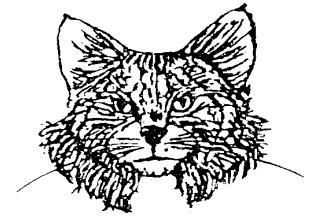


# Wildcat News

Windsor Woods Elementary School Newsletter

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## Citizens of the Month

Our Citizen of the Month breakfast for September was held on October 1 in the cafeteria. The students were chosen for displaying RESPONSIBILITY.

Our responsible citizens for September were: Kayden D., Kelsey C., Xander K., Justice Q., Makayla M., Ryleigh F., Erika A., Hanna B., Gabe S., Madalynn L., Riley C., Makayla Z., Tori M., Bridget M., Hailey C., Bella M., Anastasia S., Tyler H., and Hannah W.

Congratulations responsible Wildcats!



## Federal Cards are Coming!



It's that time of year! Federal cards will be going home with your student on October 12th. Please fill out the card **completely and don't forget to sign and date it.** It only takes a minute and this helps provide the school system with some extra federal funds. Return the card to school as soon as possible. Remember, this benefits all of our children!

## "Wildcats: Keeping It Green"

Our SCA's first event of the year was a Recycle Day. We collected 450 lbs. of recycled materials, mostly from Preschool 10 and Mr. Boulrier's fifth grade class. In keeping with our SCA theme, the students in the **winning** classes were awarded pansy plants!

Our next SCA event will be held October 15th, SHIRT SWAP DAY. Please send to school any used shirt that has been freshly cleaned and put into a plastic bag. There should be no stains or defects on the shirt. A permission slip will be sent home to

be completed and included in the bag. Used shirts will be collected from October 1-9 in the Clinic or the Art Room. Student will be given a Swap Ticket to select another shirt on Swap Day, October 15th.



Our United Way campaign will begin soon, so stay tuned for a unique way to give!

October 23-31 also celebrates our school-wide decision to be Drug -Free! Students will be invited to wear RED on Red Ribbon Day, Wednesday, October 28th.

## From the Library:

The big day finally arrived! Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>—AR began!

Our "Blast Off with Reading" took place on Friday, September 25th with guest speaker, Ms. Rudo Kashiri, from NASA. During the assembly for grades 3-5, Ms. Kashiri discussed the lunar exploration that will take



place on October 9, 2009. The mission is to find out whether there is water on the moon. This is an exciting event for our students, so please mark that date on your calendar.

One of the points Ms. Kashiri made during her presentation was that the people at NASA are counting on our children to continue the journey of space exploration. We hope this encourages all of our students to focus on their studies and to keep reading. Maybe one day we will be celebrating the space adventures of one of our very own WWES students.

## October Edition

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

10/1	Citizen of Month Breakfast	8:00
10/2	Water Pirates of Neverland	
	K-2	8:30
	3-5	9:15
10/6	WBS Team Meeting	2:30
10/8	Read for the Record	1:00
10/12-10/16	National School Lunch Week	
10/12	Progress Reports	
10/13	WBS Monthly Meeting	2:30
10/14	Pre-K Field Trip to Taylor's Farm	8:30
10/15	SCA Shirt Swap	
10/16	Picture Orders Due	
10/19-10/23	School Bus Safety Week	
10/19	1st Quarter Gifted Testing	8:00
10/20	School Planning Council Meeting	6:30
10/26-10/30	SCA sponsors Red Ribbon Week	
10/26	SPCA lesson—Grade 2	9:00
10/28	Field Trip to Hunt Club Gr. 1	9:30
10/29	Picture Re-takes	
10/30	Citizen of Month Breakfast	8:00

## MySchool Mail



All of our schools have their own electronic **MySchool Mail** list. These mail lists provide school-specific information such as PTA meetings, volunteer opportunities, special events/programs and important announcements.

To be placed on your schools' mailing list, please select your school of choice com, then click on .

[subscribe](#)

## You Are Invited

The Virginia Beach Meyera Oberndorf Central Library has been given the honor of hosting the only traveling copy of the Declaration of Independence, called the Dunlap Broadside on October 22, 2009. The Dunlap Broad-sides were the first published copies of the United States Declaration of Independence, printed on July 4, 1776., by John Dunlap of Philadelphia. The Dunlap Broad-sides were sent across the colonies over the next two days, including to George Washington, who directed that the Declaration be read to the troops.

