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Hello West Cary Families, this is Mike James, principal with your weekly news and updates

Many Thanks

I want to thank everyone who attended our Open House this past Tuesday evening. We had a very good turnout for an event that got rescheduled due to inclement weather. The feedback we received for this year's event was very positive and we look forward to improving this event each year.

Our Superintendent Cathy Moore came to West Cary this past Wednesday to visit our school. We had three Student Ambassadors – Leilani Burnett, Chloe Detwiler, and Ryan Cawley do an amazing job of escorting her on a tour of our school and sharing their experiences of West Cary. Ms. Moore also sat down and had a great conversation with some of our Math and English Language Arts teachers. I'm very thankful for our Student Ambassadors, teachers, and for Ms. Moore's leadership and support of West Cary.

Upcoming Dates To Remember

Monday, September 30th – NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workday
Wednesday, October 9th – NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workday
Friday, October 11th – Athletic Pep Dance – time TBD
Wednesday, October 30th – Halloween Dance – time TBD
Friday, November 1st – NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workday
Friday, November 8th – 2nd Annual Movie on the Lawn – 5:00-9:00 pm

School Security

Wake County Public School System has contracted with the School Safety Advocacy Council to conduct security assessments at every Wake County Public School this year. I'm pleased to announce that representatives from the School Safety Advocacy Council came to West Cary last week and conducted a very thorough walkthrough of our school and assessed a variety of issues and topics related to school

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security. The assessment was conducted over several hours and included tours, observations, interviews, and data review. This information collected for West Cary will be shared at the District level for further advancements in our school security.

Please also remember that when you are dropping off your child after 7:30 am, you must come inside the main office to sign in the student. This is part of our security procedures because we want to ensure that students arrived to school with the proper parent/guardian or designee. I appreciate your understanding and attention to this matter.

WCMS PTA Corner

BACKPACK BUDDIES DONATIONS

The PTA is asking for donated food items to support the Backpack Buddies program at West Cary Middle School. The Backpack Buddies program collects food donations to provide our students from food-insecure homes with weekend meals during the school year. Our schools' social worker coordinates this program, and the privacy of the students and their families is protected. The food items collected are consistent with the Interfaith Food Shuttle Backpack Buddies program guidelines. Every donation counts and helps a child in need at our school.

Below is the link to the Signup Genius to make a donation:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4AA9AD28AB9-wcms3>

Details for food donation drop off:

- We will collect food donations from Monday, September 30th through Monday, October 7th.
- There will be two collection points when students walk into school in the morning:
 - Morning 6th Grade Carpool / Bus Drop Off Near Main Entrance
 - Morning 7th & 8th Grade Carpool Drop Off Near Gym Entrance
- Any other time of day, please bring donations to the front office.
- Please leave all food items on the carts labeled "BACKPACK BUDDIES DONATIONS".

Thank you! Megan Boughton & Kathy Cawley, WCMS PTA Backpack Buddies Committee Chairs

PTA MEETINGS

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Our general PTA meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, in the Media Center, from 7:30-8:30am. Our next PTA meeting is Thursday 10/3! Everyone is welcome to attend!

JOIN THE PTA

1. Go to [WCMS PTA Sign Up](#)
2. Confirm family information. Remember to add rising 6th grade students! Be sure to click Save and Continue
3. Once you confirm, add "PTA Parent membership" to your cart
4. Check out using PayPal (has a pay by credit card option)

If you have any questions about the PTA, please feel free to contact PTA President Kathy Cawley at KathyzKool@hotmail.com. Thanks!

Reminders

Right turn only out of our carpool lanes 7:00-7:45 am and 2:15-2:45 pm. Most everyone is adhering to this request. There are 4 or 5 folks who are not. Please don't be one of those people! Our carpool lines are flowing extremely well this year.

PTA Meetings – 7:30 am on the first Thursday of every month. These meetings are open to all in our West Cary Community!

West Cary Families – our school motto is ***"Dream, believe, achieve – make it happen!"*** We are committed to excellence and helping our students dream, believe, and achieve in their academic and athletic successes.

Thank you,

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