

EWE Need To Know

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From the Principal's Desk...

It was great to see so many family members and special guests at our Thanksgiving Feast on Grandparents' Day. Thank you for attending and for being such an important influence in a young person's life. Together, we all make a difference for our children.

For the first time at Wolford, our school wellness team sponsored "Operation Gratitude." This program encourages students to bring extra Halloween candy to school to be donated to our troops overseas. I am proud of our 285 Wolford students, who gave up 217 pounds of candy! Wow! A special thanks goes to Dr. D'Addario and Rocky Mountain Pediatric Dentistry for donating toothbrushes to be shipped along with all the candy, as well as covering the postage for mailing that much weight. Additionally, to show her appreciation to our thoughtful students, she donated \$1 for each pound to the school. The wellness team plans to use the money to purchase a special healthy treat for all students for an upcoming event. Many thanks to our students for their generosity.

The next few weeks before the winter holidays and break are sure to be busy ones. Some of the upcoming special events to mark on your calendar include:

- December 1 Breakfast with Santa and Craft Make and Take.
- December 7 Grades 4, 5 Music Program, featuring the school choir 6:30 pm, school gymnasium
- December 21 Holiday parties, 2:30-3:45 pm
- Dec. 24-Jan. 8 Winter Break
- January 7 Staff workday
- January 8 Staff inservice day
- January 9 Classes resume for students
- January 15 Character Assembly, 9:00 am, gym

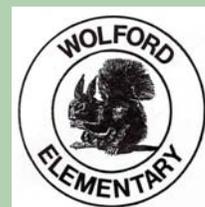
The District 20 Choice Application Window will open January 9, 2019, and close at 4:00 pm on February 28, 2019. Please check the District 20 web site (www.asd20.org) for additional information on procedures and school choice presentations. The Edith Wolford Choice Information Night will be on Tuesday, January 15, at 4:45 pm.

Registration for Kindergarten, 2019-2020, for Edith Wolford will be held on Thursday, February 7, at the District 20 Education and Administration Center. Please let friends and neighbors with incoming kindergartners know about this important date.

The entire Edith Wolford Staff joins me in wishing you the very best this holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Warm regards,

Bob Wedel
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Important School Contact Information

Edith Wolford's main office phone number is 234-4300. Please call 234-4301 to report an absence due to illness or other emergency, or if you would like to report an upcoming absence to the office. The FAX number is 719-234-4399. You may also access Wolford's website through District 20's site: <http://www.asd20.org>.



You are invited!

4th and 5th Grade Winter Concert!
Friday evening, December 7, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

Edith Wolford Elementary Gym.

Performers will include all of our

4th and 5th grade students

and

our school choir.



Student Council News

Our Student Council officers had to postpone sprucing up the friendship rocks area right out front due to weather. We hope to get out there very soon! We will let you know when to look for the owl so you can stop by and check it out!



Thanks to all for coming out for our rescheduled Donuts with Dad. This was Student Council's fundraiser to purchase t-shirts and Student Council supplies. We so appreciate your support.

Thank you all for your donations for Wolford's Student Council sponsored food drive supporting Tri-Lakes Cares, which partnered with local schools. Thank you for helping out our local school children!

Here are a few upcoming Student Council sponsored events:

*Student Council is still looking for donations such as socks, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. which started November 27. We will be hanging the items on the tree in the foyer near the office.

No Student Council meetings in December. Our next Student Council meeting will be Wednesday, January 23, at 8:00 a.m.



Mrs. Galvan's Tidbits

Hola,

Wolford students have been more than welcoming and continue to amaze me each class with their positive attitudes, energy and willingness to take risks. I enjoyed connecting with many families at conferences and bragging about the students' accomplishments. I was blown away by the eagerness to make home-school connections, too. So, I have created a short list of tips and a little more information about Spanish class.

How can I incorporate more Spanish at home?



