that costumes are appropriate for elementary school and are not overly scary, bloody or gory. We also ask that props which represent a weapon of any kind are left at home as well. This pertains to adult and parent costumes as well. School administration will determine the appropriateness of costumes. Please feel free to join us for this fun tradition!



Right to Know

As a parent of a student at Wingate Elementary, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher who instructs your child. This is a requirement for all districts that receive Title I funds. Federal law allows you to request certain information about your student's classroom teacher. The law also requires the

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district to give you this information in a timely manner upon request. Listed below is the information about which you have the right to ask for regarding each of your student's classroom teachers. • Whether the Colorado Department of Education has licensed or endorsed your student's teacher for the grades and subjects taught. • Whether CDE has decided that your student's teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances. • The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and, if so, the subject of the degrees.

• Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraeducators provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications. Please contact the Mrs. Landman office at amie.landman@d51schools.org if you would like to receive any of this information and students.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, October 22nd from 12pm-8pm and Tuesday, October 23rd from 8am-4pm. (Kinder schedules may vary). Parents will schedule conferences via ParentVue beginning on October 1st. You will receive an email with detailed directions about how to sign up for a conference slot. Prior to signing up, you will need to activate your ParentVue account. (Many of you have already done this.) If you have questions about access to ParentVue, please contact our office. Please make it a priority to schedule conferences on the set conference dates. Teacher schedules are very tight and it can be difficult to schedule times outside of conference days.

Wingate Book Fair

While you are at your child's conference, please be sure to stop by our book fair in the library. Purchasing books for your child is a great way to support reading at home and a portion of the sales come back to Wingate!

Carnival Thank You

We would like to extend a HUGE Wingate thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with this year's carnival. Teachers, parents and PTA members donated time and energy to make the event a success. An extra special thanks goes out to our PTA board members who played an integral role in the planning

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and execution of the event. We also appreciate those of you who were able to attend the event this year!

Wingate Spirit Wear

Show your Wingate spirit by ordering a redesigned Wingate t-shirt. Order forms went home with students and are due by October 12th. We encourage students to wear their Wingate shirts on Fun Fridays!

Wednesday Bus Delays

Due to the scheduling of an annual field trip for D51 5th graders, there may be slight bus delays on Wednesday afternoons in October and November.



