

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),

We are looking forward to the month of November. We have some exciting events taking place that we would like each of you to participate in. On November 12, we will have a Title I Math Activities Night. This event will give you an opportunity to learn about the different ways you can support your child in the area of math. The staff will assist you in creating activities that you can take home and work with your child on daily. Math is a weak area for West Newton and we need your help to increase our scores. Also, you are invited to have Thanksgiving lunch with your child on November 19. We would love to have you share in this special occasion with your child. Parents continue to support your child by helping them with their homework each night, and by requiring them to read at least 20 minutes each night. We have a new health initiative that we are beginning at West Newton. Our students will begin exercising daily before our day begins. It is so important that we teach our children to be healthy, because a healthy student is a more productive student. Teachers will also attempt to work in physical activities during the school day. You will begin to receive a parent newsletter this month that will give you ideas on how to support your child's nutrition initiative. As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact myself or an assistant principal.

Sincerely,

Takila Curry, Principal

Counselor's Corner

Compassion is our character word for the month of November. Compassion is showing concern or sympathy for others. The holidays are fast approaching and with the recent floods in our area it is an excellent time to help your children learn the importance of helping others. One way to do this is to donate at least 1 can item to our can food drive. Canned goods are being collected until November 6. All donations will be given to Newton County's Food Pantry. Teaching our children to be compassionate now will help them to grow to be caring adults who contribute to their community.

**Thank you
WNES Counselors**

Special Education Department

The special education department at West Newton Elementary uses the Co-Teaching model to educate some students with special needs. This model provides the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) for some students. Students with disabilities are able to receive academic instruction with their non disabled peers. This setting gives the students a sense of belonging and increases their self-esteem.

Ms. Loetzerich Class,

Our class enjoyed our visit from the paramedics who saved my life after someone hit me head on. Captain Scott Queens and a paramedic by the name of Andrew, as well as an EMT by the name of Max visited with our class.

All students received junior paramedic badges and were able to ask a lot of questions about school and personal safety. The highlight of their visit was when we were able to get into the

ambulance and look at all of the equipment.

KINDERGARTEN FUN!

Kindergarten students are fluttering into fall. The students are growing by leaps and bounds. This month we will be studying the letters Vv, Cc and Pp. Our Alpha Friends, Vinnie Volcano, Callie Cat and Pippa Pig are ready to assist the students with learning the sounds of these letters. It is important that your child begins to blend individual sounds to read one syllable words. Students are practicing this skill daily. It is important that your child receive additional practice at home. Here is a strategy that you can use to assist your child with blending. Draw three boxes next to each other then give the child a CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) word. He or she should be able to write the beginning, middle and ending sound in the appropriate box. You can also use four boxes for words with four letters. Feel free to contact your child's teacher for additional strategies that you can use at home.

In math, we are continuing to connect numeral to the quantities that they represent and practice problem solving skills. Students are learning to read number words and produce a model for that number. For example, 10 *ten* and it represents ten items in a set. We have begun informational writing during Writer's Workshop. The students are learning to differentiate between fact and fiction.

Please continue to check your child's folder and practice the sight words daily.

Thank you for your support!

-Kindergarten Team-

First Grade Team

Things are continuing to move rapidly in first grade. We are continuing to work on telling sentences and questions. We have also begun working on antonyms and synonyms. Please read with your child every day and practice sight words and math facts daily. It makes a huge difference. We have finished our unit on place value and comparing numbers (greater than, less than, and equals) but will continue to review these skills throughout the year. We have begun to work on number patterns and would like for our parents to practice counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's with your child. Knowing how to skip count makes it much easier for them to be able to recognize number patterns. We want to thank all our parents for working at home with your child. What you do at home makes all the difference in the world. We also want to encourage you to continue sending in bottle caps, soup labels, and box tops.

First Grade Team

SECOND GRADE Prowl!

2nd grade successes:

We have been working hard this second nine weeks of school. Our afternoon tutorial sessions are going well. We are using our data to group students and are addressing student weaknesses in math. As always, please continue to check your child's agenda and reward positive behavior. Students should be able to complete homework independently and only need you to check over it. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Second Grade Team

English Language Learners (ELL)

Our ELL students are learning how to do informational writing and write a report. They are using books, encyclopedias and the internet to gather information. We are proud of their focus and efforts.

