WILDWOOD WEEKLY HOME OF THE WOLVES! December 11, 2022 Principal: Chris Swanson Secretary: Marcia Johnston Attendance: 734-419-2799 Phone: 734-419-2790 Fax: 734-595-2579 Full Day: 9:10-4:00 Half Day: 9:10-12:20



Wildwood Elementary School - 500 N. Wildwood, Westland, MI 48185

#### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

December 12 - 3rd grade field trip to the Henry Ford - AM 4:00-5:30 - Red Team - 4th/5th Grade Girls Basketball Practice December 14 - 6:00 - 3rd Grade Music Concert 6:45 - 4th Grade Music Concert 7:30 - 5th Grade Music Concert December 15 - 4th Grade Field Trip - Phoenix Theatre - AM Y5/Kindergarten Field Trip - Tech Center - AM 4:00-5:30 - White Team - 4th/5th Grade Girls Basketball Practice December 16 - Spirit Day - Holiday/Winter Sweater Day 11:00-11:45 - Kindergarten Grandparents Day - Wildwood Gym December 17 - 9:00 - 4th/5th Grade Girls Basketball Red Team - John Glenn Gym 5 10:00 - 4th/5th Grade Girls Basketball White Team - John Glenn Gym 3 December 22 - 1st Grade Field Trip to the Henry Ford - AM CFCU Student Run Credit Union Deposit Day - AM December 23 - Spirit Day - Pajama Day **December 24-January 8 - Winter Break** January 9 - School resumes

### **REMINDERS/NEWS/GENERAL INFO:**

- Holiday Concerts: 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be presenting their holiday concert on Wednesday, December 14th. All concerts will last 20 minutes, so please tell family and friends to arrive early/on time to see the show.
  - 3rd Grade students must arrive by 5:30 concert is at 6:00pm
  - 4th Grade students must arrive by 6:15 concert is at 6:45pm
  - 5th Grade students must arrive by 7:00 concert is at 6:30pm
- Get spirit wear in time for holiday gifts: Wildwood Wear Ordering: If you are interested in ordering Wildwood Wear you can access AKA Sports link which is open year round. When you order from AKA Sports items are delivered to the school for free.
- <u>iPad Information and Consent Form</u>: All Young 5s-4th Grade Families please complete this form ASAP.
  - The Wayne-Westland Community School District was awarded a grant from the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) which provides an iPad with 1 year of cellular data to all of our Young 5s-4th students. These devices can be used to support learning at home and at school. It will have data access anywhere within the Verizon coverage area.

- The iPads come in a protective case with an attached keyboard, a charging cable and a charging adapter.
- All Young 5s-4th grade families MUST fill out the form whether you choose to accept the iPad or not.
- You will see that there are two choices. It has options to agree to the terms and conditions so we can send an iPad home with your student(s), or, if you wish, you can select the opt-out option if you aren't prepared to accept the responsibility of the device outside of the school building.
- If you opt-out, your child will still be assigned an IPad, it will just stay at school and not go home.
- **Yearbook Orders:** The 2022.23 Yearbook sales are underway. Ordering deadline is May 1, 2022.
  - Families can preorder the yearbook at <u>www.ybpay.com</u>
    - Yearbook ID Code is: 14561923
    - Basic yearbooks are \$15.00 with package options that range from \$17.00-24.50.
    - All preorders are done online. A small quantity will be ordered for sale during the last week of school, but reserve your copy now to guarantee your book.
- **Pick Up Times:** Wildwood staff asks that, unless there is a family emergency or a doctor's appointment you have already alerted staff to, that you refrain from picking up your child between 3:30 and 4:00pm when school dismisses. This is a critical time for classrooms to get in their final clean up routines, finish lessons, and prepare for the end of the day. It is incredibly disruptive to classrooms to call for students to come to the office for pick ups in these final moments of the day.
- **Parking Lot Etiquette:** A request and friendly reminder to take your time, be alert, and go slowly when in the parking lot. We have wonderful and dedicated staff and parent volunteers who assist with the parking lot every day at the three crossing zones as well as opening car doors. A few reminders:
  - If you are walking your student into the building please park in a designated parking spot and use one of the three designated crosswalks to access the sidewalk.
  - All students being dropped off by vehicle should be dropped off to a Wildwood staff or volunteer at the north end of the building, near the flagpole, where your vehicle door will be open and your student can climb out. You **MUST** stay in the drop off line (between the cones and the sidewalk.
    **NO** cutting in line at the curve to exit the parking lot and cutting off drivers.)
  - There is to be **ABSOLUTELY** no dropping off students in the center lane. This is dangerous to students and the staff/volunteers who have to dart into traffic to escort them to the sidewalk.
  - Make sure your child is ready to exit the vehicle as soon as the door is opened. All books, water bottles, and materials should be packed in the bag and all kisses and hugs already given.
  - As you drive to and through the crosswalk areas please move slowly and watch for the staff and volunteers with stop signs and yellow vests who will pause the drop off line to allow families to cross. You **MUST** stop and wait when directed.
  - If you are interested in volunteering and assisting with the drop off process, or if you have any concerns, please feel free to send me a ClassDojo or email message anytime.

