

February 21, 2017



Swift Creek Current

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ROARING AHEAD – A Conversation about the Exciting Future of Swift Creek: February 28 7-8pm

For 85 years, Swift Creek Elementary School has been the heart of the Swift Creek community. On Tuesday, February 28 from 7-8pm, join Mr. Propst for a conversation about the exciting future of our school as we strive to provide world-class educational opportunities to future generation of college and career ready Swift Creek Cougars! The meeting will take place in the Swift Creek Elementary School media center.

Character Education Returns!

Due to popular demand, we will implement a **Character Education** for our students. Here are just a few highlights of the program:

- Program Goal - Our goal is to promote character and values along with the opportunity to practice those traits throughout the month.
- Each teacher will promote that character trait each month.
- One student will be selected every month for each classroom.
- The Character Education winners will have a scrumptious breakfast with Mr. Propst, a group picture posted on school website, receive a certificate, and enjoy bragging rights.

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Hoke at ghoke@wcpss.net.

Wake County WANTS Your Input on Curriculum

Beginning with the 2017-18 school year and over the next three years, we [Wake County] will be significantly bolstering the curriculum resources we provide in our schools. But first, we seek parental and community input on the resources and materials we are considering.

In these sessions, you will be asked to review some very high quality curriculum resources to be introduced in our schools beginning next year. Teachers and other school professionals will be on hand to guide you through the process.

This Week

- **Wednesday 5:30pm** – Basketball Game
- **Thursday 5-7pm** – Swift Creek Night at JumpStreet Indoor Trampoline Park. \$2 of your admission goes to the school. Be sure to mention Swift Creek when you pay. As long as you arrive by 7pm, you will get 2 hours of jumping!
- **Friday** – Box Top Collection! Turn in your Box Tops and Coke bottle tops to your child's teacher!

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There will be two different sessions, each offered multiple times. One is for high school math. The other is for English Language Arts in Grades 3 through 8.

High School Math Community Input Sessions on Curriculum:

Monday, Feb 20	Tuesday, Feb 21	Wed, Feb 22	Thurs, Feb 23
Roleville High 1099 E Young St Rolesville	Sanderson HS 5500 Dixon Drive Raleigh	Southeast Raleigh HS 2600 Rock Quarry Rd Raleigh	Enloe HS 128 Clarendon Crescent Raleigh

Grades 3-5 and 6-8 ELA Community Input Sessions on Curriculum:

Monday, Feb 27	Tuesday, Feb 28	Wed, March 1	Thurs, March 2
Heritage HS 1150 Forestville Rd Wake Forest	Leesville HS 8410 Pride Way Raleigh	Fuquay-Varina HS 201 Bengal Blvd Fuquay-Varina	Cary HS 638 Walnut St Cary

All sessions are open to parents and community members from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

We hope you will join us at one or more of these sessions. No need to RSVP. When you arrive, you will be guided to the room or rooms where these sessions will occur.

Interested in Applying for Single Subject Acceleration?

If you are interested in Single Subject Acceleration for your child, please see the information that is available at <http://wakeacceleration.weebly.com/>. There are several parent information sessions at Crossroads that you can attend. (See the table below.) The nomination window is 4/6-4/26/17.

5th Grade Parents: Opportunities for Middle School Math Placement and Acceleration Opportunities!

Please see the following websites for more information about middle school math placement and acceleration opportunities! www.wake-ms-math.weebly.com & www.wakeacceleration.weebly.com

Parents are encouraged to attend one of the following regional sessions:

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, 3/2/2017	7:30-8:30 A.M.	Crossroads II Room 1400
Monday, 3/6/2017	6:00-7:00 P.M.	Wendell Middle School Auditorium
Thursday, 3/9/2017	6:00-7:00 P.M.	Crossroads II Room 1400
Monday, 3/13/2017	7:30-8:30 A.M.	Crossroads II Room 1400

**In the case of inclement weather & school cancellation, the session will be cancelled.*

Help Students in Wake Up and Read!

The Swift Creek Service Club is collecting books for this county-wide effort to provide grade-level reading materials to students in need in Wake County.

Bring your new and gently used books to your child's classroom by Friday, March 3.

The K-2 and 3-5 classes with the most donations will earn extra recess!

This is a great place for all those books your kids have outgrown!!!

- Books must be new or gently used and appropriate for children birth – 12.
- Titles like Curious George, the Magic Treehouse, Charlotte's Web, and bilingual books are appreciated.
- For gently used donations:
 - Book covers, pages, and spines should be intact without rips, tears, or added pencil/crayon markings. (Name of original owners/dedications are acceptable.)
 - Books should not be damaged by mold, water, or fire and should not show signs of discoloration or age.
- No textbooks or used coloring or activity books please.

If you have questions, contact Mrs. Chadwick at cchadwick@wcpss.net or Marie Dexter at mariecddexter@gmail.com.

For more information about this program and volunteer opportunities (for kids too!), see <http://wakeupandread.org/>.

**Total Books
Collected: 559**

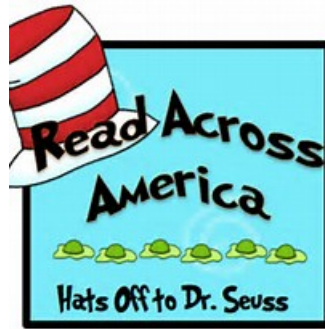
Grade Level Totals:

K - 49
1 - 110
2 - 179
3 - 122
4 - 90
5 - 9

Teacher in the lead for each grade level:

K - Lipe
1 - Zardas
2 - Steinberg
3 - Wright
4 - Beauchamp
5 - Sandersen





Swift Creek Families,

We are so excited to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday by participating in daily activities for Read Across America Week! On Thursday, March 2nd, we will host a Community Reader's day. We will invite members of the community to come and read their favorite book to the students. The schedule of activities is as followed. You can check out pictures of the activities throughout the week by searching #SCESRead on Twitter. These activities will take place during the school day.

