

September 13, 2016



Swift Creek Current

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From the Principal's Desk

It has been a busy nine days of school – full of learning at the Creek. Thanks to everyone for helping this run as smoothly as possible.

If you haven't had a chance to check out the refreshed media center, please come in and check it out. Many thanks to Marie and Brian Dexter, Aimee Langerhans, Jennifer Natarcola, Ginger Yu, and Mrs. Hartley for their assistance with cleaning the media center and getting it ready to open for students. Thank you to Bailey Langerhans and Jesse Holcombe, students at Swift Creek, for helping to place the stuffed animals around the media center to welcome children. Students are checking out books, working the computer lab and enjoying the beautiful media center.

I have a few reminders about carpool. We have a business, Campbell Nursery, and a local resident (the yellow house beside the school) whose driveways intersect with Tryon Road. We ask parents to please leave an opening at these driveways when you are waiting in the carpool line so they can exit their properties if they need to.

Also, we are going to move the safety patrol students further down the sidewalk to allow a few more cars to enter the parking lot. Please be mindful when cars pull forward and be ready to move once the traffic moves. Thank you to the parents who put on their flashing lights while waiting on Tryon Road. This alerts drivers that the traffic is stopped. Safety is our top priority.

As you are aware, the interviews for potential principal candidates will happen on Tuesday, September 13. Thanks to everyone who submitted questions and input for this important task. We have 3 parents, 3 students, and 6 faculty and staff members serving on the committee. Stay tuned for more information. Thank you!

Jan Hargrove, Interim Principal

PTA Spotlight: The Cougar Counter

What is the Cougar Counter? It is a school store that is generally open on Tuesdays and Thursdays before school. Students can purchase pencils, fun erasers, highlighters, gel pens, and more at the store

TONIGHT!!!

- 5:30pm Read To Achieve seminar for 3rd grade parents (in Mrs. Perry's classroom)
- 6:15pm Open House

TOMORROW

- 9-12: Beginning of Grade tests (BOGs) for 3rd grade

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before school. The kids love the fun items in the store, and this program also teaches kids about money management.

The Cougar Counter (school store) will open on Thursday, Sept 15th. Sue Fountain is also looking for volunteers to help run the store on Tuesdays from 8:30am – 9:15AM. To help, contact Sue at suef@netapp.com or 919-395-1446. You must be a registered Wake County volunteer.

ALL ABOUT THE SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM!

"No significant learning can occur without a significant relationship." –James Comer

My mission, as the school counselor at Swift Creek Elementary School, is to increase student achievement through a comprehensive school counseling program, with a strong emphasis on academic, personal/social and career development.

I work with students, parents, teachers, staff members, administrators, and community members to create a comprehensive program which serves our school community in many ways.

Some elements of the counseling program include, but are not limited to:

- Classroom guidance, once a month, for all grade levels
- Small group & individual counseling
- Academic & behavioral support and interventions
- Crisis intervention
- Anti-bullying initiatives
- Collaboration with teachers, parents, & administrators
- Connect families with community resources & agencies
- Swift Creek Service Club
- Attendance initiatives
- Middle school transition & registration



How and why would I contact Mrs. Chadwick?

Please call, e-mail, or stop by my office if your child needs support. I work with parents, students and staff on a daily basis to help mitigate barriers to learning. If your child is experiencing stress or having negative emotions that are impacting him/her at school, I am here to help! My goal is to have healthy, happy students, who come to school ready to learn in order to reach their full potential.

Mrs. Tina Chadwick, School Counselor
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 919-233-4320 ext. 20890

Get Involved! Be a Room Parent

Welcome to a new school year! A great way to help in your child's classroom and to get more involved at Swift Creek is by being a room parent. If you didn't get a chance to sign up at Meet the Teacher please contact your teacher if you are interested in being a room parent. Helen Bass, the Grade Parent Committee Chair, will provide all the necessary info to do a great job and feel more connected with your children's school. You can contact Helen at helen729@hotmail.com.

It's not too late to become a Swift Creek Business Partner!!!

