



The Wilchester Herald

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 2

OCTOBER 2011

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- **October 4**
Flu shots @3:30-5:30
adults only
- **October 10**
School holiday
- **October 14**
Dads & Donuts @7:30 cafeteria
- **October 17-21**
Book Fair Week library
- **October 18**
PTA meeting @ 9:30
flex room
- **October 20**
Picture retakes
- **October 20 & 21**
Early dismissal @ noon
parent conferences
- **October 21**
Fall Family Fun Night @ 6-8 pm
- **October 27**
Wilchester Grand Opening
Ceremony @ 4 pm

A note from our Principal...

Dear Parents,

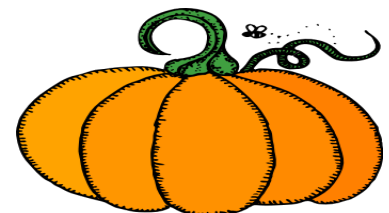
As we now move into the fall, I want to thank each of you for your support in making the opening of the new school seamless and a positive transition for the children. Our staff continues to work hard in adjusting to the new space and in making the best educational decisions for kids. The results have been amazing and largely due to your involvement in your student's education. We look forward to your continued support and partnership in making this year a safe and rigorous environment for all.

I want to share a quick and positive note regarding our morning drop-off. The procedures and processes that we have in place have been overwhelmingly successful. We now have a dedicated sidewalk for our walkers and bikers to get onto campus and enough bike racks to accommodate them! As well, we appreciate your help in dropping off students at the security doors. This practice has paid huge dividends with the student/teacher relationship. Each morning, the teachers are able to entirely focus on their students and capitalize on those few critical moments to welcome and touch base with each child. As well, it has assisted in guarding instructional time, as teachers are now able to get started promptly following the morning announcements.

The month of October is upon us and there are some important dates that that you will want to place on your calendar. There will be no school on Columbus Day which falls on Monday, October 10th. We have two half days coming up on October 20th & 21st due to afternoon parent conferences. Please don't forget to sign-up. If you are unable to meet on these dates, your teacher will still be able to accommodate a time that works best for you. Also, Fall Family Fun Night is Friday, October 21st from 6-8pm. Lastly, don't forget Wilchester's Grand Opening Ceremony on Thursday, October 27th beginning at 4pm. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate with us!

See you soon,

Rian Evans



Wilchester PTA President

Wow! Is it really almost October? It's hard to believe...especially when my car thermometer still reads 98 degrees!!! It may be **HOT** outside, but there are some very **COOL** events coming up that you won't want to miss! With a new school, we have a year full of firsts and "first" up is **Dads & Donuts** on October 14th. It's a great morning for Dads and kids to bond over sugar! I'm kind of jealous! **Melinda Hickey** is looking for volunteers that morning and I bet you could sneak a donut out of the deal!

Fall Family Fun Night is next up on Friday, **October 21st**. Our wonderful chairs, **Tracy Ashmore, Beverly McConn, Tamara Nesser and Yvonne Rathgeb**, have come up with a theme that truly embodies the spirit of this year..."Color Your World: Make Your Mark on Wilchester"! Come for a night filled with food, Bingo and books...YES, books!! As always, our Fall Book Fair, chaired by **Carolyn McCall**, will be held in conjunction with Fall Family Fun Night. Make plans to meet your kids up at school and peruse all the great reads – you might even find a book for yourself or pick up a Christmas gift or two! Book Fair runs all week – details coming soon.

We will celebrate our blessings on **October 27th** when we have our **Grand Opening Ceremony!** Festivities will begin at 4:00 PM and we encourage you to spread the word to former students, parents and other community members who have all been dying to take a peak at the new school! Thank you **Jeannie Able** and **Angela Dina** for working with SBISD leaders to coordinate a memorable afternoon. You've probably heard the buzz about the amazing **Wilchester Time Capsule**, which will be presented at the ceremony. Thank you **Debbie Dodds & Vanya Karia** for taking on this incredible project! Won't it be awesome to join your kids 25 years from now and reopen the capsule?

