



April 2018

Saturday, April 7: WCS Fine Arts Festival 10-5 at The Factory (Scales has an art display)

Monday, April 9-Friday, April 13: Warner Book Drive

Tuesday, April 10: First Grade Program 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 12: LAST DAY FOR AM MATH TUTORING grades 3-5

Thursday, April 12: Kindergarten Sneak-a-Peek 9:30-11 AM and First Grade Program 6:30 PM

TCAP: April 16-19 and April 23-26

Friday, April 20: Green Team 7:45 in the Library

SCALES ELEMENTARY

HOME OF THE MUSTANGS



From Dr. Melonye Lowe, Principal

Welcome Spring! This is a beautiful time of year in Middle Tennessee and our community is no exception! With all of these beautiful flowers and plants, some of our students are experiencing difficulties with allergies and a new round of illnesses. Be sure to contact Nurse Mandi and fill out the appropriate forms if your child has medication for allergies that needs to be administered during the school day. As always, if your child is too sick to attend school, please send a note or email to your child's teacher.

We are happy to welcome Ms. Casey Mayes back to Scales. She is teaching Mrs. Strickland's kindergarten class while Mrs. Strickland is on maternity leave. We are also happy to welcome Mrs. Jana Kelley as interim teacher for Mrs. Kate Hays as she is out with her twin babies. As Mrs. Martorana prepares to go on leave, we welcome Mrs. Bonnie Burks in her classroom and we also welcome Mrs. Daina Mullis in Mrs. Lyle's classroom! Our Scales family continues to grow!

All of our children have grown over the winter months and it may surprise you that some of their clothes from last fall are just a little too small now. As a reminder, our Scales dress code is will follow the guidelines set forth by the county school board policy 6.310.

Tops of shoulders must have a minimum of a 1-inch strap unless otherwise covered by an opaque top garment. Skin and undergarments must be covered with opaque clothing from the underarm to mid-thigh. Mid-thigh is defined as the mid-point between the waist and mid-knee. All pants, trousers, shorts and skirts must be held at the waist. Leggings and other compression-style garments may be worn so long as an opaque top garment covers the private body parts. Hats may be worn in buildings on special occasion as permitted by administration. Appropriate shoes are required; tennis shoes with non-marking soles are required for physical education. It is recommended that students wear tennis shoes for recess. Please do not send students in flip flops or shoes without a back as this can result in injury.

For our 3-5 graders, April is a big month of showing how much they have learned this year! TN Ready (formerly TCAP) will be Monday, April 16- Wednesday, April 18, with make up tests on Thursday, April 19 for those who were absent due to illness. Testing will resume on Monday, April 23-Wednesday, April 25, with make up tests on Thursday, April 26. Be sure your child has a good night's rest and a filling breakfast, particularly on these days. We are proud of our students and want them to be at their best to show how much they have learned this year!

We are expecting dirt to start moving during the week on April 9 as the new parking lot is prepared. Thank you for paying extra attention when you are on campus.

Attached to this newsletter is our Parent Input Form. We value your input as we form classes for the next school year. While we can't honor requests for specific teachers, we want you to share information with us that we may not know about your child that would be helpful. Take some time to fill out the form and return it to school by April 21.

Congratulations to Jessica Herrell, PE teacher, who has earned her Master's degree from the University of Tennessee! Congratulations to Hannah Young, Student Support Services Teacher Assistant, who has earned her Master's degree from Cumberland University!

As always, we appreciate your support of Scales Elementary! Thank you for being part of the Scales Family!

Looking Ahead:

5th Grade Math Placement test May 2 9AM

Field Day: Thursday, May 10 (note change of date) with Rain date Monday, May 14

5th grade Talent Show: Thursday, May 10

5th Grade Reception May 17

Last 1/2 Day of School: May 18



From Mr. Jason Newman, Assistant Principal

Spring is here, even if the weather says otherwise. With spring comes changes in many of our students' schedules. Some of these schedules may require a change in the way your child goes home.