We would like to extend sincere thanks to the following businesses and families who have donated to the Business Partner program at Swift Creek!

The Pickurel Family	Raleigh Wealth Solutions
The Deloach Family	The Johns Family
The Prillaman Family	Dynamic Water
Lucas Nesgoda's Parents	
Donald Douglas Broker/Realtor Coldwell Banker HPW	

Your generous, tax deductible donations go directly to purchasing supplies to support student learning throughout our school! We are off to a great start and would like to collect at least 30 sponsors total!

If you would like to be a business partner, your business or family name will appear on our PTA website, in our PTA bulletin, and in the trophy case inside the main entrance of the school!

Simply fill out the form below and send it with a \$150 check, made payable to Swift Creek Elementary School, in an envelope labeled, "Mrs. Chadwick, Business Partners."

Please Print:

Name of Business Sponsor or Family (As you would like it displayed.):

Check here if you would prefer to keep your donation anonymous, therefore not displaying it in the trophy case, in the PTA newsletter, or online.

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Child's Full Name: _____

Child's Teacher: _____

Join the PTA!

Joining the Swift Creek PTA is quick and easy. You can sign up online, in person at the Open House, or by using the flier in an upcoming Tuesday Folder. Note: Memberships are good for 1 year. You must rejoin the PTA every school year.

You can now join online at
<http://tinyurl.com/sces-pta>

Note: There is small fee for
 online payments.

For each PTA membership, the school receives a portion of the proceeds. Also, you will receive coupons from Chick-Fil-A, Papa Murphy, Sweet Frogs, as well as other local restaurants, so the membership pays for itself!

If you have questions, please contact Melinda Gelsing at gelsingers@bellsouth.net

Many, Many, MANY Thanks!

Already we have so many reasons to be grateful this school year. The school has 2 corporate sponsors! Over the summer, several projects were initiated and completed because of some dedicated volunteers. We also have a great PTA board ready to lead you this year. If you get a moment, please thank these individuals for everything they do at the Creek!

Spread the Mulch Workday

In July, many volunteers (parents, students, staff, and church members) came out to help spread mulch around the front of the school. With all the helping hands, we got the 2 mountains of mulch spread quickly!

The Chadwick family

Mrs. Fallon

Mrs. Killius

The Johns Family

The Langerhans family

Macedonia United Methodist Church

Emily and Susan McGraw

Mr. Morales-Sanchez

Kim Partin

Mrs. Phillips

Mrs. Sedaghat

The Sheppard Family

Ginger Yu and Family

Repainting the Teachers' Lounge

If you had ever seen the Teachers' Lounge, you'll remember how it was very drab and gray. Thanks to the time, energy, and donated materials from these individuals, the teachers now have a relaxing place to eat lunch, have meetings, or just take a much needed break.

Michelle Eudy

Carrie Fernandez and family

Kara Froberg

Jennifer Natarcola and family

Ginger Yu and family

Ms. Steinberg

Mrs. Sedaghat

An Extra BIG Thank You to Our Corporate Sponsors!!!!

Did you know that Swift Creek has 2 corporate sponsors this year?

- The BJs in Crossroads is sponsoring our school. They donated \$500 to the school and gave the school two free memberships!
- Lowes Foods on Tryon Road has also adopted our school. At the beginning of the year, they donated TONS of school supplies. They also donated \$130 and will donate food throughout the year to help us with our Backpack Buddies program. (This program is to help students in need.)

Update from the Hospitality Committee

Thank you to everyone who sent in food items for the first Early Release Teacher Luncheon. We had a "picnic" theme of sandwich trays and sides, and the teachers appreciated our generosity.

Please look for the next Sign-Up-Genius soon for the Early Release Luncheon on September 30. We will be providing a power snack for that luncheon. If you are interested in getting on the Hospitality List for sending in goodies for the teachers, please email Elizabeth at Elizabeth.Worthy@me.com.

