

April 25, 2017

Swift Creek Current

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From the Principal's Desk

We're back from spring break and this has been a great week at Swift Creek. I'm so impressed at how well behaved our students have been this week. Remind your child to keep up the great work and let's finish strong!

The Swift Creek 85th Anniversary Planning Committee will have its first meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at 4:15. Everyone interested in making this celebration in a fall a huge success is invited to join us. Looking forward already to a wonderful school year ahead.

Attention 5th Grade Parents:

Middle school Course Recommendation Verification forms have been sent home for review and were due back on April 21st. If you have not yet returned this form, please review and sign it and send it in as soon as possible. If you need a new form sent home, please contact Mrs. Chadwick at cchadwick@wcpss.net or 919-233-4320.

Muffins with Mom, May 11

Doughnuts with Dad, May 25

8:15am-8:45am in the cafeteria

Come join your child or children for breakfast on May 11 and May 25 as we celebrate our awesome moms and dads!

We know that our Swift Creek families are diverse and that we have many single parent families. A mom figure or dad figure is welcome to attend this event with your child. The attendee does not have to be the biological parent.

Please note: Parking will be tight, so please plan accordingly! You can park in the school lot, in the park lot, down the road at the Swift Creek Exchange Club, or on the road between the abandoned gas station and Food Lion.



Thursday:

Swift Creek Night at the Chick-Fil-A in Crossroads 5-8pm

Take the night off from cooking and help earn money for the Creek.

20% of all sales will do directly to our school. In addition, you can buy \$1 sundaes and all of that money will go directly to Swift Creek.

Come join us! It is always a fun evening.



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Character Education: Pride

During the month of March, the character trait was Pride. At the end of the month, the teachers selected one student from each class who represented pride. These students were recognized at a special breakfast with Mr. Propst on Friday, April 7.

In April, the Character Ed trait is Integrity. Check out the May newsletter for those award winners!

Kindergarten	First Grade	2 nd Grade
Emily Capps	Gage Colliot	Matthew Ragsdale
Hamza Mohamed	Brenna Johnson	Tylan Reid
Megan Galloway	Wyatt Brown	Jaydon Hinton
Ava Crudup	Brayan Mojica-Yanez	Ja'Vion McCallum
Nehemiah Herring		
3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
Lena Oakley	Devon Kress	Charlotte Holcombe
Alondra Villarreal-Silva	Katie Ragsdale	Christian Sanchez Madrid
Citlali Torres Lopez	Gael Rodriguez-Lopez	Shayan Khan
Lupita Lagunas-Rayo		



Teacher Projects That Need Your Help!

Recently, Mrs. Sandersen (5th grade), Mrs. Hoover (2nd grade), and Mrs. Steinberg (2nd grade) posted classroom projects to DonorsChoose.org. If you aren't familiar with DonorsChoose.org, this website enables teachers to raise funds for specific projects. All projects and costs are vetted by DonorsChoose before being posted to the website. After a project meets its goal, DonorsChoose sends the requested materials to the teacher. Although anyone around the world can donate to these projects, we need your help by either donating or getting the word out to your friends.

A list of all the current projects for Swift Creek is available from the PTA website. See the Fundraising section or <http://swiftcreekeswcpsnetptahtml.weebly.com/teacher-projects.html>.

WANT ADS

This time of year is busy, busy, busy!!! We need your help to finish out this year and start planning for next year. Check out these job openings!

Teacher Appreciation Week

From May 1 – 5, help us shower our awesome staff with our appreciation. Here are some ways that you can help!

Donate to the Tuesday breakfast:
<https://tinyurl.com/h6hs77t>

Donate to the Thursday healthy snacks:
<https://tinyurl.com/jkja2m>

Cover a teacher's class during the Friday luncheon: <https://tinyurl.com/j7ryk5w>

Officer Nominations are Open

During the May 9 PTA meeting, we will be electing officers for the next school year. If you are interested in nominating someone or yourself, please contact Marie Dexter at mariecddexter@gmail.com.

Even if you aren't interested this year but might be interested in the future, please let Marie know. We'd be happy to do shadow program so you could learn more about these positions or any PTA position. We need your help to keep our PTA great!

Do You Love Digital Scrapbooking?

Then we have the perfect job for you! You can help shape the story of Swift Creek. We are looking for someone to head the Yearbook committee next year. This is a great opportunity to use your creative side while getting to know Swift Creek better! In addition, you can do a lot of the work from home. If interested, please contact Marie Dexter at mariecddexter@gmail.com.

Field Day is May 5

Time for our kids to burn off their pre-summer energy. Volunteer at field day and see all the incredible activities Ms. Graves has planned. It is really a FUN, FUN time.

We need lots of volunteers for this event, so please sign up today at <https://tinyurl.com/j7ryk5w>.

If you can't volunteer your time but still want to help, each classroom is being asked to provide 1 water bottle and 1 water balloon per child. If you can help, sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/sces-field-day>.

Interested in Knowing More About Wake County Schools?

The schools in Wake County are divided up into districts, and these districts are represented by a member of the school board. Dr. Jim Martin is the representative for District 5, which is the district for Swift Creek.

We are looking for someone to attend the District 5 Council meetings next school year. These meetings are held quarterly and usually start around 9:00 or 9:30 in the morning. They last about 1 to 1.5 hours. If you are interested, contact Emily McGraw (emcgraw@hotmail.com) or Marie Dexter (mariecddexter@gmail.com).

