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Swift Creek Current

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From the Principal's Desk

What an awesome week at Swift Creek! Together, we've planted gardens, learned math at Food Lion, celebrated our wonderful volunteers, and completed the lap challenge (over 1700 laps walked this week!). Thank you so much for your continued support of the dynamic learning experiences provided here for our children.

We also welcomed Ms. Debbie Edwards as our interim assistant principal for the rest of the school year. Ms. Edwards brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our school and has already gotten to know many of our students. A new assistant principal will be named soon who will start off the 2018-2019 school year at Swift Creek.

Speaking of next year, you will receive a letter from me over the summer with important information about the start of the school year. Also, I want to send home a book and a summer activity with each of our RISING 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to prepare them for language arts success in the upcoming school year. Information went home on a blue sheet this week. Hurry and return it to your child's teacher to reserve a book for your child.

Thank you for being wonderful partners in education! If you haven't already, be sure to follow us on Twitter - @SCESRoars.

We Need EOG Proctors!

We need parent volunteers to help proctor the EOG tests, especially on May 31 and June 1. With our current sign up, we are using all our Teacher Assistants and we still need proctors on these days.

Sign up TODAY at <https://tinyurl.com/EOGatSwift>.

- Friday, May 25: ELA (Grade 3) and Science (Coles: Grade 5)
- Tuesday, May 29: Math (Grade 3) and Science (Krauter: Grade 5)
- Wednesday, May 30: Science (Boyd: Grade 5)
- Thursday, May 31: Math (Grade 4) and ELA (Grade 5)
- Friday, June 1: ELA (Grade 4) and Math (Grade 5)
- Monday, June 4: Read to Achieve Test (Grade 3) and Make-Ups (Grade 4-5)



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Super Heroes!

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P2 (The Positivity Project) Corner

During May, our year long P2 project will come to a close. But don't worry. It will be back next year and better than ever. For more information about this movement, see posproject.org.

May 7-11	Leadership. You value each member of your group and inspire others to do their best.
May 13-19	Wrapping Up! Learning more about the Other People Matter Mindset

#OtherPeopleMatter

Food Drive Update

Mrs. Chadwick, along with the members of the Swift Creek Service Club, would like to thank everyone who generously donated toward our school's food drive.

We collected over 1,200 items to give to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina! This is an amazing way to show that #OtherPeopleMatter! Great job, Swifties!



Deadline May 11 for Wake Up and Read Donations

The Wake Up and Read program collects 110,000 books annually to distribute to kids throughout Wake County.

This year, the program is thousands of book short of their goal, and they are asking for our help!

In particular, they need picture books, short chapter books, and non-fiction books. Send in your new or gently used books. The donation bin is in the front hallway.



Garden Round Up!!!

WE DID IT! The garden is done. We now have an exciting, outdoor classroom for our community.

Thank you to EVERYONE who made this possible:

- A HUGE thank you to Nehal Outlaw, our Healthy Lifestyles chairperson, for her perseverance to get this done! So much coordination and organizing and grant writing and phone calls. You made this project happen.
- Thank you to Mrs. Sedaghat for being the staff Garden Champion. She designed the curriculum for the dig days. I know this is a dream come true for her!
- Thank you to Inter Faith Food Shuttle for being our garden partners, for designing the beds, for getting us organized, for providing teacher training, and so, so much more! You guys are amazing and we look forward to continuing our partnership.
- Thank you to Chris Miller and the volunteers from NetApp for building the beds.
- Thank you to Campbell Road Nursery for donating soil and to Home Depot for giving us a good deal on the wood.
- Thank you to all the members of the School Garden Committee, to the parent volunteers, and to the folks who donated items or money for the garden.
- Thank you to our AMAZING Swifty staff for your support and excitement! We hope this is an area that you can use for years and years to come.



Help Our Wildlife!

Ms Cillian (first grade teacher) is collecting new, old and cleaned (with soap) mascara wands until May 31.

<https://www.appalachianwild.org/wands-for-wildlife.html>

Teachers Are Super Heroes!

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7-11, 2018



Please join the PTA in showing the teaching staff Swift Creek Elementary School how much we appreciate all they do for our children throughout the year. If you are able, please participate in the above special activities during Teacher Appreciation Week. **Please note that this is all voluntary.**

Please also remember the special teachers your children see all year: Music, Art, P.E., Library, Reading, ESL, Speech teachers, etc. These teachers are invaluable to our school and also deserve our thanks.

Monday: The Power of Sweetness	Students, please write your teacher a "super" thank you note. The PTA will provide a candy buffet in the teacher's lounge.
Tuesday: Powerful Supplies	Students, please bring in supplies that are helpful in the classroom. The PTA will host a breakfast for the teachers. If you would like to donate breakfast items, please visit: https://tinyurl.com/yctyzjw8
Wednesday: The Power of Love	Students, please bring your teacher a homemade gift or note. The PTA will deliver the teachers goody bags today.
Thursday: Superpower Snacks	Students, please bring in your teacher's favorite snack item. The PTA will provide the teachers with healthy snacks today. To donate items, please visit: https://tinyurl.com/y79fd5mg
Friday: The Power of Teacher Vision	Students, please wear your teacher's favorite color today. The PTA is hosting a Mexican luncheon for the teachers. If you would like to volunteer to sit in the class while all the teachers eat together from 12-1 pm, please visit: https://tinyurl.com/yc5vsh6k

5th Grade



Can you believe that a month from today our 5th graders will be graduating? Where has the time gone?