As the year progresses, I realize just how many people it takes for our PTA to run smoothly – I continue to be amazed at how many people have called or e-mailed to say they would love to lend a helping hand somewhere!! Thank you to **Amy Delgado, Debbie Dodds, Julie Siciliano** and **Alaine Djuvik** for collaborating to make our weekly **e-blast** a little more enticing. Be on the lookout for our new format! I hope you will read it each week, as we have worked hard to consolidate all the "need to know" info into one e-mail. Please be sure to read the Online Tuesday Folder – there really is important school information in there that doesn't come home as a hard copy.

Thank you to all of you who were ready and willing to be **Homeroom Moms & Classroom Volunteers!** You are the heartbeat of the school!

Our **Directory** chairs, **Robin Parker, Diana Bates** and **Karen Madaras** have not only been collecting family info, but also ads and artwork to make this year's directory special! This is no easy feat – thank you, ladies!

At our September PTA meeting, **Christine Gentil** (Ways & Means) unveiled our **Fall Fundraiser**...our first ever **Wildcat Fun Run/Walk!** Look for details soon in your Tuesday Folder! What a great way to have fun as a community, while raising money and staying fit!

Finally, be sure and join us on **October 18th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Flex Room for our next **PTA Meeting**. **Sara Guillory**, our Interdisciplinary Coach (iCoach for short), will be our guest speaker. Our Sister School Liaison, **Patrice Jegi**, has asked us to bring cookies, which she will then deliver to the faculty and staff at Shadow Oaks.

Sharon Muschalik

Texas
PTA[®]
everychild.onevoice.[®]



Wilchester Elementary Grand Opening
Thursday, October 27, 2011

The ribbon cutting ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. with the dedication and burying of a Wilchester time capsule immediately following. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please bring your family and encourage friends and neighbors from the Wilchester Community to attend as well. You may RSVP online @www.springbranchisd.com/rsvp or call Rosie Santos @713-251-2272.

The Wilchester time capsule will be placed inside a brick column on the campus for 25 years. Wilchester students have been asked to complete the following sentence, "In the year 2036...", with written responses sealed inside the capsule. Imagine returning with your family to witness the capsule unveiling in 2036 and the reactions to our children's thoughts from 2011. Please join us as we look toward Wilchester Elementary's bright and exciting future!

2011 ~ 2036

Health Reminders



Clothing Donation

The Health Clinic is in need of donated clothes for unexpected accidents that happen during the school day. Sizes 5, 6 and 7 would be especially helpful. Bottoms with elastic waists work best. Underwear and sock donations are provided by the Wilchester PTA.

Thank you for completing and returning your Clinic Emergency cards. Please keep your records current and call to update information if you have changes during the year.



Myrtle Herbst, RN

News from the Art Department

I extend a big thank you to all the families who stopped by the Art Room on Curriculum Night. The Art room was filled with parents and kids! For those who were unable to attend, here is the main page from the handout distributed explaining the Wilchester Art Program. Thank you and I appreciate your support.

Welcome to the Wilchester Art Program!

My name is Nancy Perkins and I have been teaching at Wilchester Elementary since 1989. Wilchester included Art as part of the curriculum in 1995; before that date, I taught 3rd grade. Each student receives art instruction once a week for 55 minutes.

Our year is divided into different areas of concentration during our four quarters:

First Quarter	Drawing
Second Quarter	Painting
Third Quarter	Mixed Media
Fourth Quarter	Ceramics/Sculpture

All of my lessons are designed around the Art TEKS. These TEKS consist of 4 major divisions:

Perception: The student develops and organizes ideas from the environment.

Expression: The student expresses ideas through original artworks, using a variety of media with appropriate skills.

