



## From Mrs. Anglin

Hello WES Families!

I enjoyed connecting with many of you through grade-level 'Coffee & Conversations'! I am working on the best ways to follow up with your questions and feedback - thank you! If we weren't able to connect, stay tuned for more upcoming opportunities to continue to build relationships and connections together! Specifically, here is a reminder of a few upcoming opportunities.

- 2nd grade family meeting - As we look ahead to next school year, we want to best support families (and students) during the exciting transition from 2nd to 3rd grade. We are pleased to offer an informational meeting to help create a smooth transition and to meet the 3rd grade teachers, understand important shifts that occur within the classrooms, and share more details about state testing and assessment requirements that begin in 3rd grade for students in the state of Indiana. We hope you will join us on April 24th, 3:30 in the cafeteria.
- 5th grade family informational meeting - Principal Bowser will hold an informational meeting to understand more things like class placement decisions, the trajectory of what classes their children take in middle school and the implications for high school classes, etc. That meeting is scheduled for April 22nd at 6pm in the Wakarusa Elementary cafeteria.

## Kindergarten Registration

It's that time of year where Kindergarten is now open for the upcoming school year. We strive to be as prepared as possible, so please be sure to register as soon as you are able and encourage your friends and family to do the same. Please click the link below to begin the registration process: [Kindergarten Registration](#)

## Counselor's Corner

Fun Spring Break Activities at Home: Even though you may not be traveling for spring break, show your children that they can have fun right in their own backyard. Here are just a few creative and fun ideas:

1. Make your own bubbles and throw a bubble party.
2. Read outside
3. Enjoy nature. Plant
4. Host a Family Movie Night.

Fun Spring Break Activities for the Car: For those of you traveling over spring break, here are a few creative ideas to not only pass the time but have a lot of fun while doing so.

<https://www.parents.com/fun/vacation/tips/travel-activities-for-kids/>

Worth quoting: "If you wish to travel far and fast, travel light. Take off all of your envies, jealousies, unforgiveness, selfishness, and fears." By Cesare Pavese

## Mental Health News

April is Child abuse prevention month! You might have noticed the Pinwheels in front of Wakarusa Elementary. Pinwheels are the national symbol for child abuse prevention. They symbolize a happy, healthy childhood. At Wakarusa Elementary our goal is to raise awareness and empower people to play a role in making great childhoods happen, by impacting positive change.



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**Don't Forget!**

Indiana is a mandatory reporting state; anyone who suspects a child has been neglected or abused must by state law make a report.

## Upcoming State Testing

April is an important month as our 3rd-5th grade students will be taking ILEARN. It is a computer adoptive state-wide assessment designed to measure student's proficiency in English Language Arts and Math. (Additionally, 4th grade students take a science section while 5th grade takes social studies). The ILEARN testing window is April 14th-May 9th. A good night's rest and breakfast are both key to setting students up to be successful. Additional information is attached for 3rd-5th grade families!

## PTO Information

Thank you, WES families for the fun March! Both the VIP and Me event and the March Madness Give Back fundraiser were huge successes!

VIP and Me - WES VIP and Me 2025 was another huge hit! THANK YOU to the more than 500+ students, families, and guests that came to enjoy one of the three special mornings with their WES student. It was heartwarming to see so many WES students' excitement to share their morning with their V.I.P. (Very Important Person). Also, thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help make this yearly event a success.

March Madness - Congratulations to all the WES students and families that participated in our March Madness Give Back fundraiser. With your help, our school sold \$18,000 in gift cards! These amazing gift card sales earned our school over \$4,000 that will go back directly to our school! We had over 130 students sell \$25 or more which earned themselves a full-size candy bar. Great job! A huge shout out goes to Mrs. Olsen's 3rd grade for being the classroom with the TOP sales at \$1,950! Mrs. Olsen's class enjoyed a popcorn and movie party to celebrate their hard work! Way to go, Wildcats!



Nelson's Fundraiser - Mark your calendars for our WES PTO Nelson's Buffet and Carryout Fundraiser on April 25 & 26 from 11:00am-7:00pm. You can enjoy either a Buffet or Carryout option at the Nelson's (607 Nelson's Parkway) location. This is another great way to support both a local business and our school.