If you are planning to ride home with a friend on the bus, please be sure to send an email to your teacher, as well as the office staff, just to make sure the message is received. Advanced notice is also helpful, as some of our buses are near or at capacity. When a bus is full, it can no longer accept guest riders for that day, so please have a contingency plan in place. Currently, bus 109 is at capacity and we cannot guarantee a bus pass for your child.

When requesting a bus pass please include Teresa Whitt (Teresa.whitt@wcs.edu), Sue Gleason (susan.gleason@wcs.edu), Sandy Webster (sandraw1@wcs.edu); and Jason Newman (Jason.newman@wcs.edu).

Thank you for all your support!

-Mr. Newman



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Clinic: 615-472-4838

Counselors: 615-472-4836

Library: 615-472-4834

SACC: 615-879-9210

WCS Transportation:

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Report Cards:

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Avoid the Summer Slide

Believe it or not, summer is just around the corner. Have you thought about how you are going to help your child avoid the "Summer Slide"? Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to 2 months of reading skills. (Oxford Learning) Consequently, by the 6th grade, students who have experienced summer learning loss over the years are an average of 2 years behind their peers. (Oxford Learning) There are many easy ways to incorporate reading and writing seamlessly into your day. Here are a few examples:

Reading is everywhere: signs, flyers, the grocery store, and more! Ask your child to read whatever he/she sees.

Ask your child to help make grocery lists or write an email/letter to a family member or friend.

Visit the library.

Don't forget bed time stories. Even 5th graders still love that special time to cuddle up and hear a good book.

Use Tumblebooks. It has thousands of online books. www.tumblebooklibrary.com

Username: willcopl Password: scales

Want to learn more? Check out this link for other ideas.

<https://www.oxfordlearning.com/summer-learning-loss-statistics/>

Also, be on the lookout for a letter at the end of the year with even more ideas and suggestions.



From Ms. Suzanne Edwards, School Counselor

To teachers, April means TN Ready testing for every 3rd, 4th and 5th grader. It means covering information on walls, remembering to turn down phones, collecting electronics, and praying that the day goes smoothly. It means remembering every testing irregularity with steel resolve. It is synonymous with the short word STRESS.

For students it means being challenged to remember every interesting fact a teacher has stated, and recall it in record speed. It means staring at test questions for what may feel like hours or maybe only seconds. It's careful bubbling, it's hearing long directions, and hoping a bathroom break isn't suddenly an emergency. It's hoping the pencil's lead doesn't break and the eraser works. For some students TNReady is something they dread midway through second grade.

In the counseling office, TN Ready requires more than lessons on how to take deep breaths or squeeze stress balls. We organize and orchestrate the written plans of educators testing all Tennessee students at the same time. We explain the rules and expectations to both staff and students. We assure all that the outcomes will be fine. We even say words like, "Just do your best."

But if you, as parents, want to offer your support, here are some ideas. These are our Ten Readys.

1. Eat a good breakfast including protein the mornings of testing. You may even try to make this routine by starting a week early. It will help the body not be hungry midway through.
2. Teach strategies of eliminating answers, and to narrow choices down to the two best possible answers. Then just pick your choice, and go on. Don't get stuck on one question.
3. Take a few calming deep breaths to help calm any anxiety. Think positive thoughts.
4. Be prepared. Have an extra pencil and be alert to all directions.
5. After finishing the test, go over your answers again in case there were ones you left blank.
6. Get a good night's rest the whole week before testing. Make it a habit. Lost sleep is hard to reclaim.
7. Begin each section with the certainty that you are prepared because you have awesome teachers who make learning fun.
8. If there is a struggle with an answer, try to remember a connection. That cognition may set off another memory that will help make the decision easier.
9. Know we believe in you, and our teachers, and our administration. Everyone works together to create this learning atmosphere that is packed with success.
10. It's a test, but it's just a test. It's only scary if you're not prepared, but you are prepared! Just answer with your best answers, and know your best is your best. We are PROUD of you!

Know a child who is Kindergarten age?

If you know neighbors or friends who have children who will be 5 years old on or before August 15, they are eligible for kindergarten. Please encourage them to register for kindergarten. Early registration helps us to plan for adequate staffing before school starts. Contact Teresa Whitt at 615-472-4830 or Teresa.Whitt@wcs.edu for kindergarten registration materials and information.