We would like to give a big Thank You to these local businesses:

- Chick-Fil-A at Waverly Place for providing teachers chicken biscuits and a fruit tray for the Teacher Breakfast in August
- Food Lion on Jones Franklin for providing us a discount on the sandwich trays for the picnic Early Release Luncheon on September 9

President	Marie Dexter
Vice President	Kim Partin
Treasurer	Delores Ragsdale
Secretary	April Bartley
Audit committee	April Bartley, Kara Froberg, Julie Nolan
Book Fair	Sela Vaughn & Aimee Langerhans
Cougar Counter	Sue Fountain
Cougar Fun Run	Kim Partin
Cultural Arts	April Bartley
District 5 Council Representative	Emily McGraw
Healthy Lifestyles	Nehal Outlaw
Grade Parent	Helen Bass
5 th grade celebration	Dina Goembel
Hospitality	Elizabeth Worthy & Sela Vaughn
Landscaping	Craig Eudy
Original Art Works Program	Michelle Eudy
Painless Fundraising	Marie Dexter
Reflections	Julie Nolan
Science Fair	Jennifer Miller
Student Directory	Amy Johns
Yearbook	Ginger Yu

Your PTA Board for 2016-2017

Thank you to these individuals who are committed to bringing so many wonderful programs to the student and staff at the Creek!

In this newsletter, it is impossible to explain everything that these committees do. In this and future newsletters, I'll try to highlight the work being done in each of these areas. So stay tuned!

Meanwhile if you are interested in finding out more or learning how you can contribute to these programs, please contact Marie Dexter at mariecdexter@gmail.com.

Your September Calendar

- **TONIGHT! Sept 13**
 - **5:30pm 3rd grade parents:** Read to Achieve seminar in Mrs. Perry's classroom
 - **6:15pm** Open House for all students
- **Sept 14 9-12:** BOG Tests for 3rd Grade
- **Sept 15**
 - 8:45am: Cougar Counter opens
 - **9-12:** Make ups for BOG Tests for 3rd grade; The Cougar Counter (school store) opens at 8:45am
 - 4:00-5:15pm 4th and 5th graders: Make-up auditions for Spring Musical.
- **Sept 16 5th grade students:** Deadline for submitting applications for the Swift Creek Service Club and Media Center Helpers.
- **Sept 21 8:00am 4th and 5th graders:** Cougar Chorus
- **Sept 24 10-2:** Fall workday at the Creek. Come help spread mulch around the front and back courtyards. Now that Wake County has cleaned out the overgrown and dead plants, we need to make the areas look nice again. And you can help. Kids are welcome as well. Lunch will be provided by the PTA.
- **Sept 30:** Early Release. School dismisses at 1:15.

Your October Calendar

- **October 13:** The Cougar Fun Run. This year's theme is the Olympics! We are all champions at Swift Creek!
- **October 17 & 20:** Rain dates for Fun Run
- **October 21:** Early Release. School dismisses at 1:15.
- **October 24 - 28:** Fall Book Fair in the media center
- **October 31:** Teacher Workday! No School.

Your November Calendar

- **November 11:** Veteran's Day! No School!
- **November 17 5-8pm:** McTeacher's night at the McDonald's off Walnut Street. Help us raise money for our school during this annual event!

Drama Club

Drama Club will hold make-up auditions for students who forgot their permission slips, were sick, or just changed their minds about this super-fun activity. **Auditions will be held immediately after school, Thursday, September 15 from 4:00 - 5:15.** No preparation is necessary. Students will be performing Pirates! 2: The Hidden Treasure.

SC2 (Swift Creek Service Club)

5th Grade Students...**Completed applications to join the Swift Creek Service Club are due to Mrs. Chadwick by Friday, September 16th.** If you need a new application, please see Mrs. Chadwick. We are looking forward to a great year of service!

Media Center Helpers

For 5th Grade Students only- **Completed applications to be a media helper are due to Ms. Hartley by Friday, September 16th.** If you need a new application, please go to the library.

Cougar Chorus Update

Please note the change for the beginning of Chorus to September 21 at 8:00 in the music room. You should be seeing a Chorus permission form coming home for your interested 4th or 5th grade student. Please let Ms. Sutton (jsutton3@wcpss.net) know if you have any questions. Thank you.