The next PTO meeting is on April 1st at 3:15pm in the school's cafeteria. Please come and hear more opportunities to help the PTO support WES! Don't forget to check out our social media pages for updates as well.

## Car Tag Reminders

Friendly reminder,

Handwritten or home printed numbers will not be accepted in the pick up line. You will be asked to go to the main office to receive another copy and pick up your student.

## STEM Class Needs

The STEM class can use the following items if you have them around your house or would like to donate:

- Cardboard
- Scraps of fabric/carpet
- Any Kind of tape
- Glue sticks for hot glue gun
- Pipe cleaners

## 2025-2026 Transportation Requests & Change Deadlines

### June 18, 2025 - Transportation Plans for Next Year

Emails will go out on, or around, Wednesday, June 18 with your child's transportation plan for next year. If that information is correct, you do not need to do anything further. If any part of that information is incorrect, please click on the link in that email, which is specific to the student listed in that email, to update their transportation plan. This means that if you have multiple children, you will need to ensure that you are using the specific link for each child and not the same link for all children.

### August 1, 2025 - Final Day to Change Transportation Plans for First Day of School

Please make any corrections to your child's transportation plan as soon as you can once you receive the email in June. To be eligible for transportation on the first day of school, final changes must be submitted by August 1.

### August 2 - August 13 - Changes May Not Take Effect Until August 20

Transportation requests or changes submitted between August 2 - August 13 will not take effect until Wednesday, August 20, unless there is little to no impact on route times and path.

### Schedule Changes During the School Year

During the school year, at least one school days' notice to the transportation department, not the school, is required for all transportation plans to take effect. For safety and security reasons, requests must be made in writing by filling out the online request form or requesting a paper copy from the school.

Reminders: Students are only allowed to ride their assigned bus. Schedules must be consistent; you must choose one AM location and one PM location. All bus stop and bus riding safety rules must be followed to be eligible for transportation.

Visit <http://www.wanee.org/transportation.aspx> for more Wa-Nee transportation information.

## From Mrs. Abel

Thank you to all of our wonderful students, parents, grandparents, teachers, volunteers and PTO that helped make our Scholastic Book Fair a huge success! It's great to see Kids getting excited about books. Each purchase helps add new books to our library - we appreciate your support!

## Mark the Calendar

April 1 - PTO meeting 3:15pm - Cafeteria  
April 1 - 4th/5th grade spring concert - 7:00pm - NWHS Auditorium  
April 4 - 4th grade Market Day  
April 7-11 - SPRING BREAK  
April 14-17 - Teacher Requests available  
April 18 - Good Friday - No school  
April 22 - 5th grade Informational Middle School Meeting  
April 24 - Incoming Kindergarten Assessments  
April 24 - 2nd grade Informational meeting - 3:30 - cafeteria  
April 28 - 1st grade Spring Concert - 6:30 - WES gymnasium  
April 29 - Incoming Kindergarten Assessments

May 1 - Art Walk - WaKarusa Elementary -information being sent home later  
May 2 - 3rd grade Botanical Gardens Field Trip - Beehler/Bechtel class  
May 5 - 3rd grade Botanical Gardens Field Trip - Bacon/Olsen class  
May 6 - PTO Meeting - 3:15 - cafeteria  
May 8 - 4th grade Conner Prairie Field Trip  
May 8 - Mrs. Bontreger class open house - 4:30-5:40  
May 9 - 2nd grade - Coppes Commons/Little Paws field trip  
May 12 - Kindergarten Celebration - Booher - information sent home later  
May 13 - Kindergarten Celebration - Egendoerfer - information sent home later  
May 14 - Kindergarten Celebration - Haldaman - information sent home later  
May 14 - 1st grade field trip - Potawatomi Zoo  
May 15 - Kindergarten Celebration - Powell - information sent home later  
May 19 - 5th grade Awards Banquet Breakfast - 8:00 - cafeteria  
May 22 - AR Barnes & Noble trip  
May 23 - 5th grade Auction  
May 26 - Memorial Day - No School  
May 27 - Field Day  
May 28 - Field Day Rain Date & STUDENTS LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



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