The document will be available to the general public from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

## PARENT/STUDENT GUIDES

The K-5 Parent Student Guides are now online! This is the first year this option has been available.. Simply go to [vbschools.com](http://vbschools.com), look under the Parents section and click on "Course Information K-12". Choose the grade your child is currently in and learn about the instructional program and learning expectations for your child. You will also receive a printed copy when you come for conference on November 3rd.



## BULLYING WORKSHOP

Parent Connection, in partnership with CHKD, is holding a free workshop. It will be held at the CHKD Brickhouse Auditorium on October 15 from 7-8:30 p.m. Jodee Blanco who is a New York Times Bestselling author will describe the warning signs that a child may be a bully or a victim, how to deal with the parents of the bullies and/or victims, how to work with the school, and how to find and work with a qualified therapist. You can register by calling 668-7500 or 1-800-395-2453 or online at [www.chkd.org/classes](http://www.chkd.org/classes). Space is limited so register early if you plan on attending.



## AUTUMN CRAFT

With the arrival of Autumn, there are a lot of different types of leaves falling off the trees. This craft uses these leaves to make pictures.

You will need:  
Assorted leaves  
Tempera or poster paints  
Brushes

Paper towels  
Paper  
Crayons and chalk



1. Examine your leaves for vein patterns.
2. Paint the underside and coat well.
3. Turn the leaf over onto the paper and press gently for a few seconds. Carefully lift the leaf directly up.
4. Repeat process with other leaves to create a pattern or design.
5. Use chalk or crayons to make a rubbing. Place the leaf, vein-side up, beneath paper.
6. Rub with the side of the chalk or crayon. The impression of the leaf should be visible on the paper.

A few questions to ask your child while doing this activity are: How are leaves different in the fall? What are the names of the trees that shed their leaves in the fall? Why do leaves change color?

## Poetry-A Quick Way for Parents to Help Children with Reading

Every year I am asked the question "How can I help my child with his reading?" One of the easy things to do with your child is to read poetry and talk about what the poem means. Short poems or nursery rhymes are the best way to start. I use the nursery rhyme about Jack and Jill at the beginning of each school year with my third graders. It is short, simple and lends itself to lots of comprehension and vocabulary questions. Seasonal poems about the months, holidays, and special events are also "user friendly". Poetry books are available in the libraries for check out. If you like using computer resources, try "googling" children's poems and you will find many choices.



## **NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK IS OCTOBER 12-16. JOIN YOUR STUDENT FOR LUNCH!**

### Food Service News

All students in Virginia Beach City Public Schools are invited to enjoy a nutritious breakfast and lunch at school every day. Well-balanced student menus are planned by the food service staff which includes a registered dietitian.

With every meal our child nutrition employees serve to our students, they also serve a side helping of higher achievement at school. Study after study has shown that when children eat balanced,

nutritious meals they concentrate better in class, participate more, behave better and score higher on standardized test.

Our child nutrition staff is ready to serve your child their hearty breakfast and lunch every day. When it comes to getting our students ready to learn, our employees really cook!

## **VISIT US ON THE WEB**

Go to **LUNCH MENUS** at [www.vbschools.com](http://www.vbschools.com) to access menus, brochures, wellness news, nutrition information, newsletters, food allergy information and much more from the Office of Food Services.

## **Pay for Your Child's Meals and Snacks Online!**

Virginia Beach City Public Schools offers parents the opportunity to make payments – via an online account – for their child's meals and/or snacks using Visa, Mastercard, or a debit card. It's convenient and easy to use. Create your account today!

### **Benefits of paying online:**

- Make payments directly into your child's account
- Track meal account balances
- View cafeteria purchases
- Set up low-balance e-mail reminders
- Schedule recurring payments

### **Follow these easy steps to create your online lunch account:**

You must be 18 years or older to open an account.

1. Go to [vbschools.com](http://vbschools.com) and select **Lunch Menus/Food Services** on the homepage.
2. Select the link [mySchoolBucks.com](http://mySchoolBucks.com)
3. Select **I'm new to mySchoolBucks.**
4. When prompted to select a state, highlight **Virginia** and select **continue.**
5. Select continue when **Virginia Beach School District is displayed on the screen.**
6. Enter your account information and select **register.** (For privacy, a user must know the student's ID number, birth date and name to add them to an account.)

**Notice:** [mySchoolBucks.com](http://mySchoolBucks.com) charges a convenience fee.

### **School Breakfast and Lunch The Best Deal in Town**

#### Student Breakfast Prices

Full Price: \$1.00  
Reduced Price: \$0.30  
Free: No Charge

#### Student Lunch Prices

Full Price: \$2.00  
Reduced Price: \$0.40  
Free: No Charge