Here is all the information that you need for that special day:

- **9:30am:** Graduation ceremony in the gym
- **Immediately after the ceremony:** High Fives and Good Vibes on the field behind the school. (The rain location is the media center.) Parents, families, friends, and staff are invited to celebrate each child's accomplishments and to wish them well in middle school.
- **2:00pm:** 5th Grade Talent Show in the gym

Swift Creek Family Picnic: June 7 5-7pm

Another school year is coming to a close. Let's celebrate the year by having a family picnic on the field behind the school. You provide the food for your family and we'll provide the fun.








Families, bring a picnic dinner for your family only. (This is not a potluck. Each family is responsible for their own dinner.) Then afterwards gather with your Swifty friends to play on the playground, tug-of-war, or with the parachute.

This is a chance just to kick back, relax, and be with our nifty Swifty family. If you have any questions, contact Marie Dexter at mariec Dexter@gmail.com.




Order Your School Supplies Today!

You can get all your kids' school supplies today. Turn in your School Supply Kit order form by Friday, May 25. Or order online at www.shopttkits.com. Our school code is 38021. If you have any questions, contact Lynn Kelly at lkelly2003@gmail.com

May Calendar

Date and Time	Event
May 7 – 11	Teacher Appreciation Week!!! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday – Write a Thank You Note to your teacher • Tuesday – Bring supplies for your classroom • Wednesday – Bring a handmade gift or note • Thursday – Bring your teacher’s favorite snack • Friday – Wear your teacher’s favorite color 
TONIGHT 6:30pm	PTA meeting in the media center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the new principal of Dillard Middle School, Mrs. Feldman • Elect PTA officers for next year • Approve summer budget
May 9 8:30am	Bike or Walk to School Day! Meet us in the Food Lion parking lot by 8:30. Parents are welcome to join us. If you cannot stay, staff and volunteers will be there to walk your child to school.
May 17 6-7pm	Kindergarten Open House. Please tell your friends and neighbors with incoming kindergartners to stop by!
May 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Donuts with Dad in the cafeteria • College Spirit Day
May 25	Deadline for paper orders of School Supply Kitz. You can also purchase online through June 8. See www.shopttkits.com . Our school account number is 38021. EOG Testing Starts! ELA (Grade 3) and Science (Coles: Grade 5) It is important that we test 100% of our students. Please refrain from scheduling doctor appointments, vacations, and anything else that would not allow the student to be in attendance at school on these days. Our goal is to minimize the need for makeup testing sessions as these sessions do not create the best test environment for students, pull staff from their regular assignments, and interrupt the flow of the school day. Also, testing environments cannot be disrupted, so early pickups are not permitted until after 2:00 PM. 
May 28	Memorial Day! No School.
May 29 	Math (Grade 3) and Science (Krauter: Grade 5)
May 30 	Science (Boyd: Grade 5)
May 31 	Math (Grade 4) and ELA (Grade 5)

June Calendar

Date and Time	Event
June 1 	ELA (Grade 4) and Math (Grade 5)
June 4 	Read to Achieve Test (Grade 3) and Make-Ups (Grade 4-5)
June 7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 5th grade graduation in the gym • 10:30 High Fives and Good Vibes on the field • 2:00 5th grade Talent Show • 5:00-7:00pm: Swift Creek Family Picnic on the field behind the school.
June 8	<p>Last Day of School and Field Day!</p> <p>Deadline for ordering School Supply Kitz online! Don't miss out!</p>

It Is Not Too Late to Sign Up for Camp Invention!

Need a summer camp for June 18-22? Then look no further. Camp Invention will be at Swift Creek!

This is a great opportunity to learn new STEM skills in a familiar environment with our Swifty staff! My oldest daughter participated several years ago and loved it. I've heard similar praise from other parents!

Register at campinvention.org.

Two Siblings Discount

\$25 off each child promo code SIBLING

For more information, contact Camp Director Monica Coles (mcoles@wcpss.net) or Camp Parent Marie Dexter (mariecddexter@gmail.com).

A Record Setting Chick-Fil-A Night

Thank you to EVERYONE who attended Chick-Fil-A night on April 17. We raised an incredible \$800! That surpasses our \$600 total from the past two years! Those \$1 sundaes put us over the top!



Drama Club News

Thank you for a great year! Go West! was a great success, and we are already looking forward to next year. An optional survey about Drama Club can be filled out and returned to Mrs. Fallon before the end of the year. For more information, contact Mrs. Fallon at kfallon@wcpss.net.