

Wingate Elementary School



March 2017

Important Dates

Teacher Work Day

No School

March 10, 2017

Talent Show Assembly

March 13, 2017 9:00 am

@ Gym

Talent Show Evening

Performance

March 13, 2017 6:00 pm

@ Gym

School Accountability Meeting

March 14, 2017 6:00 pm

@ Library

3rd Grade Music Program

March 14, 2017 6:30 pm

@ Gym

Fun Friday

March 17, 2017

Spring Break No School

March 20-24, 2017

Awards Assembly

Primary

March 28, 2017 10:00 am

@ Gym

Awards Assembly

Intermediate

March 28, 2017 3:00 pm

@ Cafeteria

PTA Meeting

March 28, 2017 6:30 pm

@ Cafeteria

5th Grade Tea Party

March 29, 2017 12:00 pm

March Message From The Principal

A Message from the Principal

March is already here, and we only have three weeks with your kids before Spring Break. How does this happen so quickly? Then on the first day back from Spring Break, we move into PARCC and CMAS testing. Whew! But don't worry, your kids' teachers are preparing to ensure that the focus stays on learning, and I am excited about their plans for April. Our kids are well prepared to show what they know on the standardized tests, and we are excited to use this information to help us continue to move your kids toward success in later grades. Test-taking is one of those life-skills that requires practice, and we know each of your children will be ready and hopefully eager to participate!

As the weather warms, we have more physical activities (especially football and basketball) during lunch and recess. Please talk with your children about safe play and about welcoming other children into their games. This is a great opportunity for our kids to practice their team and leadership skills, and we are talking with students about expectations and opportunities during their play.

We have had lots of reasons to celebrate our kids this year. As I visit classrooms, I see eager kids working hard (both independently and collaboratively) in well-managed and caring classrooms. It feels good to be at Wingate!

Anna

Parent Pick-up Process

Parents, we need to streamline our after school pick-up process. On several days, busses have run late due to last minute changes to students' after school plans. Not only do these late changes interfere with bus schedules, but they also have also clogged our phone lines, causing other issues. Wingate staff does everything we can to ensure your students' safety, and an important element of this includes bus and pick-up duty, cross-walk duty, and keeping meticulous records regarding parent pick-up wishes. Unfortunately, we cannot make changes once the end of the day arrives without causing major problems.

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For this reason, we are asking all parents/guardians to have your pick-up arrangements set with your child each morning. If the arrangements require a note to ride a bus or be picked up by another person, we must have that note delivered to the office first thing in the morning. If something should arise during the day that requires a change of pick-up plans, parent/guardian should call the office before 3:00 pm. Please understand that these calls should be limited to family issues or emergencies in most cases. If an emergency arises after 3:00 pm, please call and we will do our best to work with you. We will also be working to have our parent pick-up line become more efficient by asking people to park, rather than holding up the line.

1st Grade News

1st Graders are growing like...plants! We see so much growth at this time of the school year and it's amazing! Did we say plants? Yes, plants! We'll be studying plants this month along with how we use Earth's Materials. In Writing, we just finished up a unit on informative writing and then get a chance to become poets and letter writers. In Math, we've gone back to a unit on addition and subtraction and counting higher and higher. It's all about nonfiction books in Reading and we'll get a chance to use that knowledge to write our own animal research papers soon. Whew, that's lots to do!



2nd Grade News

2nd graders have opinions! As we learn the difference between opinions and facts, we are doing some very creative writing. Fractions are keeping us busy in math, and students are becoming more proficient in computation skills. Learning about early settlements and the pioneers to our area, 2nd graders are gaining an understanding while writing their very own pioneer journals. We are hard at work!

3rd Grade News

Spring is in the air! Please check lost and found. With our cold mornings and warm afternoons, lost and found is full. Third quarter is nearly over and our life cycle/animal projects are almost complete. Make sure you are seeing and signing planners. Our PARCC testing will start after spring break. It is important that your child has a hearty breakfast, plenty of sleep, growth mindset with perseverance, GRIT and to feel relaxed. You can help by not scheduling any appointments on those particular days.