ELL Team

Specialist News

Art Class

WNES ART DEPARTMENT

Students are getting busy in art class! They have been working on Critical Analysis, Symmetry, Endangered Species, and now we are starting a new unit on Pop Art. The WNES Art Club will meet on Thursday, November 12 from 2:30-3:30. Our Square 1 Art fundraiser will be under way soon. This company puts your child's artwork on items like t-shirts, mugs, key chains, and stickers. The proceeds for this fundraiser will go to the art classroom. Donations of magazines, plastic containers, egg cartons and paper towel rolls are still being accepted. Keep an eye out for artwork being sent home in student folders.

Melissa Johns

Art Teacher

Physical Education Department "Live It Out" is our theme in PE this year. To "Live It Out" means to practice what we learn in PE....not just participate and never do it again. To live a healthy life you must "live it." For the first time since 1918, life expectancy for a significant proportion of the United States is on the decline largely because of an increase in chronic diseases related to obesity, smoking, and high blood pressure. It is also said that this generation of children may be the first generation to not outlive their parents. I really hope that something can be done to correct this! In my PE classes the main focus is on fitness. Fitness and physical activity is very important to everyone's health. I am sure you have heard the saying, USE IT OR LOSE IT! Don't just talk about it....do it. Please discuss with your child what they need to do to live a healthy life. Help your children "Live It Out!"

Thank you,

Coach Matthews

Third Grade Parents

Continue to work with your student on Multiplication and Division. Be sure to check agendas daily for

assignments and communication from teachers. Please continue to have your student read daily for at least 20 minutes and review the reading skill for the week with them.

Third Grade Team

THE FOURTH GRADE TIMES

We are glad to see our fourth grade students back to school for the second quarter. Each student seems to be ready for school. We also wish to thank our parents for all their support through this past quarter and hope that they will continue to be there for us. It always takes the combined effort of school and home for a student to succeed. We are working hard to meet and exceed all standards in every subject. **Reading:** We will be completing the theme on "American Stories" by reading the story "A Very Important Day" and focusing on Plays. Some of the strategies to be emphasized include: Classify and Categorize; Generalizations; Finding information to mention but a few. We will also continue to differentiate our instruction to meet each student's academic needs. **Writing:** Our students are working on Informational Writing. Please stop by our rooms to see the work of our young authors. **Language Arts:** We continue to work on Singular and Plural Nouns. **Math:** We continue to work on Numbers and Operations with emphasis on Multiplication, Division and problem solving strategies. Please help our students master the multiplication and Division facts at home. **Science:** We are working on Weather and the water Cycle. Our students are engaged in the study of the weather, weather instruments, weather factors to mention but a few. Our future meteorologist could be sitting in our class.

The Fourth Grade Team

Fabulous Fifth Grade News

Our fabulous 5th graders have been creating informational pieces during Writers Workshop. The students are analyzing their writing by recognizing color coded

standards which serves as an assessment tool. Language Arts and spelling are incorporated into writing. The students identify verbs, nouns, and parts of speech during writing. The focus this month in reading is cause and effect, context clues, author's viewpoint, and multiple meaning of words. As always please encourage your child to read nightly to meet their reading goals. Social studies and science are integrated with all content areas. The students are learning about the Civil War, and Physical Science. Students are learning math skills in a context that is meaningful by making connections between their own knowledge and experience and mathematical concepts. The focus this month in math is division/divisibility and fractions. As always keep up with multiplication facts. This is a part of our monthly math goal. Looking forward to a great month of teaching our fabulous 5th graders!

Fifth Grade Team

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 5- Fifth Grade Champs Ceremony @8am.

Nov. 11- Veterans Day- Veterans eat lunch with their students.

Nov. 12- Parent Math Activities Night (All Parents asked to attend- dinner will be served)

Nov. 16-19-Spirit Week:
Mon.-Star Day-Dress like a famous person
Tues. - Twin Day
Wed. - Decades Day
Thurs. - Tacky/Bad Hair Day
Fri.-WNES Spirit Wear/Team Apparel

Nov. 19- Parents invited to Thanksgiving Luncheon at West Newton.

Nov. 20- Early Release Day- Students leave at 12noon.

Nov. 23-27- Thanksgiving Break-Enjoy and Be Safe

Important Reminders to Prevent the Spread of Flu:

- Hand Washing or Alcohol Based Sanitizers
- Sneeze and Cough Etiquette
- Social Distancing/Stay Home When Sick

Congratulations
Ms. Sabrina Grant
and
Mrs. Tresnesa Cosby

Support Staff of the Month

