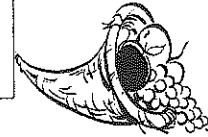


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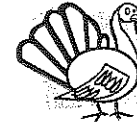


# The Wildcat Journal

November

2017

Dates to Remember



2017 Girls Basketball Team



## 2017 Basketball Schedule

Date	School	Location	Time
Nov. 1	Thomas Jefferson	Home	4:45
Nov. 6	New Washington	Away	4:45
Nov. 8	Northaven	Home	4:45
Nov. 13	Bridgepoint	Home	4:45
Nov. 15	Maple	Away	4:45
Tournament Dates:			
Nov. 27th & 28th	First Round		4:45
Nov. 29th & 30th	Second Round		4:45
Dec. 4th	Semi-Finals		5:50 & 6:50 P.M.
Dec. 5th	Final		6:00 P.M.

Parent/Teacher Conference Day Election Day	Nov. 7 11:30-7:00
PSO Meeting	Nov. 9th 12:00
Grades 3, 4, 5 Field Trip	Nov. 10th
Mid Terms Go Home	Nov. 15th
Thanksgiving Celebration Grade K	Nov. 17th 2:00
No School	Nov. 22nd
No School Thanksgiving Day	Nov. 23rd
No School	Nov. 24th

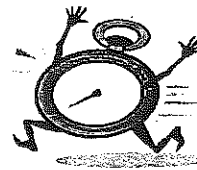
- Kaila Brown
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- Natalyn Dodson
- Madison Fanning
- Akeelah Fountain
- Amaya Haywood
- Tyanna Horsman
- Emily Izquierdo
- Breann Jackson
- Precious Murrell
- Karlie Shea
- Nikeeyah Stephenson
- Ila Willis
- Kerry Murrell-Coach



## 2017 Yell Leaders

- Brody Dodson
- Kavon Fountain
- Nathan Hamilton
- Vontrell James
- Da'Ylan Sims

**Time Change**  
 Move your clock back 1 hour



Sunday

Tiffany Embry-Coach

November 5, 2017

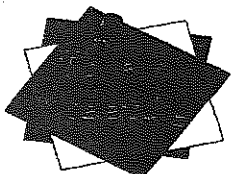


## Reading Counts Stars

Litzy Rubio	361
Shanian Wolfork	182
Tyanna Horsman	159
Emily Izquierdo	147
Giancarlo Ramirez-Sierra	143
Marianna Bush	143
Nikeeya Stephenson	135
Aniya Thompson	124
Da'Ylan Sims	100
Aiden Fanning	99

## Just For Parents

PSO Meeting  
 12:00 Thursday  
 November 9, 2017



Parent-Teacher Conferences  
 November 7, 2017



Special Days  
 There will be No School on Wednesday, November 22nd, Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th!

# Classroom News

GRADE  
K

A note from the Kindergarten teachers: Hello! A couple of important reminders. We have started the Book-it Challenge.

Please encourage your child to read daily or read with your child and complete their Book-It Calendar. Calendars need to be signed and returned at the end of the month to receive his/her award. The students need to continue to work on their Rainbow words at home. Congratulations to the following students for moving up the rainbow: Ava, Chelsea, Nieve, Daniel, Bryson, and Jayden. Great job! Please remember you can contact us at (812)288-4874 or email us at [lwortman@gccschools.com](mailto:lwortman@gccschools.com) and [nstone@gccschools.com](mailto:nstone@gccschools.com)

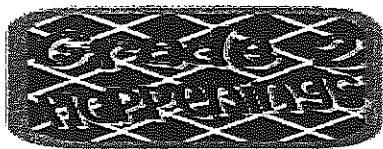
Ms. Wortman and Mrs. Stone



## Learning Knows No Bounds

The students have been working very hard to earn reading counts points. For every 5 books they read they get a pizza from Pizza Hut. We will continue using the Unique Learning System. The two upcoming topics are Living in Early America and Keeping a Healthy Body.

Mr. Deakin



Quarter 2 is in full swing and students are off to a great start! They are working hard each and every day! I am pleased with the positive mindsets the students show each day when they enter the classroom as well as before they leave to go home.

**Language:** Please make sure students are practicing their spelling words daily! We have increased to 15 words each week.

**Reading:** Students are learning about author's purpose and the 3 reasons an author writes: PIE (persuade, inform, and entertain)

We are also working on possessive nouns (singular vs. plural).

Ex: Jared's books are heavy. (singular)

The students' books are heavy. (plural)

**Vocabulary:** Students will have 2 nights of Vocabulary homework (Tuesdays and Wednesdays). Please make sure they are completing their homework to prepare for the tests each Friday!

**Math:** We are learning addition and subtraction with regrouping. Please make sure your child is completing the homework each night as it will help reinforce the skills we are learning in class!