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- **Special Needs Family Outreach Nights:** Special Education Dept. will host a series of Community Outreach throughout the school year. Click on the link to learn more.
- <u>Wildwood Family Handbook:</u> Please take time to review the family handbooks for specific items that pertain to your child's day.
- Wildwood Community Google Calendar Stay in the know for upcoming events by syncing the school calendar with yours. The Wildwood Community Calendar will list all events that are occurring during the school year and is updated regularly.
  - For adding to your iCal application use or application
  - $\circ$   $\,$  For viewing on the  $\underline{web}$  use
- **Family Resource Center:** The FRC can help with resource numbers and referrals, essential need assistance, emergency toiletries, socks, underwear, laundry assistance, food assistance, and more for those unable to afford it! Call 734-419-2709 or FRC@wwcsd.net.
- Ways to support the PTO: The PTO is looking for ideas and ways to fundraise and support the students of Wildwood. If you have ideas or would like to assist please contact Ami Marshall at <u>WildwoodWolfPTO@gmail.com</u>. Ways to support include:
  - **Can/Bottle Drive** bins are outside of the front doors of Wildwood where cleaned bottles can be deposited anytime.
  - Kroger Community Rewards Do you have a Kroger Card? Have you linked your card to Wildwood yet?
    - If not please go to: <u>https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards</u>
    - Log into your account and click on the link in the "Link your Card to an Organization" section.
    - When asked for an organization, type Wildwood Elementary School and select the school.
    - Then every time you shop the Wildwood PTO earns money awarded quarterly by Kroger up to \$300 per quarter.
  - Amazon when shopping on Amazon please use <u>www.smile.amazon.com</u> and link your account with Wildwood Elementary PTO - Westland, MI. 0.5% of every purchase will be given to the PTO.
  - Box Tops Clip any Box Tops you find on grocery items as well as scan your receipts with the Box Top app. Every Box Top is worth \$0.10 and every dime counts. If you do not want to download the app you can drop off clipped box tops and receipts to me, at Wildwood, any Monday or Wednesday 7am-4pm.
- Wildwood Storytime Tales: Click on the link and save it as a favorite then listen to a story or five a day. <u>https://photos.app.goo.gl/FdvALaBXgNbb7Q1K8</u>

### **SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS:**

Wildwood Wolves info can be found in the following locations. If you have not yet joined us on social media, please add us to your feeds:

Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/wildwoodwolves/</u> Twitter: @wildwood\_wolves or <u>https://twitter.com/wildwood\_wolves</u> Instagram: <u>www.instagram.com/wildwoodwolves</u>

Have a magnificent day! Chris Swanson

## The Wildwood Way: Be safe. Be respectful. Be responsible.