Historical: The student demonstrates an understanding of art history and culture as records of human achievement.

Evaluation: The student makes informed judgments about personal artworks and the artwork of others.

A more detailed explanation of the Art TEKS can be found on the SBISD webpage under Curriculum and Instruction- Art.

When planning projects for grade levels, I traditionally base the project on a piece of well-known or Fine Art or a cultural foundation. Then I will tie the Elements of Art or Principles of design to the project.

The Elements of Art: Line, Color, Value, Space, Form, Shape, Texture

The Principles of Design : Rhythm, Contrast, Balance, Movement, Pattern, Emphasis, Unity.

In closing, I deeply believe in the importance of Art Education. I believe that through Art education we prepare kids to think diversely and creatively—to become problem solvers. Developing these skills will be beneficial to the future of our kids.

Nancy Perkins

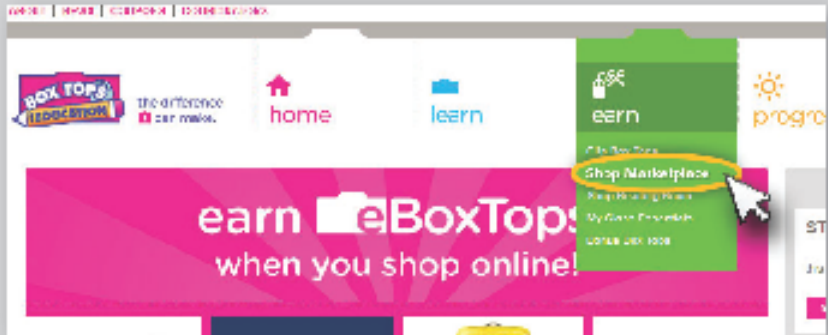




Shop online and earn eBoxTops for our school!



1. Sign up to support our school at www.btf.com
2. Start EVERY online shopping trip at the Box Tops Marketplace



3. Watch our earnings **GROW!!!**

Find retailers who will donate eBox Tops to our school with every qualifying \$10 purchase at www.btf.com/marketplace



It's Time for Wilchester's Annual Dads and Donuts!!!



**Friday, October 14, 2011
7:20 – 7:50 AM in the Cafeteria**

Donuts, Juice and Coffee provided!

**As is tradition, wear your
Dad's favorite team shirt!
(It can be a college or professional team)**

**Dads & Donuts is open to any parent,
special friend or relative
if Dad can't make it!**

Making our Mark...

Come Color Your World



Fall Family Fun Night

Friday, October 21st 6-8 pm

Wear Your Favorite Crayola Color!

Bingo*Prizes*Food*Silent Auction

6-7pm	Dinner - Chick-Fil-A
7-8pm	BINGO and Prizes
6-7:30pm	Silent Auction
6-8pm	Book Fair open in Library

Fall Family Fun Night Reservation Form

Reservation required for food by Friday, October 14th

Return reservation form to homeroom teacher or drop off to Beverly McConn at 13310 Barryknoll.

Check payable to Wilchester PTA. Questions? beverlymconn@comcast.net

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Adult Meals (Chicken sandwich, chips, cookie, drink) \$8.00

Kids Meal (6 piece Chicken nuggets, chips, cookie, drink) \$6.75

Adult meals _____ x \$8.00 = _____

Kids meals _____ x \$6.75 = _____

Total = \$ _____

REFLECTIONS !

2011 THEME:



WHO: All Wilchester Elementary School Students

WHAT: Participation in the National PTA Reflections Program

WHEN: ENTRY DEADLINE is **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4th**

WHERE: Drop off entries before school in the Library on November 4th OR take advantage of our early drop off dates and times listed below.

