

# October 2018 Newsletter

## WATAUGA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear WES Families,

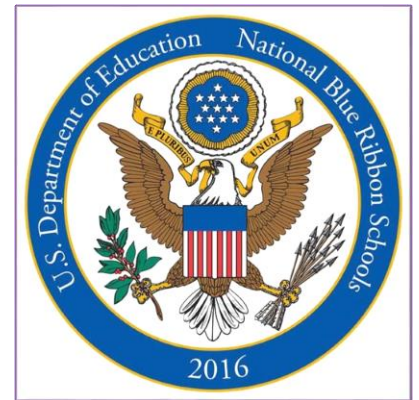
This will be the ninth year that Watauga Elementary School has participated in the One School One Book project. We will kick off this year's book and reveal the title with a school-wide assembly on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. The mural located on the wall in front of the main office displays the book covers of all of the titles we have read together thus far. Mrs. Null, our Art teacher, recently finished adding last year's book, *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*, to the painting. We hope that you enjoy reading this book as a school community.

Thank you for your continued support of WES. ~ M. Stanley

### WES Set to Hold Annual Fall Festival

Please join us for Fall Festival on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Inflatables will be outside for students to enjoy from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Inside games begin at 5:00 p.m. Bingo, cake walk, concessions, and the silent auction baskets are some of the main attractions. Highlands Fellowship Church has graciously agreed to allow Fall Festival patrons to park in their lots. There will be a school bus shuttling those patrons who park at Highlands Fellowship to/from Watauga Elementary School. Please contact our PTA President, Mrs. Erinn Linkous at [embracingeverything@gmail.com](mailto:embracingeverything@gmail.com), or our Fall Festival Coordinator, Mrs. Rebekah Childers at [rebekahfchilders@gmail.com](mailto:rebekahfchilders@gmail.com), if you can volunteer to help with this fun-filled event! If you have not yet joined PTA, please consider doing that today by contacting your child's teacher.

Where Everyone Succeeds



### Upcoming Events

#### October 5

School Pictures

#### October 11

PTA @ 7:00 p.m.

#### October 13

Fall Festival 4 - 7 p.m.

### Watauga's 4-H Clubs

Watauga's 4-H clubs begin the second week in October. Grades K-3 will meet during their encore classes one time per month. Fourth and fifth grade 4-Hers meet after school on the second Tuesday of each month. We are thankful that WES students have an opportunity to participate in 4-H activities.

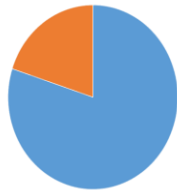


## WES Students and Staff are Focusing on Kindness

Each August our school adopts a theme that carries throughout the year. Our school-wide theme for the 2018-2019 school year is **#KINDNESSMATTERS**. Students are learning about how important it is to treat everyone with respect and how random acts of kindness can not only impact the lives of others, but their lives as well. Lessons on kindness are being taught by Mrs. O'Dell in Guidance classes while classroom teachers while all staff members are working to reinforce the influence of kindness. The book our school community will be reading for our One School One Book project also focuses on kindness. Additionally, students who perform extraordinarily kind acts are being recognized on the bulletin board in the main hallway. So far, the following students have been selected by teachers to be recognized on the bulletin board: Nevaeh D., Aayan P., Brycen S., Caylen M., Jacob B., Mason S., Carson M., Brayden C., Westin J., Jaycee M., Hunter V., Joseph C., Itto A., Elizabeth R., Caylee M., Nicholas P., and Ava C.



## Attendance: How Important is Good Attendance?



*80% of Success is Showing Up*

### Five Facts about Chronic Absenteeism

- 1) Over 7 Million (1 in 7) U.S. students miss nearly a month of school each year.
- 2) Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or be held back.
- 3) By 6<sup>th</sup> grade, chronic absenteeism becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.
- 4) When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.
- 5) Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school year (18 or more days), negatively affects a student's academic performance. (*Attendance Works, 2018*)

## Important Dates

### October 3

First Grade Field Trip

### October 5

School Pictures

### October 10

End of First Nine Weeks

### October 11

PTA Fourth Grade students will perform.

### October 12

Preschool Field Trip

### October 13

Fall Festival 4-7 pm

### October 26

Preschool Field Trip