

# Wildcat World News

## OUR MISSION:

To provide an exemplary education for all students to become productive participants in our community.

## OUR VISION:

West Newton Elementary School will continue to be a high performing school where all are motivated to make a difference in the school community.



## Principal's Reflections

Dear Parent(s),

February was a great month for the students of West Newton. Our fifth grade students participated in a mock CRCT test to help prepare them for the upcoming CRCT in April. Our fifth grade students also put on a wonderful display of African American History with their Wax Museum. Our fifth grade students are extremely talented and I looked forward to seeing them do great things in the future. Our third and fifth grade parents received promotion and retention information informed about testing and the changes that will take place this school year. Parents do not forget that we will not have summer school this year. Our Student Council is currently collecting money for Haiti Relief. Please send in \$1 in support of many people in Haiti that lost everything in the recent earthquake.

Also, our West Newton dance team has performed at Alcovy High School, Newton High School and Liberty Middle School. Our girls continue to amaze us with their talents. Our dance team will participate in a dance competition that information will be sent to you as soon as possible.

We are in need of parents to help with our upcoming Spring fling. If you are interested please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible.

March will continue to be an event filled month. Our students will continue to prepare for the CRCT. This month we recognize our special needs students and continue to challenge them to reach their daily goals. It is important that we support our students that have difficulties in any aspect of learning.

Our fifth grade students will participate in a Writing test this month. Please encourage your students to take their

time when writing and not to forget the many skills that they have learned throughout the school year.

Parents if you have rising Kindergarten students, please participate in our Kindergarten Round Up this month on March 18. This round up will give you the opportunity to register your students for Kindergarten. If you have any questions about what items are needed for registration please see the attached information or contact Ms. Jackson (Assistant Principal).

Parents we are asking that you purchase a yearbook this year. It is so important to have keepsakes of our children and their elementary years because they go by so fast. We are selling year books for \$28.

Parents we thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you participate on PTO and the Spring fling. If you need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs. Jackson or Mrs. Marrett.

Dr. Takila Curry, Principal

## *Counselor's Corner*

As spring approaches, it's a wonderful time to remember goals you set at the beginning of the school year. Our character word for March, perseverance, reminds us to work hard and do not give up on your goals.

Parents you can encourage your child to persevere by helping them learn the Three R's of Persevering:

**Remind:** Remind yourself again of what you hope to achieve!

**Reassure:** Reassure yourself that you CAN finish the task!

**Recommit:** Recommit yourself to put your best effort into finishing!

Wildcats do your best every day, don't give up, and persevere to reach your goals!

Jr. Beta students are doing an excellent job showing perseverance as they continue to strive for good grades and excellent character. Jr. Beta students will be volunteering at Covington

## ELL

Our ELL students are busy reviewing skills needed to pass the Georgia CRCT in April. Please continue to read with your child daily for a minimum of 10 minutes. Your child should be bringing home library books and other text books to read.

## ELL Team

## Physical Education

Did you know that each year 36,000 babies are born with a heart defects? At the end of March, students in grades 2-5 will get the opportunity to participate in Jump Rope for Heart. This will help raise money for the American Heart Association. The money raised will be used for protecting today's and future generations of children from the struggles of heart disease and poor health. All information will be sent home next week. Please help your child participate in this important event.

**Mr. Chad Matthews <><**

**West Newton PE**

## WNES Art Department:

March is full of news in the art classroom! The True Colours art exhibit at the Newton County Library begins March 1 with an opening reception from 5:00-7:00 p.m. It will feature artwork from students of all

grades and all schools in the county, including West Newton! The artwork will be displayed until the end of the month. WNES Art Club will meet on March 11 at 2:30. The Arts Association for Newton County is taking applications for their Creative Kids Camp this summer. Check again next month for more art news!  
Melissa Johns

## Kindergarten

The Kindergarten children have been hard at work in Math learning about coins and their values. Please continue to help your child at home with Number Identification and Missing Numbers. We will begin a new reading theme this month called "Down on the Farm". The children are learning to apply the phonics skills that they have learned as they blend letter sounds and segment the sounds that they hear in the words

It is time for GKIDS Assessments again. Please work with your child on self-help skills such as buttoning and zipping clothing.

