September 28, 2018

CARDINAL CALENDAR!!!

Thursday, October 4- Would You Could You Read
Friday, October 5- Donuts and Dads
Monday, October 8- Columbus Day - No School
Tuesday, October 9- Teacher Workday/ Student Holiday - No School
Thursday, October 11- School Pics
Wednesday, October 17- Chick Fil A Spirit Night
Tuesday, October 23- Elementary Student Holiday - Teacher Conferences
Thursday, October 25- PTA BINGO Night

Dear WCE Families,

I am very excited to introduce myself as WCE’s new school nurse, Angela Orgeron. I have been a registered nurse for over 11 years, 6 of those as the school nurse at another Humble ISD Elementary. Most recently, I worked in the NICU at Texas Children’s Hospital, The Woodlands. I graduated from LSU and attained my BSN from LSU School of Nursing. Geaux Tigers! I am extremely grateful for this opportunity to return to school nursing and join the staff at Willow Creek.

I am already part of our community as a resident and a parent and look forward to increasing my involvement. My children, Claire and Ben, currently attend WCE and I look forward to building relationships with your children. I hope to make the clinic a safe, helpful place when they need the nurse at school!

I am aware that I have big shoes to fill replacing Nurse Diamond. I love knowing that she will still be serving our students in her new role and will be a wonderful resource for our district nurses, including myself! I will be getting updates from Nurse Diamond, but please feel free call or come by the clinic to discuss any important health information about your children or just to meet me.

Nurse Orgeron

It’s here!!!

Donuts and Dads

October 5th is Donuts and Dads Day at WCE. Plan on joining your child for a morning treat and reading with your child. Make sure your child’s teacher know that you are planning to attend.
WCE Family BINGO Night is coming soon!!

When: Thursday, October 25th from 6:30 - 8:30
Dinner 6:30-7 BINGO 7:15-8:30
Where: WCE cafeteria
What: 11 BINGO games played – prizes for winners!
Cost: $5 per person (includes one set of BINGO cards)
* additional BINGO card packets CAN be purchased for $5/each

Pre-purchase your dinner(s) now!
Chick-fil-A sandwich-OR-8 ct. nugget, chips, cookie, and drink for $6

* Make sure to order your food and prepay via the PTA website no later than 9a.m. - Monday, October 22nd

There's a Raffle too!
Raffle Basket tickets are $1/ea or Buy 10 get 2 FREE.
Tickets sales will take place during lunch 10/22-10/25 AND at the event. You do NOT have to be present to win.

Space is limited! RSVP today via the PTA website!

www.WillowCreekPTA.org

"Heroes Around Me" Reflections 2018-2019
Get your creative thinking cap on, it's time for Reflections! The Reflections program is a national PTA program developed to encourage and reward student participation in the arts. The theme this year is "Heroes Around Me". You may develop this theme using any of the following categories: Visual Arts, Photography, Film Production, Dance Choreography, Music Composition and Literature. Rules and entry forms can be found on the WCE PTA website at willowcreekpta.org/reflections. You can also visit txpta.org/reflections to learn more about the program. The deadline for all the entries is November 5, 2018. All completed entries should be placed in the tub under the bench in the foyer. Please contact Diana Wylie (dianazjwylie@gmail.com) for any further questions.

Reflection Theme Search 2020-2021
The search is on for a future National PTA Reflections theme! The Reflections theme changes every year and the National PTA is calling all the cardinals to tap into their creativity and submit possible themes for Reflections 2019-2020. The student winner will receive $100 and recognition at the next Annual National PTA Convention! Deadline is November 5, 2018. You can find the entry forms on the WCE PTA website at willowcreekpta.org/reflections. To submit, please click "Reflections Theme Search Entry Form" at txpta.org/reflections-theme-search, more details and past themes can also be found there. Please contact Diana Wylie (dianazjwylie@gmail.com) for any further questions.

Have you read on a Monday? Have you read a poem? Are you reading a series? Make sure you have filled your card for September with great reading. Return your card to your teacher by October 3rd for a fun party the second week in October. Watch for our exciting October "Pick a Pumpkin" form coming home Monday!!
Calling all Chess Masters!