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4th Grade News

Everyone come on out to Famous Dave's on Thursday, March 2nd from 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. to support the 4th graders going on their Denver Field Trip! We will get a percentage of the proceeds for the entire day and appreciate your support! Tell your friends and family too! The kiddos have already picked their Chautauqua characters and have started collecting information and researching why they are famous in Colorado history. On March 6th and 7th we are fortunate enough to have John Stansfield visit us as a guest speaker to present and work with the students on their Chautauqua presentations. The students will be presenting their Chautauqua in April. We are going to be very busy heading into the end of 3rd quarter!



Just a reminder:

- * The last payment for Denver (\$65) is due by Friday, March 17th.
- * If you were chosen as a chaperone all of your paperwork, fingerprints, and payment are due by Friday, March 17th.

If you have any questions, then please ask your child's teacher. Have a wonderful and relaxing Spring Break!

5th Grade News

Spring is just around the corner, and March is a big month for fifth graders. Our unit on the American Revolution is coming to a close. We're looking forward to our Human Body science unit. We're well into our math unit on decimals. This time of year fifth grade teachers start thinking about their students in terms of Middle School readiness. In preparation for this big change we feel that it is important to help our students enhance their executive skills, such as goal setting, time management, organizational skills and personal responsibility. We have designed a planner for students and will start sending work home on a weekly basis. Look for your student's folder which will come home every day.

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Special Message from Music

We are looking for exercise balls, small stuffed animals, and neck ties to enhance our learning in music class. If you have any of these items that are new or gently used that you would be willing to donate, we would love to take them off of your hands! Thank you for all of your support in everything that we do. We greatly appreciate it!

Thanks!
Miss Lawson

Library News

Hello Everyone,

Did you know our library is used for many activities other than just library and Spanish classes? It's true! We have many other events and meetings that happen in our library during the week, especially after school hours.

If you or your group use the library, I need your help! Could you make sure that everything is picked up and put away after you are finished? Usually, the place looks pretty good, but sometimes I spend quite a bit of time picking up and putting away things that have been left out!

This includes putting away books that are left out in odd places, retrieving parts of computers from strange places, cleaning up the beanbag room, putting away loose pencils, papers, and such. I don't mind if books are read by children while parents are in the library – just please supervise and make sure either the books get put in the red book return cart or placed on my desk if you aren't sure where they go on the shelves. If everyone makes sure things are picked up and put away after each use, the library will be in much better shape when I arrive to teach classes! I appreciate your help in this!

Mrs. Gilfillan



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It has been an exciting couple of weeks as we learned about Cuba, its culture, geographical location, and reviewed the symbolism of all the flags Cuba has had. We learned words through a Cuban song called “La vida es un Carnaval” by Celia Cruz. The kids were amazed how many words they have actually learned from reading the lyrics. We are moving into learning about family. The kids will be bringing home a simple Family Tree with Spanish titles for their family members next week. Following the vocabulary lesson, we will cover a cultural lesson on different traditions, the dynamics of family in Spanish speaking countries and the diversity of food. The kids are engaged and interested. Eager to learn! Also, fundraising for the Spanish program is in progress. If you would like to donate, please donate through <http://BeLingualKids.com>. Thank you in advance!

Wingate Talent Show

Thanks to a few persistent students and their newly recruited sponsor, Katie Lawson, we will be having our talent show again this year! In past years close to 50 students tried out with around 20 chosen to perform in the final talent show. If your child is interested in trying out, and did not bring home a talent show sign-up sheet, we have extras in the main office. Students must turn these sheets in by the morning of Tuesday, March 7, in order to participate in tryouts. Tryouts will take place after school on Wednesday, March 8 at 2:15. Students chosen for the Talent Show will perform on March 13 in the morning for our school and in the evening for parents.

Bake Sale Fund Raiser

The Marbles Club bake sale is our big fund raiser to help support the club and the upcoming tournaments. Twelve kids from Wingate have qualified to compete at the state tournament and we hope that several will also qualify for the national tournament this summer. The bake sale is scheduled for Thursday, March 16 from 8:00-4:00. It will be inside near the cafeteria. Please mark your calendars! All items are 50 cents each and are individually wrapped for cleanliness. There may be a few larger items like cakes or large cookies that will sell for \$5.00- \$10.00. Please support these kids and the program! For more information, call Leah Lee at 243-5392.

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