

Principal's Newsletter
Doug Hooper, Principal

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We are in the second quarter. The year has gone well so far. Thank you to all the parents that are supporting our teachers. Teachers have the most difficult and the most complex position in school. They are the folks, in conjunction with parents, which orchestrate the learning of our children.

A few items that might be of interest:

If you are an AM carpool parent please read #1.

- 1. CARPOOL PARENTS: During the AM time, some parents are parking, walking their child to the sidewalk and then returning to their car. Unless you are entering the building for a conference, to volunteer or to conduct some form of school business, please stay in the carpool lane and wait your turn for arrival. I can think of no reason why a parent would need to walk their child to the sidewalk and then leave to depart. This is potentially dangerous and impedes the flow of traffic. We adjusted the carpool time. There is a half hour for arrival. All parents need to wait their turn and not try to gain a couple of minutes. Just like driving on the road, where rules and procedures are in place, carpool requires everyone to follow the procedures in order to keep children safe and ensure an orderly arrival. As a reminder, students need to exit the passenger side of the vehicle. Exiting the driver's side has the child entering into traffic.**
2. Teaching assistants: We are in the process of adding two teacher assistants for the second grade. We are beginning the process now.
3. Please welcome Mr. Regina to our school community. He is replacing Mr. Lupa on track 1, fourth grade. For those of you that do not know, Mr. Lupa is a proud father of a new daughter. He will be staying home with her.
4. SIP – School Improvement Plan: We are in the process of revising and updating our school improvement plan. Information about meeting dates and the timeline will be posted to the website in the near future.
5. Have you checked out the new website? If not please go to adames.wcpss.net Any feedback or suggestions please send to Mrs. Chambliss at mchambliss@wcpss.net
6. PTA – Thank you to all the parents that supported PTA and their fundraising efforts. I know the economy is in dire straights. Every dollar earned by PTA comes back to support all of our children. THANKS!!

Important Dates

- 10/6 Fire Department – Fire safety puppet show - grades K and 1
- 10/8 Literacy Night – ESL and intervention teachers
Tracks 2 and 3 – 5:00 to 5:45 PM
Tracks 1 and 4 – 6:00 to 6:45 PM
- 10/12-16 Loom Weaver, cultural arts for 4th and 5th grade courtesy of our PTA
- 10/19-20 Barnes and Noble Book Fair. A portion of all purchases come back to the media center in the form of books. This allows Mrs. Cash to buy those new releases that students love.
- 10/19 PTA Board Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 10/20 Fire drill – 1:40 PM
- 10/21 Early Release – students dismiss at 12:30 PM
- 10/26-30 Writer in Residence – courtesy of the PTA
- 10/23 Character Education Recognition – tracks 2 and 4
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