WCE will have a chess club this year for 4th-5th graders. The club is open to experienced players, or players wanting to learn for the first time. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 3rd in the Science Lab from 3:20-4:00. Future club dates are 10/17, 11/7, 11/28, 12/12, 1/16, 1/30, 2/13, 2/27, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, and 5/1. We have chess boards for the kids to use, but they are welcome to bring their own. After club, bikers and walkers will be released out back doors near bike rack and car riders at front of school. We hope to see you there!

Mr. Duncan

Poetry Book Cover Contest!

It's time for our Cardinal in a Tree poetry book cover contest! Please follow ALL guidelines below if you would like to enter the contest.

- All entries must be original work (no tracing, clip art, etc.)
- Include title of book Cardinals in a Tree, Writings from Willow Creek Elementary, Volume XIII, and 2018-2019
- Submissions must be on a 8.5 x 11 sheet of white paper
- Markers and colored pens may be used.
- Artist’s name should be written lightly in pencil on the back of the artwork and include their teacher’s name
- Entries are due in Mrs. Hise’s box no later than Friday, October 26

Counselor’s Corner

I will be offering 2 types of groups for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders this year. One will be a boys group called Building Champions, and the other a girls group called StarBound. Each group will meet once a week for eight weeks, during the school day. Students will participate in a variety of activities while focusing on a daily themed lesson. The goals of each group are to foster friendships, encourage positive peer relations, and develop leadership skills. Groups will begin the week of October 15th and conclude before Winter Break. Specific topics for each group can be found on my website: https://www.humbleisd.net/Page/108144

If you are interested in having your child participate in a group, please click the link to fill out this form by Friday, October 5th: Group Interest Form

Please call or email Mrs. Johnson with any questions at 28-641-2307 or renee.johnson@humbleisd.net.

I say “Chick Fil A”, you say “Willow Creek”. Join us on Wednesday, October 17 for an Elementary School Challenge with Shadow Forest and Deerwood and have delicious Chick-fil-A all day. The proceeds from the entire day (breakfast, lunch, dinner, drinks and snacks) will count for our battle. Tell them that you are from Willow Creek before you purchase, and we will receive 10% of your total bill. Give the receipt to your teacher for a free homework pass! The proceeds from our Challenge Night will be used to purchase math/reading supplies for our school. You can join Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Pinkerton and Willie inside that evening or just wave to us as you drive through! The losing schools principals and mascots will have to wear the winning school’s attire! Let’s have the other school wear our WCE fabulous spirit shirts.
Willie Award Winners!!!

We believe in authentic engagement, capturing kids' hearts, and that every child deserves a rigorous and relevant education.

Safety Reminder!!!

Just a reminder that students need to be wearing tennis shoes on the days that they attend PE. This is a safety issue for the running activities that they participate in. Teachers will also be reminding students to bring their water bottles to PE in the warm weather.

Calling all Cardinal Artists!!!

Hey, Cardinals!!! We want this year to be extra special yearbook for Willie’s 30th birthday and need your help designing some special art for inside. If you want to help Willie, enter this contest. Here are a few rules to follow:
- must be submitted on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper
- should include Willie celebrating WCE bday
- crayons/markers/colored pencils suggested
- turn in submissions to front office

Yearbook Dedications Extended!!!

Don’t miss the opportunity to tell your student what a great year they had! For $10, you, grandparents, family or friends can send a shoutout in the yearbook! Fifth graders have a special opportunity to send a baby pic and current pix with the message for $45. The deadline has been extended one final week to OCTOBER 5. Form is on the wce website. Questions? Jillwolocko@hotmail.com, 713-647-2445

The yearbook dedication form came home with students but you can also print one online and return in your child’s folder or drop at the main office. This is a chance for parents or grandparents to be a yearbook sponsor ($5), give a student a shout out that is printed in the book ($10) or special options for 5th graders ($45) to submit a current photos and a baby photo with a special message. Also, anyone with a business may place an ad as well. Various sizes available. FORMS DUE 9/28.

The yearbook sale is also ongoing, ONLINE ONLY at www.jostensyearbooks.com. The cost does increase over the year, so get yours now for $25. You can personalize the front cover with your student’s name for an additional $5 (good if they misplace it while at school). Also, you can choose special icons that reflect their favorite sport or activity (football, basketball, dance, cheer, theater, etc). Icons are free until the end of October with the purchase of namestamping. Please contact Jill Wolocko with questions, 713-647-2445 or email, jillwolocko@hotmail.com