

Westgate Wildcat News



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Dear Westgate Families,

It is hard to believe that students have been in school for two months. As I walk through classrooms, I see many exciting things happening. Students are focused and engaged in the lessons that are being presented. Kindergarten students are working hard to learn to recognize all the letters of the alphabet as well as the sounds that they make. First grade students are amazing themselves as they begin to read longer and more complex stories. Second graders are writing personal narratives by studying different authors and they are eager to share their stories. Intermediate students are analyzing character and learning to describe their traits. Kindergarten through fifth grade students have been taking the first round of Progress Monitoring Assessments. Those results will be shared with you during conferences but serve to inform the teachers so that they can best meet the needs of the students. Ask your student about the assessments. As always, please feel free to call me if you have any concerns.

Bonita Paquette, Principal

Dates to remember

October 5	PTA sponsored iWalk
October 7	PTA sponsored Color Fun Run
October 11	Picture Retakes
October 13	6:00 p.m. PTA/SAC meeting
October 17	Pro Ed Day for staff – School closed for students
October 27	Report Cards Distributed
October 28	Family Event - PTA sponsored Trunk or Treat
October 28	Spirit Day – Storybook Character Day

Adopt A Class

Westgate Elementary appreciates our family's involvement with our Adopt A Class program.

These lucky classrooms were adopted:

Mrs. Bauer adopted by McNeill Family

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Mrs. Nylund adopted by McNeill Family
Mrs. Wanek adopted by Larysa Kochervey
Ms. Harper & Ms. Badolato adopted by Besiana Qose
Mrs. Nylund adopted by Bay Pines Operating Room Staff
Ms. Wilfert adopted by Lighthouse Pediatric Therapy Partners
Ms. Tescher adopted by A Funny Business, LLC
Mrs. Vasallo adopted by DeBerg Law
Ms. Littler adopted by A Funny Business, LLC
Mrs. Nylund adopted by Pack Animal Fitness
Mrs. Wanek adopted by Pack Animal Fitness
Ms. Key & Ms. Adams adopted by Paver Traders, LLC
Ms. Cobbe & Ms. Zaleski adopted by Ms. Granger Rickis

Commitment to Character

We are excited about our Character program at Westgate. For the month of October, the Character word is Cooperation. Cooperation is getting along with others and working together to accomplish a goal.

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Westgate Loves to Read

Our annual Storybook Character Day is October 28th. This is a chance for your child to pick a beloved storybook character and dress like them. This is a good way for students to show their love of reading.

*** Please no Halloween costumes.**

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International Walk to School Day

On Wednesday, October 5th, Westgate will be participating in the International Walk to School Day. Event starts at 7:30 a.m. with kids, parents and community leaders walking from Northside Baptist Church parking lot to the school. Look for a flyer to come home with more information.

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Habitual Tardiness

Westgate's Kindergarten thru Fifth grade instructional day begins at 8:45 a.m. Habitual tardiness is unacceptable and unfair to other students because instruction is interrupted every time a late student arrives. Important information is given at the beginning of the day and a late student misses out on these instructions. It is most beneficial for all students to be in their classroom by the late bell at 8:45 a.m.

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Student and Parent Wellness Responsibilities

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Please be vigilant about monitoring your child for illness before you send them to school. If your child is reporting sore throat, fever cold like symptoms, please keep them home and monitor. Students need to be fever free for 24 hours without medication.

Request: Parents, please put your child's name on jackets, lunch boxes and water bottles. After a month time jackets will be donated to a charity and the lunch boxes and water bottles will be placed in the garbage.

Westgate Elementary has an opening for a Night Plant Operations Specialist. If you are interested in how to apply, please call Mrs. Haker in front office for details.

The Westgate Clinic needs boys' and girls' shorts. Size 5, 6. If you can help, please donate to the front office.