

# Wingate Elementary School



October 2016

Carol Wethington, Principal | Tricia Nelson, Secretary | Debbie Mast, Secretary

## Important Dates

### Picture Retakes

October 13, 2016

### 5th Gr Mrs. King and Mrs. Vaca AmeriTown Field Trip

October 14, 2016

### Teacher Work Day No School

October 17, 2016

### 5th Gr Mrs. Hoskin and Mrs. Wytulka AmeriTown Field Trip

October 19, 2016

### 2nd Grade Weather Sta- tion Field Trip

October 19, 2016

### Kindergarten Studt's Pumpkin Patch

October 20, 2016

### Fun Friday

October 21, 2016

### Primary Awards Assembly Kinder AM, 1st and 2nd Grade

October 25, 2016 10 am

### Intermediate Awards Assembly Kinder PM, 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade

October 25, 2016 3 pm

## October Message From The Principal

Hello Wingate Families,

October is here and we are all feeling like the school year is flying by! Staff and students are hard at work and settled well into the routine of their school days. Everyone is enjoying the cooler weather. Please make sure to check our Lost & Found for jackets, coats, gloves, hats, lunch boxes, whatever might be missing. The Lost & Found Station gets full very quickly. At the end of each quarter we donate all unclaimed items to charity.

I have very much enjoyed working with each classroom to learn about our brains. Did you know that the ten years between birth and 10 years old is called the Magic Decade? These ten years are when a child's brain grows the fastest and learns the most. Ask your child what HE/SHE can do to help their brain grow even more and even faster!

I am so impressed with how hard they work as well as their positive attitudes about school. They know and understand the rules, follow them with pride and are willing to teach them to new friends. One thing I appreciate is the Positive Behavior Support system we have in place and the ability to reward your child's excellent choices with Blue Ribbons. Students' good behavior needs to be reinforced and this is the perfect way to let them know we appreciate them. When your child tells you about those blue ribbons, make sure to take a minute and tell your child how proud you are of them!

With the coming of fall comes the opportunities of Parent/Teacher Conferences. Those are just around the corner. We hope you will take advantage of this excellent opportunity to come in to discuss your child's learning with his/her teacher. The teachers look forward to this time with you.

Also, with the coming of fall, comes the time to celebrate Halloween. We, at Wingate, continue to celebrate this holiday with a Costume Parade and a party. If your family chooses not to celebrate this holiday we can provide activities in the library to support your student during the time of the parade and party. If you would prefer, you can pick them up from school at 2:30 pm on the afternoon of the parties. More information will be coming home with your child.

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## Important Dates (Continued)

### PTA Mtg

October 25, 2016 6:30 pm

### Parent Teacher Conference

October 26, 2016 4-8 pm

### Book Fair

October 26, 2016 1-8 pm  
In the Library

### Parent Teacher Conference NO SCHOOL

October 27, 2016 8 am- 8 pm

### Book Fair

October 27, 2016 8 am- 8 pm  
In the Library

### No School

October 28, 2016



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We want to thank everyone who supported Wingate with PTA's big fundraiser – 100% Donation and the Carnival! We also appreciate all the support around our Spanish Language Class! You still have time to help with Spanish by participating in the Golf Tournament on October 15th. For more information contact our office!

We hope that Fall Break was a time of rest and relaxation for your family. We are happy to be back at school working toward helping every child achieve to their full potential. Thank you for all you do to make us the best we can be at Wingate!

Carol

## Kindergarten News

Apples, apples, apples all around. The last week of September was all about apples! On the 30th all three kindergarten classrooms participated in "Apple Day." Children rotated to a variety of learning stations. You could see kids weighing, measuring, and sorting apples, as well as reading, and writing about apples. Then students tasted and graphed their favorite apple. What a great way to taste fall!

## 1st Grade News

Wow! We can hardly believe that 1st quarter is almost over! Our 1st graders have already grown so much this year. We have seen them following classroom expectations, learning new skills, and growing in confidence. We're certainly off to a good start.