Kindergarten Team

## Second Grade Team

In March, our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders' math focus will be the adding and subtracting of 2 and 3 digit numbers, using different strategies to multiply 2 numbers, and division. Our reading theme, Family Time will ask each reader to ask questions, make judgments, and sequence the events in the stories they read.

With the GACRCT standards in mind, we are diligently preparing our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to perform to the best of their ability and to continue to study hard each night in preparation for the test. You can help your child at home by having them visit the website: [studvisland.com](http://studvisland.com) to practice each night a reading, math or English/Language practice. If you do not have internet access, please take your child to a nearby public library and let them become a member. All library members may use the computers and the internet. Thank you for your continued support!  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Team

## Third Grade Team

Dear Parents,  
This 9 weeks we are still practicing our basic math facts and problem solving

skills. In reading, we are continuing to work with the students on comprehension skills. The CRCT is fast approaching and we would like for you to continue to work on these skills at home. Third grade students did a wonderful job on their Historical Figure Projects, and they've learned a great deal of information about each person. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your student's teacher.

Thanks,  
Third Grade Team

## Fabulous Fourth Grade.

We wish to welcome all our students back from winter break. We hope you all had a restful break and geared up for the next academic quarter. CRCT testing is just around the corner and we plan to work harder to round up the curriculum and get all students ready to tackle the test. Go fourth grade fabulous Team!

Reading and Language Arts: We will continue on with the theme on Heroes and focusing also on Pour quoi tales. Our reading strategies includes; cause and effect; making judgments; and facts and opinion. In Language Arts, we will continue to work on parts of speech focusing on pronouns, object and subject pronouns. We will also revisit Homophones.

Writer's Workshop: We are rounding up on our persuasive essay, Shhh..... Our kids are getting better on this so please understand when they try to convince you as a parent to get them what they want. We will also begin writing responses to literature.

Social Studies: We are rounding up on American Revolution and the effects of the war. Since this is black history month and Presidential month, we are also learning about our African American heroes and the presidents of our noble country.

Science: We are working on the Solar System. This is lots of fun as it involves a lot of hand on activities.

Math: We will continue to work on fractions and problem solving strategies. Please continue to help our students with the math facts, for mastery of math

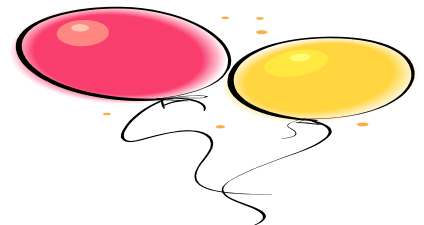
facts is required on daily bases for excellent performance.

We wish to thank our parents for all their support and we ask that they continue to help our students with homework by simply making sure they complete their home work every night. Your support is needed more now especially as we prepare for the CRCT test.

## Fabulous Fifth Grade

Reading- Reading Comprehension Skills  
Math- Funky Fractions and Positively Perfect Figures  
Language Arts- Parts of Speech/ Paragraph Structure  
Writing- Persuasive  
Science- Life Science  
Social Studies- Reconstruction  
As the year continues to quickly pass we are diligently preparing our students for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and teaching them various testing strategies to enhance their confidence for the CRCT. We appreciate all of your hard work as parents in assisting our students with their daily homework and projects. As a parent, teacher and student team we can take on the world one standard at a time! Please continue to assist your child with their homework, basic math facts, and reading comprehension. Thanks for your support.  
Fifth grade team

Congratulations  
Mrs. Hollier  
and Mr. Brooks  
West Newton  
Staff of the Month



## **Up Coming Events**

**March 1-5 Read Across American Week**

**March 1-5- Exceptional Childs Week**

**March 2- Dr. Seuss Birthday**

**March 3- Fifth Grade Writing Test**

**March 8-12- National Breakfast Week**

**March 12- Help A Child Smile Dental Unit visits West Newton**

**March 18- Kindergarten Round-Up**

**March 25 and 26- Jump Rope for Heart**

**April 16-Spring Fling (5-7pm)**

### **Items Needed for Kindergarten Round-UP**

- Social Security Card or Waiver
- Immunization Certificate
- Certified Birth Certificate
- Georgia Ear/Eye/Dental
- 2 Forms of Proof of Address (Mortgage/Lease/Electric or Gas or Water bill)

**We are selling Yearbooks for \$28!!!!**

**We are looking for parents to join PTO. Please see Dr. Curry for information!!!!!!!**