

May 16, 2017

Swift Creek Current

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Volunteers NEEDED for EOG Testing

The end of the year is upon us, and that means that grades 3-5 will be taking their End-of-Grade tests soon.

We need lots of volunteers to help proctor these exams so that other staff members are not pulled from their duties.

Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/sces-eog-testing-2017>

You **must** be a WCPSS registered volunteer. You must also attend a mandatory training session with Ms. Hizer (shizer@wcpss.net) on May 19th. If you cannot attend training on that day, please contact Mrs. Hizer about alternate dates/times.

Teacher Projects That Need Your Help!

Congratulations to Mrs. Hoover (2nd grade) and Mrs. Hanna (Kindergarten) for recently getting their DonorsChoose.org projects fully funded! They now have additional books and seating in their classrooms!

Mrs. Sandersen (5th grade), Ms. Steinberg (2nd grade), and Ms. Miller (2nd grade) still have ongoing projects that need help. A list of all the current projects for Swift Creek is available from the PTA website. See the Fundraising section or

<http://swiftcreekeswcpssnetptahtml.weebly.com/teacher-projects.html>.

April Super Snippers

Congratulations to Mrs. D'Amelio's class for collecting the most Box Tops and Coke bottle tops in April. They turned in 30 Box Tops (worth



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10 cents each) and 203 bottle Tops (worth 5 cents each). The last collection day for this year is Friday, May 26.

Character Education: Integrity

During the month of April, the character trait was Integrity. 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 May, the Character Ed trait is Self-Control. Check out the June newsletter for those award winners!

Kindergarten

Caiden Rusak
Gus Hofheimer
Logan Kress
Tahsina Alam
Cameron Ediger

First Grade

Morgan Padget
Mason Fernandez
Janiya Williams
Luke Ellsworth

2nd Grade

Ethan Kevena
Willa Frazier
Solomon Batemon
Suhey Espinoza-Barron

3rd Grade

Max Schmidt
Gabriela Soto-Fernandez
Ella Sterling
Nayquan Clark

4th Grade

Brandon Hernandez
Mora
Quadir Williams
Tyrus Horton

5th Grade

Ella Kaczmarek
Ania Pruchnik
Brandon Hall



Integrity
I tell the truth!

To Our ARGH-some Drama Club

Mrs. Fallon would like to recognize the following participants of Drama Club. Each student grew so much, and I am so proud of each and every one of you.

Brayden Adams

Malik Berry

Carter Burns

Alyssa Byrd

Madison Byrd

Laura Capps

Harmoni Cromwell-Ward

Soraya Elmachiadi

Thomas Goembel

Anas Goubar

Charlotte Holcombe

Ella Kaczmarek

Hazel Kovalik

Devon Kress

Amy Layer

Lily Layer

Claire Leidy

Joshua Lewandowski

Alexis Mayhew

Meredith Myers

Kevin Nolan

Jacob Ogundele

Zoe Pacio

Christian Powell

Jacob Prillaman

Grace Richardson

Adriana Rodriguez

Sonia Rojas

Tatyanna Roland

Madison Settles

Ava Sheppard

Jessica Stanton

Reid Veum

LaNeyah Watson

And the Spirit Award Goes To . . .



Congratulations to Mrs. Sandersen's 5th grade class and Ms Cillian's first grade class for winning the May Spirit award. Their classes showed the most school spirit on May 5. Only 1 more spirit day in this school year: June 2! Look for the reminders.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to Our Room Parents!!!

It takes a village to keep our school running smoothly. Thank you to our amazing room parents (also known as grade parents). They are often at the front line and serve as invaluable communicators between the teacher and parents. Thank you for all you've done this year!

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| Stephanie Adams | Melinda Gelsinger | Carla Johnson | Laura Schmidt |
| Ada Deloach | Dina Goembel | Meredith Jones | Jaimi Smith |
| Marie Dexter | Adrienne Gross | Poonah Lari | Christie Spence |
| Ann Douglas | Jill Hinton | Nichole Lewandowski | Rachel Weatherspoon |
| Michelle Eudy | Jessica Hofheimer | Emily McGraw | Elizabeth Worthy |
| Carrie Fernandez | Michelle Hoyles | Nehal Outlaw | |
| Elizabeth Fisher | Halima Karim | Kristy Pickurel | |
| Kara Froberg | Natasha Kirby | Delores Ragsdale | |

Congratulations to Our 2017-2018 PTA Officers

At the May 9 PTA meeting, the general membership voted on these officers for the next school year:

President – Marie Dexter

This will be Marie's second term as President. She currently has a daughter in 3rd grade and her "baby" will be starting kindergarten next year! She loves reading and is never caught without a book. (Just don't ask how long she's been reading it.) In addition, she works full time.

