



Dear Wilburn Families,

We have the first month of school behind us and everyone is off to a great start! Thanks to all of parents that dropped off and picked up their students carefully and patiently. Students are not to arrive before 8:45 a.m. as we have no supervision before that time. Please note that we do not dismiss students after 3:00p.m.

We are happy to announce that we increased our overall proficiency by 12%. We continue to remain committed to the best, most differentiated and personalized instruction we can offer every student. We moved from a D school to a C school and **Exceeded Expected Growth**. That is an incredible amount of growth and it means that our students grew a year or more in their own learning. We are committed to exceeding that number once again this school year. We are proud of our students and staff.

In an effort to support continued growth, we are implementing Curriculum Connection Nights where parents/guardians will have an opportunity to come in and have teachers teach parents how to support their child (ren) with classwork and homework. Stay tuned for additional information and dates.

Fondly,

Lutashia Dove, Principal

### BUS TRANSPORTATION

We are thrilled that your child has the opportunity to utilize the Wake County Public School System transportation service. Many of our students enjoy riding the bus safely with their friends to and from school. Since our number one goal is the safety of our students, we would like to share the policy and general bus rules.

According to policy #6450, school transportation service is a privilege, not a right. Students at all times while riding the bus or other vehicles must observe the directives of the school bus driver. The following violations are prohibited and may result in temporary or permanent suspension from the bus.

- Fighting, playing, pushing, or hitting
- Standing up while the bus is moving
- Bringing weapons on the bus
- Using profane or abusive language
- Failing to keep all body parts inside of the bus window at all times

Please review these safety expectations with your child (ren). The district website has additional transportation resources for parents to access. These include requesting transportation, change of stop, and/or addressing safety concerns regarding a bus stop. Please feel free to contact Mr. Gaitan, our Assistant Principal ([sgaitan@wcpss.net](mailto:sgaitan@wcpss.net)) with additional questions or concerns. We look forward to a successful 2016-17 school year.



## PBIS

Positive Behavior Intervention and Support, or PBIS, is designed to encourage students to perform at their best behavior. Students are expected to follow school wide expectations and classroom expectations in order to have academic and behavior success.

There are school wide expectations, P.A.W.S., as well as a set of rules for each common area that all students use. If you come to our school, you will see these expectations and rules displayed on our walls around our school.

PBIS helps our school to develop a clear set of positive expectations and behaviors which are taught through classroom instruction and rewarded throughout the school. Students learn that all staff will hold them accountable to the same expectations. PBIS in our school will help encourage the behaviors we expect to see.

At Wilburn we show our **PAWS**:

Practice Self-Control

Act Responsibly

Work for Success

Show Respect

## ATTENDANCE

Some highlights are as follows:

1. All children between the ages of seven and 16 years of age must attend school. Parents/Guardians **must ensure** that students attend and remain in school daily when school is in session. This is N.C. law as well as Wake County's policy (NC Law 115C-378 and Wake County policy 6000).
2. Every absence is considered either excused or unexcused. Please see below for a list of excused absences.
3. A note written by the parent or guardian is required within **2 school days** upon a student return to school, explaining the nature of the absence with dates and the student's name. A note is **required** even if the parent contacts the school by phone. **A note does not guarantee an absence will be excused but all absences without notes will be considered unexcused.**

4. Excessive absences may lead to academic failure and possible grade retention. In some cases, based solely on chronic absences, the school can require parents to submit a doctor's note for any absence to be excused, and/or court penalties including fines or imprisonment. Though the law is strongly worded, its intention is for children to be successful in school. Every effort is made to avoid such serious consequences.

We understand that situations arise that are out of your control. We will do all we can to make your child's school experience pleasant and successful. I'm sure that if we work together your child can have a great educational experience at Wilburn Elementary School.

If at any time you have questions or concerns about attendance or any other area which you think we might be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the School Social Worker Mrs. Adams at **(919) 850- 8738**.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 5<sup>th</sup> Holiday

September 9<sup>th</sup> Early Release @ 1:15

September 13-15<sup>th</sup> CogAt Testing

September 20<sup>th</sup> Read to Achieve Mtg. for 3G Parents

September 22<sup>nd</sup> PTA mtg. @ 5:30-6:30

September 22<sup>nd</sup> Fall Pictures

September 26-28<sup>th</sup> Case 21 Grades 3-5

September 29<sup>th</sup> Pride Celebration

September 30<sup>th</sup> Family Fall Fest 6-8:30

October 3<sup>rd</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Track-out

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