We have finished a study on our community and jobs that people do to provide goods and services. We are now studying about maps and globes. 1st graders are working hard on building good reading habits, strategies, and stamina. In Math, they are solving word problems and using different strategies to find a way to show their work. Keep up the good work, 1st graders! -Mrs. Roach, Mrs. Van Pelt, Mrs. Kennedy & Miss Robinson

## 2nd Grade News

The 2nd graders have been hard at work "stretching their brain". The kids have been working on geometry and number sense in math, writing narratives in writing, learning about weather in science, and discovering new strategies for reading more challenging books during reading. Next week the kids will get to celebrate Johnny Appleseed's birthday by taking-part in "Apple Theme Day", it will be a day full of science, math, and writing based on apples!

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## 3rd Grade News

My favorite part of 3rd grade is planning and writing and reading Percy Jackson. We are learning about how to place and parts in math. Lemonade War is a book that we are reading as a class and it is cool because it kind of explains how to make money. It tells you in the book how they split it into groups. If there is more people, you can make more money. I like place and parts in math better than just writing because you can write out what you are doing and the strategy makes sense to me. I like doing reading groups. I like that we have recess in the afternoon. “

By Max Marshall

“Third grade is fun and I like reading, writing, math, science and geology. My most favorite thing is writing. It was hard to make new friends because I am new to Wingate. I found a best friend and he is fun and he likes to play kickball just like me. In math and geology we are learning about igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. “

By Anthony Fernandez

## 4th Grade News

Fourth Graders are about to bring their attention from the skies to the Earth!

We are just readying our launch into a study of Fossils, their origins, types and identification. Students will have hands-on experiences with how fossils are formed, where to find them and the tools that Paleontologists use in their work.

In Math, we'll continue our work with Multiplication and Division. Factors, Multiples, Prime and Composite numbers as well as Square numbers are on our Mathematical plate! As always, we continue with strategies for Problem Solving and word problems.

We've already begun our Intervention Block time for students that need some kind of extra support in a wide range of aspects depending on needs and skills.

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## 5th Grade News

5th grade is excited to have an opportunity this year to take the students to AmeriTowne. AmeriTowne is a small town that the students run for a day. Students will be spending several weeks preparing for their day in town. They will learn important economic concepts such as supply and demand as well as personal finance topics about our banking system. They will have the opportunity to apply for jobs, interview, and receive a paycheck. On the day they run the town, they will spend their paycheck at their classmates businesses while being careful that they balance their checkbook along the way! When we come back to school, each business will analyze their bank statements and accounting records to see if they made a profit. This incredible real-life, hands-on learning experience is one that our students will never forget!

## October Library News

October is here and for the library, that means the fall BOOK FAIR is coming!

As usual, it will coincide with parent/teacher conferences.

Classes will be previewing the book fair during library class time the week before.

Then, the book fair will be open in the library for purchasing on:

Wed. October 26th from 1 pm-8 pm

Thu. October 27 from 8 am-8 pm

There will also be online ordering options. Look for info to come home the week before the book fair.

Each purchase helps our library purchase new books for our kids!

If you are interested in helping out with the book fair, please contact Shauna Burnes at 523-0394 or follow the link at

<https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/kTSzRKhKu>

Thanks for your support!

Love, Mrs. Gilfillan



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## Halloween Parade

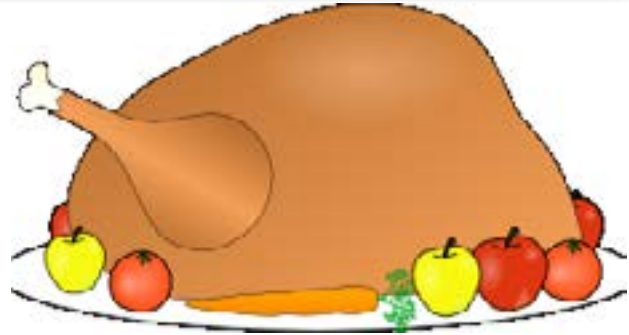


Parade begins at 2:45 pm., parties will follow after. Please do not send your children dressed in their Halloween costumes, teachers will provide preparation time.

Please do not send your child with a costume that is scary, bloody or has a weapon. We need to keep in mind our preschoolers and kindergartners that will also be at school participating in the activities.

## Wingate's Annual Thanksgiving Celebration

This year we will be holding our annual Thanksgiving Celebration on Thurs, Nov 17, 2016. In order for food service to better prepare for this exciting day the school will be sending out order forms on October 13, 2016. Please turn in your order form by October 20, 2016. We know this is early, however the food order has to be placed way in advance. Thank you



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