EARLY DROP OFF OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, 10/18 from 2:00 - 6:00 at 13626 Pebblebrook

Thursday, 10/20 from 1:00 - 5:00 at 13306 St. Mary's

Tuesday, 11/1 from 12:00 - 7:00 at 13626 Pebblebrook

Thursday, 11/3 from 3:00 - 8:00 at 13306 St. Mary's

WHY: It's a great opportunity for our children to explore their creativity and express themselves AND there is a fun ice cream party to celebrate participants in January!

HOW: Entry forms, rules and guidelines are now available at www.wilchesterpta.com.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact:

Jenni Emery
Trish Padilla

jljemery@msn.com
trishia.padilla@earthlink.net

SHOW YOUR WILDCAT PRIDE!

SPIRIT WEAR

Wildcat Spirit Sales Order Form 2011-2012

Name _____
Grade _____
Teacher _____

Item Description	Price	#of items	Youth			Adult			
			Sm	Md	Lg	Sm	Md	Lg	XL
Wilchester T-shirt	\$12								
Boys Basketball short	\$14								
Girls paw print short*	\$17								n/a
Bumper Sticker	\$2								
'Wildcat Rocks' wrist band	\$3								
Water bottle	\$5								
Green Carabiner clip	\$3								
Wilchester Duffle bag	\$15								
Drawstring bag	\$7								
Sparkle pencil	\$1								
Green bow	\$13								
White bow	\$13								
OR 2 bows for	\$25								
TOTAL of my order:	\$								

Make checks payable to Wilchester PTA (return to child's teacher or to the front office)
Call Deborah Weitzel if you have any questions (713)647-8636
To see pictures of items go to www.wilchesterpta.com

Note: *Girls paw print shorts will be delivered in Sept.

Wildcat Updates



SAVE THE DATE!



REFLECTIONS ICE CREAM CELEBRATION

Thursday, January 19th
in the Cafeteria
For ALL students who participate
in REFLECTIONS!

Calling All Volunteers!

Don't forget to register so you won't miss any great
volunteer opportunities!

Go to:

[http://springbranchisd.com/partners/part_dev/
volunteers/volunteers.htm](http://springbranchisd.com/partners/part_dev/volunteers/volunteers.htm)

Already registered and helping out?

Log-in your hours at:

<http://wilchesterpta.com/volunteering/logvolunteerhours.html>



Opportunities to Assist Spring Shadows Elementary, Wilchester's SBISD Sister School



Book Donations

Please help us stock Spring Shadow's library with books from their wish list! We will be taking donations during the week of our book fair which starts October 17th. Their wish list will be posted at the book fair and/or you can simply donate money with which we will purchase these books.

November Coat Drive

Please start saving your gently used children's coats and gloves for an upcoming coat drive for Spring Shadows Elementary. Over half their students walk to school and they have expressed a need for this drive.



We will announce collection times soon and will have bins at the school for new and gently used items.

Patrice Jegi

Announcing Wilchester 1st Annual

Fun Run

Wilchester's 1st Annual Fun Run/Walk (5K/1K)

Saturday, December 10th ~ **Save the Date!**

This will be our Fall Fundraiser so we look forward to a HUGE turnout! If you are interested in volunteering or becoming a sponsor, please contact [Christine Gentil, VP Ways & Means](#) @ 713-463-8562.



