

# Windy Hill Elementary

## Wizard Wire

October 13, 2019

### Principal's Message ~ Mrs. Cleland

Last week I shared CCPS attendance policy and the importance of regular attendance for students. However, there are times to keep students' home from school.

Having a highly effective school means a *healthy school*. Each day our building service workers work diligently to ensure a healthy school environment. Bathrooms are cleaned several times a day. Classrooms are cleaned each night. All "high touch" areas are wiped and cleaned. Hallways and bathrooms are cleaned again.

Students who are sick need time to rest and recover and keep other students safe from illness. Students sent to the office with a fever or have vomited, are not permitted back in classrooms.

Review the attachments and save as a reference when making decisions about sending students to school. (Illness, when to stay home AND Lice Fact Sheet).

Yes, attendance is important, but so is a healthy learning environment.

### 2019 Student Culture & Climate Survey

The survey was completed June 2019 by students in grades 3, 4 and 5. Our hope is that *ALL* students feel like they belong, feel safe, have fun learning, connect with an adult and know who to talk to if they need help.

*The % of students who respond Strongly Agree and Agree to the following statements:*

I understand the learning goals I'm expected to reach. 89.97%

My teachers give me work that is challenging. 74.81%

My teachers let me choose how to show what I've learned. 71.48%

My teachers have high expectations for me. 84.02%

I know what needs to be done to get good grades. 94.05%

### Red Ribbon Week Celebrations

**Monday, Oct. 28 – "We are RED-y to be Drug Free!"** Wear as much RED as you can to kick off Red Ribbon Week!

**Tuesday, Oct. 29 – "Be a JEAN-ius!"** Wear denim to show how smart you are about living a drug-free life.

**Wednesday, Oct. 30 – "My Future is Bright; No Drugs in Sight!"** Wear sunglasses to block out peer pressure to do drugs!

**Thursday, Oct. 31 – "Color Run!"** Wear your grade-level t-shirt and run! Your health is important for your future

**Friday, Nov. 1 – "WHES Spirit Day"** United we stand as a community against drugs! Wear WHES colors – blue and green.

### PTA Corner

It's a short school week this upcoming week! We hope everyone gets a chance to enjoy this changing into the fall season.

Please join us Wednesday October 16 at 6pm in the WHES Media Center for our General Membership

Meeting. We would love to see you there! The agenda is attached to the Wire this week.

Who is ready for a Spooktacular time?! Friday, October 25 from 5:30-7pm is the Indoor Trick or Treat Event hosted by the WHES PTA! See the attached flyer for more details. The paper copy was sent home in your child's Tuesday folder last week. We have received several RSVP's for the event to decorate a table and to trick or treat. For those of you interested in decorating a table, but concerned about obtaining 600 pieces of candy, please let us know either by email or note in your RSVP. We plan to have candy to support all of the trick or treaters that arrive! If you would like to donate any candy to our event, we would welcome any that you can provide to supplement what we may need to purchase! We will have a box set up by Wednesday, October 16 in the front foyer by WALT the Wizard, for any candy donation drop offs. Thank you!

The spirit night event at Spider Hall Farms is on October 26 and 27 for their fall festival! Spider Hall Farms will donate \$2 from each admission to the WHES PTA.

The WHES PTA would like to thank everyone that has volunteered their time this year, whether is be for the organized events, in the Tuesday folders, or in the classroom. So far, we have had a lot of people give their time to make our school community a more successful place. Every volunteer is a valued and important part of the school. Get ready for some more volunteer opportunities! Look for the SignUp Genius for the Indoor Trick or Treat at the end of the week!

WHES Color Run is October 31! More information will be available in the upcoming weeks, but for now, mark your calendars to come out and cheer on your WHES runners, and volunteer to help if you can!

**As always - thanks for your support! Any questions, please check our website or email at [info@whespta.com](mailto:info@whespta.com).**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- October 16<sup>th</sup> PTA General Membership Mtg 6:00
- October 17<sup>th</sup> 2 hr early dismissal

- October 18<sup>th</sup> Schools Closed
- October 21-25 School Bus Safety Week
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> National Unity Day – Wear Orange
- October 25<sup>th</sup> Trunk or Treat!
- October 28<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup> Red Ribbon Week
- October 31<sup>st</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Annual WHES Color Run – Details coming soon!
- November 6<sup>th</sup> – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- November 7<sup>th</sup> Picture Make Ups
- November 8<sup>th</sup> 2hr Early Release Day
- November 11<sup>th</sup> School Closed for Parent Conferences

**WHES Mission:** Windy Hill Elementary School will work collaboratively with the entire school community to provide our students with the skills, learning tools, and knowledge to meet their full potential, ensuring that high expectations are held for all.

**WHES Vision:** The Windy Hill Elementary School staff promote high expectations and standards in academics and citizenship to develop confident, kind, and responsible students.

**Student Hours 7:55am-3:05pm**

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