Vice President 1 – Kim Partin

Kim has been a long time member of the Swift Creek Community. She has done so much for our school, including serving as Treasurer in previous years. Her knowledge is invaluable. She is also the mother of 3 and her son will be in 5th grade next year.

Vice President 2 – Tara Batemon

Tara and the Batemon family are new to Swift Creek this year. Currently, she has a 2nd grader and a 3rd grader. We are so pleased to have her jump right in and join us next year! She is excited to help shape our children's futures!

Treasurer – Pam Myers

Pam is another longtime member of the Swift Creek community. She is the mother of 2, and currently her daughter is in 4th grade. She brings a wealth of treasurer and financial experience from previous professional association support and her full-time job.

Secretary – April Bartley

April is a hardworking mother of 3 boys! Currently, her children are in 3rd and 1st grade, but she has another little Swifty coming in a couple of years. She is an incredible resource to have on the board because she works for NC State to train student teachers (including the ones at Swift Creek)!

They will be working hard over the summer to get things in place for next year!

A special thank you to outgoing Treasurer, Delores Ragsdale. Delores has been incredible in this role, and even more incredible when you think she balanced it with being Treasurer at Dillard and the mom of 3 very busy kiddos! We appreciate all you've done the past 2 years!

The officer elections are over, but we still need YOUR help! Check the Want Ads for open committee positions! If you don't want to be a committee chair, no worries. We can use everyone's help. As little as 30 minutes goes a long way. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Marie Dexter at mariedexter@gmail.com. And keep an eye out for volunteer opportunities this fall.

WANT ADS

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 mariedexter@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 mariedexter@gmail.com.



District 5 Board Advisory Council Meeting

The last District 5 Board Advisory Council for the 2016-17 school year was held Tuesday, May 2nd at Washington Elementary. Bob Grant, Principal of Washington Elementary shared about the school's programs and history and stated that it was the second magnet school in the county. Three members of the Pitt County Board of Education were present to learn how Wake County operates its advisory boards. Karen Ivanhoff, an at-large District 5 member was elected as the District 5 chair for the 2017-18 school year. Dr. James Martin, District 5 Board of Education Member, shared that WCPSS's proposed budget will include a \$10 Million request for social workers and guidance counselors. The meeting focused on "Discipline Beyond Punishment" and had attendees review three case studies on student behavior and discipline. The next District 5 BAC meeting will be held in the fall. **If you are interested in serving as the Swift Creek Elementary School representative, please contact Emily McGraw at emcgraw@hotmail.com.**

Camp Invention: A One Week Summer Camp at Swift Creek

Register your child today! Children are presented with fun challenges that emphasize a STEM based curriculum, problem-solving collaboration, and entrepreneurship. 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, please visit www.campinvention.org or contact Margarete Harris at mharris5@wcpss.net.

Your May Calendar

- **May 16 4:15pm:** Swift Creek 85th Anniversary Committee meeting. Please join us! We look forward to hearing your ideas about how we can celebrate this milestone!
- **May 18**
 - Carolina Panthers' Day! Wear your black and blue! 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, wear old clothes and get ready to play some football! If you are interested in volunteering, contact Marie Dexter at mariecdexter@gmail.com or Ms. Graves at sgraves@wcpss.net. We need volunteers for both sessions: 9:30-11:00 (4th and 5th grade) and 11:00-12:30(2nd and 3rd grade).
 - **6-7pm:** Kindergarten Open House
- **May 19 8:30pm:** Planning meeting for next year's Fun Run! Are you interested in helping us create a theme, develop creative incentives for prizes, or just help run the show? Everyone is welcome to join us!
- **May 25 8:15am:** Doughnuts with Dad. To RSVP, send a note to Marie Dexter at mariecdexter@gmail.com or return your form ASAP.
- **May 26:** Last Box Top collection of the school year! Make sure to turn in all your Box Tops and Coke bottle tops!
- **May 29:** Memorial Day. No school!

Your June Calendar

- **June 2:** Spirit Day! Wear your purple!
- **June 4 4-6pm:** PTA Social at Crowder District Park. We will meet in the Cardinal Shelter. Everyone is welcome to come celebrate the end of another school year. Bring a snack or treat to share. Please RSVP to Marie Dexter at mariecdexter@gmail.com.
- **June 8 10:30am:** 5th grade graduation, Talent Show at 2:00pm
- **June 9:** Last day of school!



Testing Dates by Grade

EOG testing begins promptly at 9:30. Please make sure your child gets a good night's rest and eats a good breakfast in the morning.

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