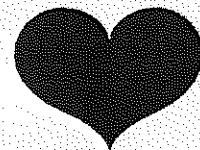
\*Thank you for your involvement and all that you do! Together, I know we will see the students accomplish GREAT things!

Ms. McCullum



Preschool has been working hard on their fall unit, ending on Halloween with letter, math, and fine motor activities. We will soon be starting our Thanksgiving unit and doing activities to do with that. Don't forget to keep looking for letters and math concepts in real life and play with your student at home.

Mrs. Fountain



## 1st Grade rules

Thanks to a grant from The Fund For The Arts, the FABULOUS FIRST GRADE had a interesting lesson on stories and movement. Ms Meg and Ms Hallie came from Commonwealth Theater and the class learned about putting movement into stories. They also helped us practice finding the problem/conflict, determining the setting, naming the characters and stating some of the details in a story. These are some of the skills we have been working on in reading. Congratulations to the two top first grade Reading Counts students. Brandon Rubio with 90 points and Chloe Kallbreier with 58 points. Please be looking for the Pizza Hut Book-It information. Each month every student can earn a free Pan Pizza by reading 6 books. YUM! I'm looking forward to meeting with you

on Nov. 7.

*Ms Williams*

# Classroom News



The 4<sup>th</sup> graders are mastering their multiplication facts. They should be becoming fluent with these facts. Practice with them every night and encourage them to think without using their fingers to solve the problems. Our students are also working

on the Indiana State Project. Ms. Carter's class finished their letters to send to the State of Indiana. They are hoping to get some interesting information sent back to them. Mrs. Riley's class is learning about new ways to present non-fiction by creating a class book on Indiana. Home projects about our state will be sent home soon. Encourage your child to read every night and remember that all students should have a least 25 reading counts points. The goal by December is 50 points. ☺

Mrs. Riley and Ms. Carter

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have been working hard with their multiplication facts. Please practice with them daily. They are also starting to work on a Social Studies Project. Most of this project will be completed at

school. However, they will be bringing home a small home project where they will be interviewing a community member. We are looking forward to learning more about our community and those who live in it. Encourage your child to keep reading and taking Reading Counts tests! All students should now have over 25 points! ☺

Mrs. Riley and Mr. Spencer



## Special Area News

### ART

K, 1<sup>st</sup>, & 2<sup>nd</sup> have been creating some great pieces of art. I hope they are making it home for you to see. The kindergarteners should have brought home an Eric Carle piece. Eric Carle is an author & illustrator. I read the students one of his books & showed them the many that we have in the library here at school. We watched a video on how he creates his "papers," and that's what the students did with pieces of tissue paper. They made spiders, caterpillars, butterflies, click beetles, turtles, & chameleons. The 1<sup>st</sup> graders made witches using geometric shapes. They are really cute. The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders made a tree trunk by tearing different shades of browns. They painted rubber leaf stamps to cut out & glue to their trunks. These look very nice. Please cut, glue, color, paint with your child at home. What they learn at home helps at school. And it has been proven that those you practice visual arts at home do better in other subjects.



The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are having a great year so far! They are learning what it means to be a role model. We are continuing to use ClassDojo to show parents our role model behavior. For the month of November and December, the students will begin a research project about the American Revolution. They will choose whether they agreed with the British or

Americans, and then debate the opposing side. The students are very excited for this project. In math, we still need your help by practicing multiplication facts every night with your child. This is a very important standard that needs to be mastered. Also, please have your child read to you nightly. This will help with their fluency and is a great way to build the love of reading with your child.

Mrs. Hammond

Mrs. Hammond's 5<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Carter's 4<sup>th</sup>, & Mrs. Riley's 4<sup>th</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders finished drawing & painting in the style of Female American artist Georgia O'Keeffe. She was known for her paintings of enlarged flowers & animal bones. The students received ½ of a photo that they had to enlarge by gridding. Once the students drew their picture, they then painted it. They were allowed to get their own colors & mix them, as needed. Students also used different types & sizes of brushes. There was a lot of learning in this project, and the pieces of art are amazing. Look on the Spring Hill Facebook Page to see them before they come home.

### MUSIC Class

K, 1<sup>st</sup>, & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders have been working on songs for the Winter Program, December 14. They already know Frosty the Snowman and Hot Chocolate. This year's theme is Songs from Christmas Movies. I will be sending notes home for students to have speaking parts in the next few weeks. If you see one of those, please read, sign, & send it back in by the return date. The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders just learned the first song for the Black History Program, which will be in February. Fifth grade will be working on learning the Black History songs, as well as Rap of the States.

### PE

Help student learn responsibility by reminding them to waer the tennis shoes on Wednesday, PE day. All except 2 classes has PE on Wednesday. The 2 classes that have PE on Thursday are Mr. Deakin's & Mr. Spencer's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.