

Principal's Weekly Communication
Week of March 18th



Greetings Beaverdam Families!

Next week is Spring Break and I hope everyone is able to rest and relax during this break. There will be no family communication next week.

SAVE THE DATES

March 25th - March 31st: Spring Break

April 1st: Students return from break

SUN BUCKS (Summer EBT Program) Deadline: March 31 (All School Levels)

North Carolina is running the [SUN Bucks program](#) (also known as Summer EBT) for the first time in 2024. SUN Bucks will provide grocery-buying benefits to qualifying families with school-aged children during the summer months when schools are on summer break. Student enrollment data collected and recorded at the local level for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program will help determine whether a child is eligible, and where their SUN Bucks benefits card will be sent. WCPSS families should confirm by March 28, 2024, that the mailing address on file with your school is up to date with the best address for the summer months.

RISING 6TH GRADE REGISTRATION

As we near the end of the school year, it is time for you and your 5th grader to begin planning for middle school. Your child's counselor, teachers, other staff members and I want to ensure that you are prepared for this experience.

Your child will be recommended for core courses (Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies) and any support services that are received (IEP, 504, ESL). This information will be provided to you on a course verification sheet, and you will have the opportunity to review and approve the information on the sheet.

Your child will also be able to select elective courses. These courses are not required subject areas like reading and math, but instead are optional courses that may be of interest to your child. Each middle school offers unique elective courses that your child can choose to take.

Your child will choose his/her elective courses online using PowerSchool. School staff will guide each student in this process, as the courses will be selected during the school day. This process will occur during the school day March 18-April 5th.

Once students have selected their elective courses, you will receive a course verification sheet to review and approve along with the core courses previously referenced.

We encourage you to review the elective course options available to your child prior to the course selection period. You can view the electives offered at your child's assigned middle school by visiting www.wcpss.net/rising6th

We look forward to supporting your child during this exciting transition to middle school. Please don't hesitate to reach out to kprice7@wcpss.net.

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE: AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

The Heart Heroes are coming, and we have disco fever! You are invited to join the American Heart Association's lifesaving celebration. It's time to register and complete Finn's Mission to become an official Heart Hero. PLUS, you could win NFL Super Bowl 2025 tickets for completing Finn's Mission! [YM SE KHC 2023-2024 WO-32243](#): [Beaverdam Elementary School - Kids Heart Challenge - American Heart Association](#) or download the AHA Schools app.

DreamBox Usage

Students are expected to complete at least 5 lessons a week in Dreambox. A Harvard University study has shown that just 60 minutes of DreamBox lessons per week can fast-track your students up to two grade levels in a year. We recommend that students complete five or more lessons per week with DreamBox Learning because students who complete five lessons each week show more math growth than those who complete fewer lessons. One lesson takes about 10 minutes. Dreambox is adaptive and constantly responding to the skills and understanding of your child. Having your child complete at least one Dreambox lesson a week can help your child's teacher better understand their need, extend their learning, and/or address learning gaps.

MATH AT HOME RESOURCES

Homework Resources for Parents

Dreambox Math: Math digital resource' for grades PreK-5.

Grades 3-5 Released End of Grade Test Forms (can be used as a practice test)

Khan Academy: Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empowers learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom.

Prodigy Math: Math content is presented through a game format for various grade levels.

Progression Videos: These videos help us understand the progression of mathematics.

Additional Resources