

Wednesday Words

Frances Lacy Elementary School

August 29, 2007

"Frances Lacy Elementary School will inspire and prepare students to achieve their potential."

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3: LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Bus Route Changes

Please visit the Lacy website for a list of the new bus routes (<http://lacyes.wcpss.net>)

CORRECTION

The date for the K-2 Literacy meeting has been changed to Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30 pm. Please change the date on the Lacy PTA calendar.

IMPORTANT PARKING INFORMATION

Just a reminder that parking on any city street is limited to no closer than **30 feet** from a mailbox and never in a "NO PARKING" posted area. The Raleigh Police Department ticketed all cars parked on Darien Drive that were in violation of parking regulations on Friday for "Meet the Teacher". Do not double-park and block vehicles in any parking area. In an emergency, all cars need to be able to exit.

"Nuts & Bolts" Meeting for All PTA Board and Committee Chairs

There will be a mandatory "Nuts & Bolts" meeting on Wednesday, September 5th (in the cafeteria) from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. for all board and committee chairs.

"Walkers"

Children in Kindergarten and first grade who walk home each day will meet their parents or babysitters in the cafeteria. (They will be accompanied to the cafeteria by a staff member.) Children in grades 2-5 will be dismissed from class when the bell rings at 3:00 p.m. to meet their parents at an agreed upon location or to walk home.

Welcome Back Lacy Lions!!

The FALL FESTIVAL committee has been at work much of the summer and we are so excited about an amazing festival. Mark your calendars for Friday, October 19th from 5:00 until 8:00 to come have great fun and great food. Lots of old favorites will be back and some exciting new things to come! Parents—please watch the Wed. folder after Labor Day for important signup sheets, T-shirt order forms and information regarding Fall Festival. Thank you for your support of our biggest fundraiser of the year! Leslie Pulley and Maria Gruskin, Co-Chairs

Sally Foster Sale Will Start on September 12!

Orders can be placed online now at www.sallyfoster.com. Lacy Elementary's account # is 269261.

Lacy ArtCamp

Lacy ArtCamp! In the Multipurpose Room (Gym) on Sept. 8th from 9am - 12noon. Cost per student: \$35. We will be building and painting birdhouses and making plaster of paris hand molds. Forms are included in the Wednesday Words Folder this week and are due back to your teacher on Wed., Sept. 5th. Please pack your own snack and drink for this event. The artcamp is sponsored by the Lacy PTA and all proceeds benefit the Lacy Foundation. Donations made by J4 Design and Build. For more information, contact Jonna Maurer at 786-9670 or jonna@j4designandbuild.com.

TUTORS AND LACY PALS NEEDED

As we start a new school year, S.T.E.P. tutors are needed for one-on-one tutoring sessions. Tutoring times are flexible enough to fit almost any schedule and run 30- 45 minutes per weekly session.

Volunteers are also needed for our "Lacy Pals" lunchtime mentoring program. Please think about joining this very important team of volunteers who share lunch with a student several times a month. Call Sara Morgan at 571-6834 if you are able to volunteer in either of these rewarding activities

OPEN HOUSE * SEPTEMBER 11 * 6:45 PM

The Lacy Open House will be Tuesday, September 11 at 6:45. Parents are invited to go to their child's room for a brief televised PTA meeting and information session with teachers. There will be three sessions, so parents with more than one child will get to meet their teachers. Because this is such a brief,

yet informative meeting, it is recommended for parents only.

Art Supplies Wanted

Things are off to a great start in the art room, and behavior has been excellent! The room is very different this year, so come take a look! During our planning, we discovered there are a few items that we need for the art room. We are requesting the following items:

Colored Sharpies (regular and extra fine)

Metallic Sharpies

How to Draw books for 3,4,5 students (especially perspective, fantasy, animals)

Yarn (bright orange, light blue, and lavender)

Pipe Cleaners (assorted colors)

In addition to the supplies, we also need volunteers. If you are able to hang artwork and assist us with supplies on Tuesday mornings from 9:15-11ish, please e-mail dmwade@wcpss.net. A once a month commitment would be wonderful! Thank you in advance for any support of the arts. It is going to be a wonderful year! Dawn Wade

T-shirts for fall Festival

Congratulations to H Loan R'Com for our Fall Festival T-Shirt Design. She worked extremely hard on her drawing *and* font. She is currently in Mrs. Wandscher's class. When you see her, please congratulate her for a job well done!

Grade 3 Pretest

Third grade students will be taking pretests in Math and Reading on Wednesday, September 5th – Friday, September 7th. This test is administered to all 3rd grade students in North Carolina during the first three weeks of the school. It measures skills and objectives from grade 2 and provides a base line to measure growth from the beginning to the end of the year for school accountability purposes.

- Testing will begin each morning at **8:45 a.m.** and may take up to two hours to complete. Please see that your 3rd grader arrives on time and rested each morning.
- You can learn more about North Carolina testing and accountability at <http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/accountability/parents/elementary>

Pat Bryant / Sue Edwards Testing Coordinators

Parents we need your help with the Lacy Directory

You will receive the Lacy Directory Student Data Sheet today in your child's Wed. folder. Please complete forms and return them before September 21st to your child's teacher. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Dion at lisadion@microsoft.com.

Radical Reader

Please turn in all Radical Reader forms by Friday, August 31. If you need extra forms, they are available in the office. Any questions? Contact Terree Montgomery at 789-4253 or tmontgomery8@nc.rr.com.

High Five: How Parents Can Help Their Child Succeed in School

Dr. Ronald Ferguson, lecturer on the faculty at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government since 1988, will be speaking at Hillside High School on October 17, 2007 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Dr. Ferguson will share how parents, grandparents, clergy, and community can play a vital role in raising the school achievement of our children and closing the gap. More information can be found at www.trianglehighfive.org or by calling (919) 531-1670.

You may also find WEDNESDAY WORDS available online at: lacyes.wcpss.net

Friday	August 31	Kindergarten Meet the Teacher: 1:00-2:00
Monday	September 3	Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday	September 4	Kindergarteners first full day
Tuesday	September 4	"Tears & Cheers" for Kindergarten parents: 8:30/Media Center
Wednesday-Friday	September 5-7	3 rd grade Math & Reading Pretests
Thursday	September 6	PTA Board meeting: 6:30PM
Monday	September 10	3 rd grade Pretest make-ups
Tuesday	September 11	Open House 6:45 pm
Wednesday	September 12	Sally Foster sale begins
Tuesday	September 18	K-2 Literacy Parent Meeting: 6:30 PM
Monday	September 24	Teacher Workday
Tuesday	September 25	Lacy Family Picnic: 5:30