

WILDCAT MONTHLY

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Fun Ways to Build Reading Skills at Home: There are many ways to make reading a daily part of your family’s routine. Below are just a few ideas:

- Write notes to your child for them to read sometime throughout the day. A note on the bathroom counter, in their lunch box, or on their pillow.
- Involve your child in helping to cook dinner by reading a recipe and/or directions to make a meal.
- Play board games such as Pay Day or Monopoly that require reading throughout the game.
- Set some time aside each day where the whole family reads. This can be done with one parent reading to everyone else sitting on the couch, or everyone reading from their favorite book.
- Find books to match your child’s favorite hobby.
- Include reading in bedtime routines.

Homework: The purpose of homework is to extend and expand activities that have already been presented and practiced during class. Homework enhances and reinforces skills learned during class, provides students an opportunity to practice skills, and helps students build personal responsibility. Please know that homework will be assigned on Monday through Thursday evenings, except on holidays and vacations. Students in grades K-2 should spend 20-30 minutes each night on homework, while students in grades 3-5 should spend between 40-60 minutes. To help your child do his or her best:

- Provide a specific place free from distractions for your child to work on homework.
- Provide necessary supplies in this area for homework tasks such as paper, pencils, crayons, dictionary, scissors, glue stick, etc. This will cut down on wasted time searching for items when they are needed.
- Make every attempt to complete homework before dinner. Trying to do homework right before bedtime usually results in frustration for both you and your child.
- Look over your child’s homework to ensure they are practicing skills appropriately. If you notice they are doing something wrong, help them fix it so they do not practice the skill incorrectly.
- If you feel your child is spending too much time on homework (more than the times listed above), talk with your child’s teacher.

School Crisis Response Plan: Nevada Revised Statute 392.600 requires each site to annually review and update their School Crisis Response Plan. The Wallin Elementary School Crisis Response Team has completed this process and has written the Wallin 2018-2019 Crisis Response Plan. All required elements have been completed and are in compliance with NRS 392.600. A copy of NRS 392.600-392.656 is posted in Wallin’s Main Office.

Student Council: Wallin Elementary School Student Council Elections for the 2018-2019 school year will be held in September. Fifth grade students may run for President. Students in fourth or fifth grade may run for the following offices: Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer. Letters were sent home on Friday, August 31, 2018. Application packets for interested candidates will be available to pick up in the office from Tuesday, September 4th to Friday, September 14th. All application packets are due to the office by Monday, September 17th. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Speeches are due to Ms. Sheldon (room 338) no later than 2:01 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2018. Candidates deliver speeches on Friday, September 21, 2018. Parents of candidates may attend the assembly, which will be held in the M.P. room from 9:00-11:00 a.m.
All students in grades 3 -5 will vote.

School wide Fundraiser: Rather than start the year with a fundraiser that sells cookie dough or catalog items, Wallin Elementary School is simply asking each family to donate \$25.00 or more to help offset the costs of instructional supplies and help provide i-Pads for student use throughout the school day. This way, we will be able to keep 100% of the funds collected to benefit our students without paying for any product. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for our Fine Arts Programs, I-Pads, and supplies such as copy paper and toner for printers/copiers.

BOX Tops: You can help make a difference for our school by saving and turning in “Box Tops.” Simply clip the “Box Top for Education” symbol off many of your grocery items and attach it to the sheet. Once your sheet is full, have your child send it back to his/her classroom teacher. “Box Tops” can be found on items such as: Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Hamburger Helper, Kleenex, Nestle, Cheerios, Chex, Ziploc, Hefty, Natural Valley, etc. If you would like more information on how to support our school, please contact our PTA at wallinpta@aol.com



Apple Core Reading Incentive Program: Please see the attached flyer and Apple Core Bookmark coming home soon with each child. This reading incentive program comes to us through a partnership between the City of Henderson and the Clark County School District. As students read at home for 30 minutes, an adult initials half an apple on the Apple Core bookmark. When the bookmark is full, the student brings it to the library and receives a prize and a new bookmark. At the end of the year, a drawing will be held for a home computer. The more bookmarks a child has completed and turned in, the better their chances for winning.

Accelerated Reader: The computer lab by the front door is open Tuesday through Thursday from 7:30-7:50 for AR testing. Only students will be permitted to the lab. A staff member on duty will be present to assist students. See Ms. Trierpke if you need support with logging on.

Drop-off Lunch Table: A “drop-off” table is set up in the Multi-Purpose Room for parents to drop off a lunch in the office. Please know we will not call to the classroom and disrupt instruction to let your child know his/her lunch is here. Your child will simply check the table when they walk into the lunchroom. Please be sure your child’s name is printed on the bag.

School Website: Check out our fabulous website at WallinElementary.com. The website is a great tool to stay informed and up to date on events and activities throughout the school.

Visiting/Volunteering at the School: When you visit the school, please report to the office. All volunteers are required to have a Visitor’s badge issued by CCSD. Please arrange visits 48 hours in advance with your child’s teacher. If you do not have a badge, you will not be allowed to visit on that day. You will be asked

to show personal identification until we get to know you. If you have a scheduled appointment with a teacher or need to drop off items, please check in with the front office and they will notify the teacher that you are in the office.

Wildcats of the Month: Congratulations to Chanel Ready, Charlotte Rudin, Brookelynn Morada, Gianna Lagomarsino, Keanu Moreno, Sina Leau, Barrett Scheutzow, Shae Jordan, Brynnlee Brunson Elizabeth Grant, Linnea Byler, Apple Shaw, Elle Jimenez, Brax Brunson, Kalia Byle, Gianna Cusic, Lily Nuchols, Elijah Urbina, Arlene Dweck, Henry Choi, Austin Cruz, Stella Wanco, Aubrielle Carty, Charlee Gallaher, Jason Alvarez, Nile Chua, Hadley, Chenin, Calvin Huffaker, Audrey Dockweiler, Oliva Lewin, Emrie Nielson, Grant Twitchell, Muriel Chu, Ethan Yi, Carolina Sanchez, Lexi Plott, Robert Langton, Sophia Quiamba, and Haley Southards for being our Wildcats. In addition, congratulations Miss Smith for being selected as Staff Wildcat.

Upcoming Dates:

September 6 Picture Day (Free Dress)
September 17 Family Code Night, 5:00-6:15 PM
October 10 Makeup Pictures
October 26 No School - Nevada Day
November 2 Fall Festival
November 5-9 Parent Teacher Conferences
November 6 No School - Election Day
November 7 No School – Parent Conferences
November 13-16 & 26-30 - APEX FUN RUN
November 19-23 No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 24–January 4 – Winter Break