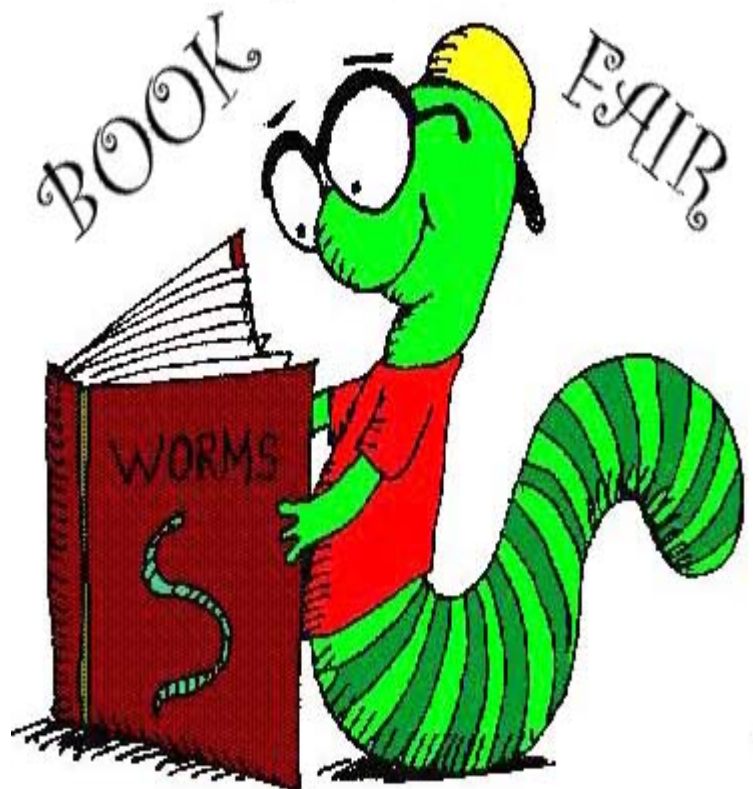
Start your training today...

**RUN ON
WILCHESTER!**

Wilchester Fall Book Fair

October 17-21

Details coming soon! Stop & shop in the WCE library for lots of exciting new books, gifts and donations.



Wild Wilchester Gazette



Volume I, Issue 1

Save the Date: May 11th

Rodeo Clowns

Logistics: Cheryl Brady

Prize Drawing: Lisa Manke

Games and Rides: Kathy Goss

Decorations: Elizabeth Bruce

Tired of all those Happy Meal prizes and "treasures" from birthday parties? Start cleaning out those drawers and closets for Fun Junk! There is a bin for Fun Junk at the reception area of the school!

Cowboy Thoughts

"There's a little cowboy in all of us, a little frontier."
- Louis L'Amour

"He that rideth the fence, ripeth his pants"
- Grace Mohler

Prize Drawing

What is prize drawing? Prize drawing is a "fun-raiser" associated with our annual carnival. Our gym becomes Prize Drawing central and is fun for all families! Inside the Gym, various donations are organized by category and open for ticket collection. Each item has a box that correlates to it and in which you put your tickets in the hope of being drawn as the winner. Prize drawing tickets are sold prior to carnival and are different than tickets used for rides, games, food and drinks. Prize Drawing works like a raffle...put your tickets in the box and hope for a win! Winners are announced at the end of carnival.

Family Donations

What are family donations? Family donations, like block donations, are a huge part of Prize Drawing. Donations are only limited by your creativity, resources and imagination! Family donations might include resources you have through a business, talents you and your family have, or other items that you would want to donate. Donations come in all shapes, sizes and amounts...as always, nothing is too small. Look for fun items on sale during the Christmas holidays! Check your "gift closets" for nice gifts that you were unable to use that might be donated to carnival's Prize Drawing. All donations are listed in a catalog to be received prior to carnival.

Questions? Call Lisa Manke. Already Have an item: Drop off at Lisa Manke's house: 13627 Perthshire.

Don't miss out! Sign up to help at Carnival: We need help with Set-up/Tear-Down, Solicitations, Decorations and much more! Call a Chair to help!

Looking Ahead...

Upcoming Wilchester Events



November

Day	Topic	Comments
4	Reflections EARLY DEADLINE	
15	9:30 PTA Meeting	Flex Room
23-25	Thanksgiving Break	
29	Noon December Newsletter SUBMISSION	

December

Day	Topic	Comments
2	December Newsletter PUBLICATION	
16	11:00 Winter Parties / Early Dismissal	
16-31	Winter Break	

Wilchester Elementary School

13618 St. Mary's Lane

Houston, TX 77079

713-251-7700

713-365-4912 Fax



wilchesterpta.com