

# Wednesday Words

Frances Lacy Elementary School

October 24, 2007

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

## Reminder

School Pictures will be taken next **Wednesday, Oct. 31!** Make-up day will be Wednesday, Nov. 28.

## Mock Writing Test

On Friday, October 26th our 4<sup>th</sup> graders and some 5<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in a WCPSS mock writing test. It will help students become familiar with the annual NC 4<sup>th</sup> grade writing assessment that is scheduled for March 4, 2008. Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> graders that need to participate in this test have a notice in today's Wednesday Folder. Testing will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and should finish at approximately 10:45 a.m. Please see that your child comes to school rested and on time. Pat Bryant & Sue Edwards, Testing Coordinators

## Sally Foster

PICK UP DATE IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1st from 1PM to 4PM in the MULTIPURPOSE ROOM (GYM). Only 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be allowed to pick up their orders and take them home on their own. PreK - 2nd graders will need an adult to pick up their orders during the allotted time. **Finally, keep in mind that the PreK's carpool is in the front circle between 2:30 and 2:45pm. Should you come to pick up your orders at this time, please park somewhere other than the front circle.** Questions? Jennifer Elam (510-0229 or [jelam@earthlink.net](mailto:jelam@earthlink.net)) or Elizabeth Warner (782-9195 or [ewarner@entertainment.com](mailto:ewarner@entertainment.com)).

## N.C. Department of Transportation; Work Safety Zone Poster Contest

Because safety is the number one priority of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, all N.C. schools are invited to participate in the fourth *Work Zone Safety Poster Contest*. The slogan is "**Drive Smart. Do Your part.**" For more information and rules, go to [www.ncdot.org/~workzone](http://www.ncdot.org/~workzone) and click on "News and Updates". We also have the information in the office if your son or daughter would like to come pick it up. The deadline for entries is **Friday, November 30, 2007.**

## FALL CLOTHING DRIVE

Lacy's Fall Clothing Drive will begin in two weeks. Outreach Committee members will be accepting **GENTLY USED** coats, pants and shirts. **(No underwear or socks please.)** Items will be accepted in car pool line on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-8:30am. We will distribute items on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm and Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am until 10:30 am. Look for the forms in your Wednesday folders. Questions: Contact Mary Ann Parrott [maryann.parrott@thomson.com](mailto:maryann.parrott@thomson.com) or Patricia Danielsen [bdanielson@nc.rr.com](mailto:bdanielson@nc.rr.com).

## The Dixie Trail Holiday ArtWalk

Call for Artists: DEADLINE is approaching fast!! Deadline: Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
For more information, check out: <http://artwalk.j4designandbuild.com> Or call: Jonna Maurer, 786-9670

## Foundation Meeting

A Board of Advisors meeting will be held on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Lacy Media Center. All parents are welcome.

### Professional Learning Communities

Grade level teams are working in Professional Learning Communities (PLC) based on the model by Dr. Richard DuFour. Members of a PLC collaborate and focus on student learning. One characteristic of a PLC is the use of common assessments to inform instruction. Upper grades are using Blue Diamond, a common assessment tool that can be scanned and analyzed by teachers. When staff members completed surveys to indicate our experience in working with PLCs, results indicated that staff members were using many of the elements of PLCs. We are using PTA and Foundation funds to pay for substitutes for teachers to plan together a half-day four times a year. Thank you for your continued support with the implementation of PLCs.

### Early Release Day

Our Early Release Day on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> was very productive for staff. Michael Beadle, poet from Asheville, North Carolina, worked with teachers in grades three through five on art integration. He called us a “model school” for integrating arts into the curriculum. For example, fifth graders are studying Native American history and are using specialists to support classroom activities. One challenge is the time for specialists and teachers in each grade level to meet, and the session Friday was helpful. Pam Blomquist did a workshop on the Lucy Calkins Unit of Study in Writing. Two surprise visitors from Central Office joined Pam’s session and were glad to learn about this initiative. Donna Redfern met with teacher assistants in their PLC, and they brainstormed some ideas that will help them in their roles.

**You may also find WEDNESDAY WORDS available online at: [lacyes.wcpss.net](http://lacyes.wcpss.net)**

Wednesday	October 24	First grades to Jordan Lake State Park
Friday	October 26	<b>Mock writing test</b>
Monday	October 29	<b>TEACHER WORKDAY</b>
Tuesday	October 30	Kindergarten classes : Hill Ridge Pumpkin Farm 9:30 am-1:30 pm
Wednesday	October 31	School pictures
Wednesday, Thursday, & Monday	October 31, November 1, & November 5	Fall Clothing Drive: Carpool line 8:00-8:30 am
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 1</b>	<b>Sally Foster pick-up in gym</b>
Thursday	November 1	PTA meeting: 6:30 pm
Friday	November 2	K-2 Coffee Chat: 9:00 am Media Center
Monday	November 5	Foundation meeting 7:00 pm
Tuesday	November 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> grades: N.C. Museum of History
Thursday	November 8	4 <sup>th</sup> grades to N.C. Symphony 9:30 am-12:00 pm
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 12</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
Tuesday	November 13	Pieces of Gold (after school - 3:00-4:00 pm)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 21-23</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Vacation</b>
Monday	November 26	New Kindergarten parent information session: 9:30 am Lacy Media Center
Thursday	November 29	Capital Opera assemblies: K-2: 1:00 pm; 3-5: 2:00 pm

