

Wildcat News

West Meade Early Education Center

MARCH

2021



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Office Hours:

8:15 AM–3:45 PM

School Hours (in person instruction):

8:45 am—doors open

9:05 am—instruction begins

3:30 pm—dismissal

AM PreK/ECI -9:05-11:40 AM

PM PreK/ECI - 12:55-3:30 PM

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Principal's Monthly Message

We are so excited to welcome back students into the building after almost a year!

It has been a busy month preparing for hybrid/virtual learning to begin and we are excited to see those smiling faces. We thank you for your patience and continued support.

We are thrilled to share that Principal Kallon welcomed a beautiful baby girl on February 26th. All are doing well, and she misses the West Meade students, families, staff, and community.

March 10th are Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please sign up if you have concerns about your child's progress.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Kim VerMerris

Acting Principal

Important Dates For March

- 5 Interims sent home
- 10 School closed- Parent/Teacher conferences



Out-Of-Area Transfer Request— To attend an AACPS school other than the assigned boundary school. Information can be found at www.aacps.org/outofarea Dates to apply are March 1 through May 1, 2021.



With students returning to school hybrid, just a few reminders from the health room:
 If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home.
 Practice hand washing with your child. Be sure to wash with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 Have your child practice wearing a mask. Be sure to wear your mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
 Be sure to always cover coughs and sneezes and wash your hands after blowing your nose.
 Please pack an extra mask in your child's backpack in case one becomes dirty or gets lost.
 Even if you are not returning hybrid, please know that immunizations are still needed. If your child has not received the necessary immunizations for school, please contact your health care provider to receive them ASAP.
 Please be sure to review the AACPS Reopening Safety Guide at: aacps.org/safetyguide

PTO Message



The WMEEC PTO is selling Light It Up Blue shirts to raise awareness for Autism. Please use the [link](#) to order. Shirts will be on sale through March 15th and they will be delivered to the school before Light it Up Blue Day on April 2nd! Also, we still have PTO Board member positions open. If any one would like to join and/or volunteer, please email us at ptowestmeade@gmail.com

Hello Parents!

As students begin to read, it is important to support and encourage them in a positive way. We want to help build a love for reading and a strong literacy foundation. Beginner readers are starting to put early literacy concepts together and are often eager to read by themselves. They can name the letters in the alphabet, tell you many of the letter sounds, understand the concept of a "word", are beginning to recognize a few words within text or from a list, and are beginning to represent the first and maybe last sound of a word when trying to spell.

Here are a few tips to support beginning readers:

- Model finger-point reading. That means to follow the words with your finger from left to right as you read them.
- Give your child time to decode the words and avoid jumping in too quickly. Be patient.
- Encourage attention to letters and sounds. If your child is stuck on a word, prompt them to look at the first letter of the word and make the letter's sound. If the word can't be sounded out, just supply the word for them.
- Talk about the story. When your child is finished with a book, be sure to talk about what happened in the story, -and maybe re-read favorite parts.
- Let them know how proud you are! By sharing a book with a child, you're sharing the joys and excitement of reading.

Happy Reading!

-Greg & Antoinese

Kindergarten Lead Teachers

Resource: <https://www.readingrockets.org/article/beginning-readers-look-i-can-read>



West Meade Reading News

Shared by Literacy Teacher Katie Saxe

We are proud to announce that we have a **WMEEC Reading Website** to share with our families! Our website can be reached through this [link](#). The site contains a Student Portal, Parent Resources, and Important Dates. I encourage you to explore the website and its resources including leveled e-books (levels A-Z with level A being the easiest).



WMEEC Café

Lunch Prices:

Lunch (Full Prices) \$2.75

Milk- 1/2 pint (A La Carte) \$.55



Please Apply for free/reduce meals:

<https://aacpschools.org/nutrition/apply-for-free-or-reduced-price-meals/>

West Meade is a meal site. We are providing **free breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack** to children, ages 2-18 during the 2020-2021 school year. **There are no income or registration requirements.** Children will receive breakfast, lunch, dinner and a snack each day schools are in session and can pick those meals up from 12-12:30 pm here at West Meade. Families can pick up meals without their children present, but must register by calling 410-222-5900. **Please remember to wear your mask when picking up meals!!**



Welcome to Basecamp YET! Where we build skills, celebrate mistakes and explore our world.

7 Steps of Highly Responsible Students

1.THEY SET GOALS

Goals keep kids focused on the future. That's why they are the foundation of responsible behavior - and success in school.

2.THEY PLAN THEIR TIME

Responsible people meet their obligations - but it takes planning. (Remember the old saying. "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.") Use a big calendar to help teach your child how to organize his/her time. Write down all commitments and use the calendar to plan time for homework each day.

3.THEY STUDY EVERY DAY.

Learning any subject is like building a brick wall - you do it steadily, one step at a time. Responsible students set aside time for homework or studying every day.

4.THEY TAKE NOTES IN CLASS

Students who succeed seem to have one thing in common: they take notes in class. They have learned that teachers will almost always spell out what they think is important

5.THEY HAVE THE TOOLS THEY NEED

A carpenter wouldn't think of showing up without a hammer. A nurse always has a stethoscope. But some students seem to think they can go to class without the pencils, paper and other tools they need. Show up prepared

6.THEY KEEP THEIR COMMITMENTS

Responsible people honor their commitments - to others and to themselves. They succeed in school by doing their assignments well and on time. Talk with children about the commitments you have made to the family - to provide meals, to keep clothes clean, to care for anyone who is sick. Ask children to make commitments of their own at home. And help them feel the satisfaction that comes from meeting their commitments.

7.THEY GET READY AHEAD OF TIME

Some students start out every morning in a crisis. They can't find their homework. They don't have time to eat breakfast. Their favorite shirt is dirty. Responsible students have learned that being late, or being early, is not something that simply happens to them. It is a choice they can make. Teach your child to take five or 10 minutes before bedtime to get ready for the next day. Pack the backpack. Make lunch. Lay out clothes. Children will soon see that those few minutes will make the morning easier...and help him get to school ready to learn.

~ Mrs. Lacovara ~ WMEEC School Counselor ~

For more information visit the WMEEC counselor website:

<https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/mrslacovara/home>



BIG CAT WORD

RESPONSIBILITY - Do what you are supposed to do • Plan ahead • Be diligent • Persevere • Do your best • Use self-control • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act • Be accountable for your words, actions and attitudes • Set a good example for others • Choose a positive attitude • Make healthy choices