We will be hosting a small breakfast for the community members that are offering their time to read to our students. If you are willing to donate a breakfast (i.e. casserole, bagels, donuts, juice, coffee, etc.) please email smailhot@wcpss.net. Anything is appreciated! Thank you for your time and donations to our school!

February 27th – Create a flyer advertising your favorite book

February 28th – Camp out and read! Wear your PJs and bring a flashlight!

March 1st – Cat in the Hat day! Wear your favorite hat and bring your favorite Dr. Seuss book.

March 2nd – Community reader's day

March 3rd – Fox in Socks Day! Wear your favorite pair of socks.



Get Caught Up with Our News Briefs

Book Fair is Coming!



Get ready to CAMP OUT WITH A GOOD BOOK at the Spring Book Fair. The book fair will be held the week of March 20-24 and the book fair will also be open during Math Night on Thursday, March 23. Food will be provided! Money raised during the book fair goes right back into our school library. Come support learning at Swift Creek!

Yearbooks and 5th Grade Dedications

It's time to order yearbooks and send in 5th grade dedications!!! Information went home in last week's Tuesday folders. Please email Ginger at yearbookpics.sce@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Cultural Arts

Moscow Nights and the Golden Gates dancers came to Swift Creek Wednesday, February 8! Moscow Nights featured vocals, Russian percussion, bayan (accordion), zhaleika (wind instrument), and balalaika playing as the Golden Gates performed traditional Russian dance. Students learned about Russian culture, language, geography, music, and dance. It was certainly an energetic performance! This performance was sponsored by the PTA and in part by a grant from the United Arts Council.



And the Spirit Award Goes To . . .



Congratulations to Ms Steinberg's 2nd grade class, who won the February Spirit award. Their class wore the most purple and school spirit wear on Feb 3. We will have several more spirit days in 2017: March 3, April 7, May 5, and June 2! Look for the reminders.

Teacher Appreciation Week is Coming!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Early Release snack on February 10. Please let Elizabeth (Elizabeth.worthy@me.com) know if you want to get involved with planning festivities for Teacher Appreciation Week, which is the week of May 1.

Camp Invention: A One Week Summer Camp at Swift Creek

Registration for Camp Invention is now open! What is Camp Invention? Camp Invention is a STEM based day camp, one week in the summer, where your child's creativity, innovation, and problem-solving skills are challenged and developed in fun and exciting ways. Our top priority is to inspire future innovators and build their confidence in the natural ability to dream and create. It is held at Swift Creek and is taught by teachers from our school. New this year, we will be offering before and after school care to accommodate working parents. We are also seeking local sponsors who are interested in providing funding for scholarships so even more students have the opportunity to experience Camp Invention. For more information, or to register, please visit www.campinvention.org or contact the director, Margarette Harris at mharris5@wcpss.net.

Your February Calendar

- ❑ **February 22 – 28:** Application period for transfers to another school (besides your base). For more information, see www.wcpsps.net/parents/student-assignment.
- ❑ **February 22 5:30pm:** Basketball game. Home against Creech Road
- ❑ **February 23 5-7pm:** Swift Creek Night at Jumpstreet Trampoline Bounce Park. Come bounce with your friends. \$2 from every admission ticket goes to Swift Creek. Remember to say that you are with Swift Creek when you check in. As long as you arrive by 7pm, you will get a 2 hour jump session.
- ❑ **February 24:** Box Top Collection day! Turn in all our Box Tops and Coke bottle tops by this day. This is our last chance to get a BIG check from the Box Tops program for this school year! Let's make it good!
- ❑ **February 27 9:20am 5th graders:** Dillard Drive Middle school band and orchestra teachers are bringing some students over to present to our 5th graders.
- ❑ **February 28 7-8pm:** ROARING Ahead – A Conversation about the Exciting Future of Swift Creek. Join Mr. Propst for this conversation in the media center.

Your March Calendar

- ❑ **March 1 5:00pm:** AWAY basketball game @ Barwell Elementary
- ❑ **March 3:** School Spirit Day! Support your school and wear as much purple as you can. The winning class gets to keep Swifty the Cougar for the month!
- ❑ **March 8 5:00pm:** Home basketball game vs. Walnut Creek
- ❑ **March 14 6:30pm:** PTA meeting in the media center
- ❑ **March 20-24:** Spring Book Fair! Be prepared to camp out with a good book!
- ❑ **March 23 5:30pm:** Family Night at the Book Fair! Math night! More details to come!
- ❑ **March 31:** Regular School Day! Make up day from the January snow.

Your April Calendar

- ❑ **April 6-26:** Nomination for Single Subject Acceleration. For more information, see <http://wakeacceleration.weebly.com>.
- ❑ **April 7:** School Spirit Day! Support your school and wear as much purple as you can. The winning class gets to keep Swifty the Cougar for the month!
- ❑ **April 10-14:** Spring Break! No school.
- ❑ **April 18 6:30pm:** PTA meeting & Drama Performance in the gym. During the PTA meeting, we will be accepting nominations for officers. The vote will occur during the May meeting.
- ❑ **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! Show your Swift Creek colors!
- ❑ **May 9 6:30pm:** PTA meeting & Drama Performance in the gym. During the PTA meeting, we will be electing officers for next year!
- ❑ **May 12:** Teacher Work day
- ❑ **May 29:** Memorial Day. No school!