

Walsingham Wildcats News

Student Hours

M-F 7:35 am -1:45 pm

Walsingham Elementary School

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The Mission of Walsingham Elementary is to prepare our students to become independent learners with the desires, the skills, and the abilities necessary for lifelong learning.

Principal's News

Quinn Williams, Principal

Walsingham families,

Our Winter Math Goodies, Games, and Giveaways event was a huge success! Surveys indicated that everyone enjoyed the event and went home with many math resources and treats.

Ready, Set, Kindergarten will be held on January 11th at 5:30pm here in our media center. This event is for all incoming kindergarteners that are starting in the 2022-2023 school year. You will get to meet the teachers and tour the classrooms on this night.

Attendance Spirit Week is coming up! **January 24th-28th** we are promoting good attendance. If you are participating in Spirit Day activities, you may wear the items below instead of your uniform on this week only. **Monday, January 24th** is Color Me Monday: You can't be blue if you're on time to school! Wear your favorite color!

Tuesday, January 25th is Twin Tuesday. Team up and come to school every day! Dress the same as a friend.

Wednesday, January 26th is Camo Day. Don't let absences "sneak up" on you. Wear camo or black.

Thursday, January 27th is Hat Day. Head for success by arriving on time.

Friday, January 28th: Spirit Day. Show your Wildcat Pride and be on time! Wear your spirit shirt or dress for Enterprise Village for 5th graders.

Students present for the entire week will receive a "no uniform pass" on Friday from their teacher that they can use the following week.

The **School Enrichment Model (SEM)** will be coming up in the second half of the school year. K-5 students will choose their top three choices for enrichment clusters and teachers will place them in one of their choices. Choices include Cooking and Baking, Yoga, Coding, Architecture, Oceanography, Animals, Spanish, Photography, Gardening, Dance Routines, Hula Hooping Routines, and Designing Math Games. Some of our School Wide Enrichment Model (SEM) times occur first thing in the morning at 7:40am. If your child is tardy, they may miss their enrichment cluster time. They will meet weekly for six to seven weeks with students and teachers who have the same interest area. At the end students will have designed a product or routine. All SEM Boards and products will be on display at Academic Night on April 19th, 2022.

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Media Center and Tech Updates

Elizabeth Bonfanti, Media Specialist

There are lots of wonderful things happening in our media center! Thank you for all the supporters of our Scholastic Book fair! We exceeded our goal, and I am excited to provide more books and resources for our students.

Our media center has also won a grant from Suncoast Credit Union. This money will also be used to purchase books.

Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! is January 24-28. Keep an eye out for some fun activities coming up!

Music Notes

Erin Kaminsky, Music Teacher

In November, our older Wildcats watched the youth concert presented by The Florida Orchestra here at school. We have been dancing in all grade levels while learning about some of the December holidays and singing familiar holiday carols. I am so proud of our 4th and 5th grade chorus- they put on an *amazing* concert December 9th! Congratulations! In January and February, we will start playing more classroom instruments and the older students will continue working on learning recorders. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

PE News

Trish Burrows, PE Coach

Our Wildcats have been practicing throwing and catching with different equipment. We have used ball and scoops, playground balls, footballs, beanbags, frisbees and grab it balls.

We learned to dribble using a hockey stick and puck, a basketball, and a soccer ball. Gaining confidence while performing the skills correctly so we can use the skills in a game.

Pre-K students have also been practicing throwing and catching with beanbags and fluffballs. We learned to throw overhand and underhand to a target.

Your child will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart from February 14th-18th.

Walsingham Physical Education Department

Success in Art

Lisa Forero, Art Teacher

Building Confidence through art. So many people look at art and say that they wish they could do that. People are fascinated by the creative spark that artists have. What drives your creativity, your creative process, or your creative struggles.

Talk about it! Success breeds success and people love to read success stories. Even if you're not a big-time artist, talking about small successes, like how well you colored your picture.

Failures— The only thing more interesting than success is failure. Talk about what happened, and then talk about what you learned from it. This is a great way to overcome your failure. Talking is a great way to work out what went wrong and how to fix it.

Stay Positive and understand that F.A.I.L is your First Attempt In Learning! It is ok to make mistakes and TRY again. Tell yourself this is hard, but I can try, instead of saying I can't. Every day when you wake up, tell yourself... "I am super-duper awesome." Confidence is contagious and art makes you smart.

Title 1 News

Tiffany Livingston, MTSS Coach

Welcome back to a new school year! As we approach spring testing season, I wanted to make you aware of the many exciting online programs for students to learn from. These online programs can be accessed at school and at home by simply logging onto Clever. To get to Clever, follow these steps:

- visit the site www.pcsb.org
- have your child click on the login at the top of the screen
- click on the Clever link
- log in with the student's username and password that they use at school
- if your child does not know their login information, please write a note to the classroom teacher in your child's agenda so the teacher can send it home

Some of the resources you will find in Clever are DreamBox, Istation, MyOn, and PLP. Students are expected to complete at least 5 lessons a week on DreamBox for grades K-3, and 10 lessons a week for grades 4-5. Studies show that students who meet this expectation show a year and a half worth of growth! Istation and MyOn are reading programs designed to help

students in every area of literacy such as: Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Spelling, Vocabulary, and Comprehension.

Working on these programs at home is a great way for students to enrich their learning, increase their knowledge of grade level standards, and better prepare students for future assessments. Have fun on Clever!

Strategies That Teach Students to Set Goals and Help Them Succeed

Maggie Brilliant, Guidance Counselor

Dr. Michele Borba, Educational Psychologist and recipient of the National Educator Award, offers parenting strategies that teach kids to set goals and to help them succeed. She identifies seven steps:

1. Define what a goal is. An easy way is to link it to an area of interest. For example, a football player is aiming for a touchdown. It is something to shoot for. Explain goal setting as planning what you need to work on.
2. Share your own goals. Let your children know that you have dreams, and that you recognize that you may need to work on some things in order to achieve them.
3. Help kids create their "dream list". Help them create a list that includes those things that they actually have the power to make happen. Then spend time together discussing those dreams. Consider what skills are necessary. Does your child need help in order to succeed?
4. Tailor the goal to your child. Have a first-time goal-setter work on a goal that can be achieved within a week. Some examples are making their bed every day, reading a book, brushing teeth without being reminded, getting a strike in bowling.
5. Help your child think through steps to success. Some children need to write down steps. The more they think about their goal and identify what they need to do to achieve it, the greater the chance they will succeed.
6. Track your child's progress. Use the fridge to show stickers or stars when steps are completed.
7. Celebrate! As goals are achieved, celebrate as a family.