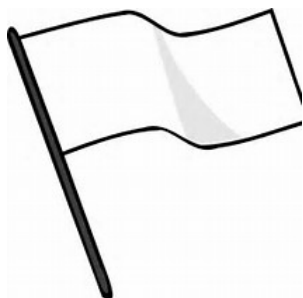
Help Beautify Our School Grounds

We are looking for a Landscaping committee chair for next year. This committee has a small budget to use for improving and maintaining the school grounds. New project ideas are most welcome. Currently, the biggest time commitment is organizing two clean up days (one in the fall and one in the spring). If you are interested in helping, contact Marie Dexter at mariecddexter@gmail.com.

Get Caught Up with Our News Briefs

Flying Our School Colors with Pride

Did you notice that the third flagpole has a new resident? Thanks to Kim Partin for working so hard to get us a new, improved school flag. She worked with Capitol Flag & Flagpole in Raleigh to get our flag. They also donated the United States and North Carolina flags on our flagpoles! Thanks so much, Capitol Flag & Flagpole!



Earn Money for Swift Creek While Picking Up Your Prescriptions

Swift Creek Pharmacy is an independent pharmacy on 2703 Jones Franklin Road, Suite 104 in Cary. This pharmacy will donate 2% of the net proceeds to Swift Creek Elementary for each prescription that you fill. Just simply mention "Swift Creek Elementary" at check out. If you transfer prescriptions online at <http://swiftcreekpharmacy.com/refill-or-transfer-request>, simply enter "Swift Creek Elementary" in the Comments box.

For more information, see <http://www.swiftcreekpharmacy.com/>.



And the Spirit Award Goes To . . .



Congratulations to Mrs. Phillip's 1st grade class, who won the April Spirit award. Their class wore the most purple and school spirit wear on April 7. Only 2 more spirit days in this school year: May 5 and June 2! Look for the reminders.



Camp Invention: A One Week Summer Camp at Swift Creek

Registration is open for Camp Invention! Camp Invention is the only nationally recognized, non-profit summer enrichment program for rising kindergarteners through rising 6th graders. Throughout the week, children will be presented with fun challenges that emphasize a STEM based curriculum, problem-solving collaboration, and entrepreneurship through critical thinking and innovation. We are excited to offer extended before and after camp hours this year to accommodate working parents. We are also looking for individuals or businesses to donate to our scholarship program to assist economically disadvantaged students who would not normally be able to benefit from this camp experience. For more information or to register your child, please visit www.campinvention.org or contact Margarete Harris at mharris5@wcpss.net.

Your April Calendar

- ❑ **TODAY!!!** What a great NFL Play 60 Day! Ask your 2nd – 5th graders if they had a fun, exciting day on the field practicing football skills, physical activity, and coordination!
- ❑ **THIS WEEK!** It is Office Appreciation Week. Please thank the front office staff for all they do! This is also a great time to thank our principals, Mr. Propst and Mrs. Hoke for all they do.
- ❑ **April 27 5-8pm:** Swift Creek night at the Chick-Fil-A in Crossroads

Your May Calendar

- ❑ **May 1 – 5:** Teacher Appreciation Week!
- ❑ **May 5:** Spirit Day! Field Day! What an exciting day to demonstrate TEAMWORK and SCHOOL SPIRIT as we participate in stations to exercise our bodies and PLAY60. To help, sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/j7ryk5w>
- ❑ **May 9 6:30pm:** PTA meeting & Drama Performance in the gym. During the PTA meeting, we will be electing officers for next year!
- ❑ **May 10:** International Bike and Walk to School Day. More information below.
- ❑ **May 11 8:15am:** Muffins with Mom. Turn in your RSVPs today!
- ❑ **May 12:** Teacher Work day
- ❑ **May 16 4:15pm:** Swift Creek 85th Anniversary Committee meeting. Please join us!
- ❑ **May 18 6-7pm:** Kindergarten Open House
- ❑ **May 25 8:15am:** Doughnuts with Dad. Turn in your RSVPs today!
- ❑ **May 29:** Memorial Day. No school!

Your June Calendar

- ❑ **June 4 4-6pm:** PTA Social at Crowder District Park. Everyone is welcome. Bring a snack or treat to share. Please RSVP to Marie Dexter at mariedexter@gmail.com.
- ❑ **June 8 10:30am:** 5th grade graduation
- ❑ **June 9:** Last day of school!

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 1-5

The theme is "How Sweet It Is to Be Taught by You!"

Monday, May 1: Write a "sweet note" to your teacher.

Tuesday, May 2: Deliver a handmade gift or note to your teacher.

Thursday, May 4: Bring in supplies for your classroom.

Friday, May 5: Wear your teacher's favorite color or purple in honor of Spirit Day!

May 10th- International Walk and Bike to School Day

Being active first thing in the morning makes our brain ready for a full day of learning! This is a worldwide day to celebrate the benefits of walking and biking!

Meet at the Food Lion near Swift Creek at 8:30 AM. Staff members and volunteers will be there to walk with students to school. Parents please join the walk if you can, let's be active together!

- You can park on the abandoned road in between the mini golf and the abandoned gas station on the corner
- We have a new bike rack in front of Swift Creek for any students biking- don't forget your HELMET! Safety First!