- * Change your audio to Spanish when watching shows or movies (especially familiar television).
- * Search YouTube videos relating to some of the topics we have already covered in class.
- * Follow my [Music Lingua COS](#) page on Facebook where I post videos, crafts, and interesting articles about second language acquisition and culture.
- * Listen to audiobooks in Spanish (i.e. [Epic](#) or [Tumblebooks](#) with a PPLD library account).
- * Use the public library to check out bilingual books or access [Mango language software](#).
- * Incorporate Spanish into daily routines (i.e. Good morning song, brushing teeth, washing hands, getting ready for bed, nursery rhymes etc.).
- * Purchase Spanish books for the holidays from [Club Leo on Scholastic](#) with our class code: HFRGT.
- * Search the [Spanish Playground](#) website for easy-to-use (even if you don't know Spanish) resources.
- * Let me help you [become a host family](#) for a student from Spain or other European and Asian countries.



What's Spanish class look like this year?

Learning Spanish should not be so different from the way students acquired their first language. With that in mind, our Spanish class mimics the natural process of language acquisition in which students learn through music, movement, storytelling, and play. All grade levels have been filling their brains with language (input) and older students have begun creating more language (output) using technology and dialogue. As winter approaches, all students will continue developing their oral speaking skills and grades 3-5 will begin developing reading skills.

What have we learned so far?

All K-5 students have been engaging with Spanish through the context of Life on the Farm. Topics and vocabulary we have practiced include the following: greetings and goodbyes, weather, farm animals and their products, gardening, colors, numbers, opposites, (Thanksgiving) food, Itsy Bitsy Spider, body parts (including Head & Shoulders), and so much more. In addition, we have done a comparison of Independence Day traditions in the U.S. and Chile. Older students investigated Chilean street art and began creating their own in art class. We also learned more about Day of the Dead and emphasized that it is not the same as Halloween. It was also very fun to express thanks, prepare and eat a pretend Thanksgiving meal together in class.

Thanks for sharing your students with me. They have been such rays of sunshine in my life. I hope this helps you feel more equipped with some tools to continue developing their language skills.

Abrazos,

Sra. Galvan



December Counselor's Corner

District 20 will hold free parent workshops at the D20 Education and Administration Center (EAC) 1110 Chapel Hills Drive Time: 6 to 7pm
Please register at asd20.org/parentacademy if you would like to attend.

Social Media and Kids: What All Parents Need to Know (December 11, 2018) *Social media has profound impacts on kids. This session will help parents understand these impacts and will offer practical strategies for parents to limit potential harmful impacts.*

Common Mental Health Challenges in Youth (January 22, 2019) *This session gives parents practical first aid strategies on recognizing and addressing common and potentially serious mental health challenges.*

Vaping: What All Parents Need to Know (February 19, 2019) *This session, provided by community experts, is a must for parents to better understand current trends in vaping and its effects on kids.*

Keeping Kids Safe and Healthy (March 12, 2019) *This session will provide parents with practical tips on helping kids to be emotionally and physically healthy.*

Please let me know if I can answer any questions for you.

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EWE Character Trait of the Month: Cooperation

A willingness and ability to work with others to accomplish a common goal.

What does it look like?

- ★ Help bring out the BEST in all by working together.
- ★ Make good decisions and choices.
- ★ Have positive relationships with others.

What does it sound like?

- ★ "Let's work together."
- ★ "How can we get this done?"
- ★ "What do you think?"

10 WHAT Questions to develop a GROWTH MINDSET in CHILDREN

- 1) What did you do today that made you think hard?
- 2) What happened today that made you keep on going?
- 3) What can you learn from this?
- 4) What mistake did you make that taught you something?
- 5) What did you try hard at today?
- 6) What strategy are you going to try now?
- 7) What will you do to challenge yourself today?
- 8) What will you do to improve your work?
- 9) What will you do to improve your talent?
- 10) What will you do to solve this problem?



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We wish our EWE families a very happy holiday

season and a wonderful New Year!

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