

EWE Need To Know

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From the Principal's Desk...

It is hard to believe we are already preparing for fall parent/teacher conferences! Teachers will be available for scheduled conferences with you on Wednesday, October 17 and Thursday, October 18. These conferences provide a valuable opportunity for you to meet with teachers to discuss your child(ren)'s progress and to set goals for the next quarter.

This year, we will again be scheduling conferences online, utilizing the site: www.ptcfast.com. Be watching for information via Friday Folders regarding how to go to the site and select your choice of time for your child(ren)'s conference(s). We believe this procedure makes scheduling smoother and more convenient to parents and staff.

Report cards will be available on the Parent Portal of Infinite Campus, beginning at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, Oct. 16. Conference time is also a great time to meet with our specials' teachers and other support staff who work with your child(ren). Don't forget that there will be NO SCHOOL for students on Thursday and Friday, October 18 and 19!

Please make note of the following upcoming dates with modified schedules or special events, in addition to the days listed above:

Thursday, Oct. 4: Staff workday. There will be no school for students.

Friday, Oct. 5: Staff training day. There will be no school for students.

Mon-Fri., Oct. 8-12: Scholastic Book Fair; details to follow

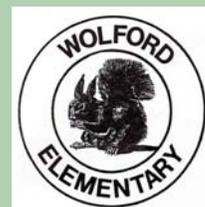
Our annual Book Character Day is coming, Wednesday, October 31. As part of the day's activities, students will have the opportunity to dress up in the afternoon as a published book character for our class parties. Remember to take into consideration the range of student ages at our school and the messages we want to send to our children—no violent, gory or scary costumes, please. Costume weapons should be left at home. If you have questions about the acceptability of a particular costume, feel free to contact your child's teacher or the school office. It is always a plus if the students can bring a copy of the book on which their character is based for the school parade. Parents are welcome to join us for the parade at 2:30, and the parties that follow, beginning around 2:45 pm.

Many thanks to all the parents and other volunteers that helped to make our annual Wild Wolford Run such a great success! We couldn't have asked for better weather and a good time was had by all. Proceeds from this year's run will be shared equally by the Wolford PTO and our school wellness committee to support health and wellness initiatives for our students. Next month I hope to report the total amount collected.

The next PTO meeting of the year will take place on Thursday, October 11, beginning at 9:00 am, at R and R Coffee House. At this same meeting, we will also hold our first School Accountability Committee (SAC) meeting of the year.

Happy fall!

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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>.

EWE October Character Trait of the Month: **Respect**

Showing consideration for self, others, property, rules, and people in authority through words and actions.

What does it look like?

Getting to school on time.
Listening when others are speaking.
Speaking respectfully about others and avoiding gossip.

What does it sound like?

"Thank you."
"May I."
"Excuse me."

Counselor's Corner

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is the Nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program, reaching millions of Americans during October every year. Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated at EWE the week of October 22 – 26, 2018. By wearing red and participating in community anti-drug events, young people pledge to live a drug-free lifestyle and pay tribute to DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was murdered in 1985 while trying to stop a drug gang. Parents, please use Red Ribbon Week as an opportunity to have conversations with your children about drugs and alcohol.

RED RIBBON WEEK at EWE

- Monday 10/22/17 –Proud to be Drug Free! – WEAR RED!
Each student will receive a red "Say NO to Drugs" bracelet.
Please wear your bracelet all week long!
- Tuesday 10/23/17 – TEAM up against drugs!– Wear your favorite sports team apparel to school.
- Wednesday 10/24/17 – Squirrels don't do Drugs! – Wear your EWE apparel.
- Thursday 10/25/17 – We do hugs not Drugs! – Bring a stuffed animal and wear PJ's to school.
- Friday 10/26/17 – "Lei" off Drugs! – Hawaiian Theme Day: wear your tropical apparel.



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Growth Mindset- How You Can Help Your Child?



Talk about it...Talk to you child about their day, and guide the discussion by asking questions like – Did you make a mistake today? What did you learn from it? What did you do that was difficult today?

Praise the Process....Instead of saying, “You’re so smart!” praise effort, goal setting, persisting through challenges, or being creative. You can say something like – “Wow! You must have worked really hard on this.”

The Brain Can Grow...Remind your child that their intelligence is not fixed. Remind them that when things are difficult, their brain grows if they persist through the challenge. Each time they learn something new their brain is making new connections. Your child needs to know this is possible.



Help them change their dialogue...Adopt the word “YET” into your vocabulary. If your child proclaims that they do not understand something, can’t dribble a basketball, or can’t play a song on the guitar, remind them that they can’t YET but with hard work they can have success.

Encourage Failure (Say what?!)...Your child needs to know that failure can (and often does) happen and that it is okay! Remind them that each time they fail and try again, their brain is growing stronger. Don’t step in to prevent your child’s failure – let them learn to persevere in the face of challenges.



Student Council News

Student Council is up and running!

Our meeting schedule for this school year will be as follows. Please mark your calendar NOW:

Officer’s meetings:

Thursdays, 12:35-1:15
Mrs. Moulton’s room 100

Regular meetings (officers and reps):

Day and time:
Mrs. Mathis’s room 213

September 20

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7:45 a.m.

November 8

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 7:45 a.m.

December 6

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 8:00 a.m.

January 17

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 8:00 a.m.

January 31

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 8:00 a.m.

February 28

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 8:00 a.m.

March 14

April 4

Wednesday, April 10, 8:00 a.m.

May 9

Tuesday, May 21, 7:45 a.m.



If an officer or rep is unable to attend, please notify the office, send a note, or call Mrs. Moulton’s voice mail 234-7061. Remember to mention that it is for Student Council!

We look forward to seeing all our officers and reps on Tuesday, September 25, at 7:45 a.m. for our first meeting!

RULER Form

Dear Families,

Conflicts and misunderstandings are a part of life, but learning how to resolve conflicts with skill can have a tremendous influence upon who is successful in life.

Here at Edith Wolford Elementary School, we have begun using the Blueprint to understand multiple perspectives, build the skills of empathy, and resolve conflicts. The Blueprint consists of a series of questions. Each person reflects on these questions alone, or shares their responses to these questions with the person they are in conflict with. You can see the questions here:

Solve problems with
The Blueprint

	Describe What happened?	
RULER Skill	Me	Other Person
Recognize & Label	How did I feel?	How did ____ feel?
Understand	What caused my feelings?	What caused ____'s feelings?
Express & Regulate	How did I express and regulate my feelings?	How did ____ express and regulate his/her feelings?
Reflect & Plan	What could I have done to handle the situation better? What can I do now?	

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Being able to understand other points of view is essential for relationships, and also essential for academic learning, such as in history and literature. Having the practical skills to work through our differences serves us for a lifetime. We only improve when we practice the skills.

We are thankful to have the Blueprint to support the positive emotional climate we aspire to have in our school and we encourage all families to practice asking these questions at home too. The more empathy we have for one another, the stronger and more successful our students and entire school community will be.

Warm regards,

Bob Wedel