



Upcoming Events

- **Monday, Jan. 16th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.** No school for staff or students
- **Thursday, Jan. 19th - 6:30 p.m. - Annual Enrollment Lottery held. 7:00 p.m. - Board of Trustees meeting held.** Both will be held in the High School Lecture Hall.
- **Friday, Jan. 20th - End of 2nd Quarter and 1st Semester**
- **Monday, Jan. 23rd - Teacher Workday** - No School for students.
- **Tuesday, Jan 24th thru Tuesday, Jan 31st - Parent Conference Opportunity.** If you would like a conference contact your child's teacher to schedule a date and time.
- **Friday, January 27th from 8-9:30 a.m. - Pastries for Parents.** See more information to the right.

Holiday Giving Project

Thank you to all who donated to the Blind Center for our Holiday Giving Project. **As a result of your generosity, we were able to donate a total of \$ 1,950.**



Spirit Shirts now on sale 2 for \$15

See Gay Holton or Diane Stoddard in the front office to purchase. Limited sizes available.

Hot Lunch Schedule (Order forms will be sent home)

Chic-fil-A
Wednesday, Jan. 4th
Dominos Pizza
Wednesday, Jan 11th

“One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child itself. –Maria Montessori **(252) 946 - 1977**
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APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED...

The Charter School is accepting applications for enrollment for the 2017-18 school year. All students that are not currently enrolled need to have an application submitted to the office by 12:00 noon on January 18, 2017.



Sibling Applications for Charter Enrollment

Siblings of current students who are planning on entering our kindergarten must also have applications submitted in order to be accepted into the charter school. To be eligible for kindergarten, the student must be 5 years old by August 31, 2017. Siblings in grades 1st - 12th who are not currently attending WMPCS also need to submit an application by 12:00 noon on January 18th. Applications are available on the website at www.wmpcs.org. If you have questions, call Gay Holton or Diane Stoddard at 946-1977.

Applications for WMPCS Day School

We are currently accepting applications from our school community for the 2017-18 academic year. To attend the Day School, the student must be a sibling of a currently enrolled charter school student or a faculty member's child that is 3-4 years old by August 31, 2017. If you would like to enroll, please fill out an application and return it to the office with the application fee. Applications are available on our website and in the office.

Pastries for Parents

Friday, January 27th from 8:00 -9:30 a.m.



In lieu of Donuts for Dads and Muffins for Moms, WMPCS will be holding a one day event to combine the two.

We invite you, Mom and/or Dad, to come out and spend the morning in the classroom with your child(ren). This gives you a special chance to see what the school day is like and view any work your child would like to share. Join us for a pastry and juice while you are here. If you are unable to attend and your child would like to share this opportunity with someone, please let the office know and we will help.

Yearbook App for Photos

This year, WMPCS will again be using Balfour yearbooks as our provider. To submit pictures for our yearbook, simply use the Balfour Image Share App.

Balfour Image Share App allows parents, students, and teachers to easily share school related photos throughout the year (field trips, school sports, classroom parties and activities, concerts, Kidsfest activities, etc...) with our yearbook staff. Please download the free App "Balfour Image Share" on your smartphone today!

Login information: Search for "Balfour Image Share" at the App Store

School Project # 722434

Password: WMPCS (Phone number is optional)



Goose Creek State Park

Basics and Benefits of Prescribed Fire

Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Did you know that fire plays an important role in the ecosystem at Goose Creek? This presentation covers why we burn, how we burn and some of the equipment we use to incorporate fire into the landscape. Meet at the visitor center.

Mallard Creek Hike

Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Take a short walk down to Mallard Creek and check out our new proposed trail extension. Meet in the last parking lot.

2016 Winter Sports Schedule

Basketball

Wed. Jan. 4	Oakwood	Away	MS Boys JV Boys	5:00 6:00
Fri. Jan. 6	Liberty	Home	Girls Boys	5:00 6:00
Mon. Jan. 9	Lawrence Acad.	Home	MS Boys Girls JV Boys	5:00 6:00 7:00
Tues. Jan. 17	GR Whitfield	Home	MS Boys	5:00
Fri. Jan. 20	NE Carolina Prep.	Away	Girls Boys	5:00 6:00
Wed. Jan. 23	Lawrence Acad.	Away	JV Boys Girls JV Boys	5:00 6:00 7:00
Wed. Feb. 1	St. Peters MS	Away	MS Boys	5:30
Thurs. Feb. 2	Trinity Christian	Home	Girls Boys	5:00 6:00
Fri. Feb. 10	NE Carolina Prep.	Home	Girls Boys	5:00 6:00

Middle School Shoe Collection

Deadline to drop off shoes: Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017

The Middle School is conducting a shoe drive to raise funds for their spring trip to Washington, D.C. Funds will be earned based on the total weight of the shoes collected as Funds2Orgs will purchase all of the donated footwear. Anyone can help by donating gently worn used or new shoes and dropping them off at the middle school.

Update your Contact Information

Did you get a new cell phone or no longer have a home phone number? Have you moved to a new location since the start of school? If so, contact Diane Stoddard at 252-946-1977 ext 310 or diane.stoddard@wmpcs.org to update your child's contact information.

WMPCS is Going Paperless!

As we migrate to a paperless organization, we will be piloting the dissemination of all information that is provided on the Link through our web site under our Parents' Page (<http://www.wmpcs.org/parentsblog/>). The parents' blog will be used on an ongoing basis for the posting of announcements that affect the whole community. This will not take the place of your teacher letters, community letters from Darla and Austin or special notices. Starting in February, we will no longer be printing the Link and distributing it to the community on a bi-weekly basis.

We are hopeful that this will allow us to get you information in a much more timely manner. To subscribe to the list please visit <http://www.wmpcs.org/parentsblog> and join the mailing list by completing the form on the right side of the page. If you subscribe to the list, you will receive notices and information as soon as they are posted. If you would like to still receive the paper copy of the Link, they will be available in the office for pick up.

Winter Weather Updates

As the weather fluctuates, our students forget their coats or leave them on the playground. Make sure your child's coat is labeled with his or her name. Also, keep your child at home if he or she is sick. To avoid getting other students sick, children should be kept home for the following reasons:

- Above-normal temperature (100°F or above)
- Active cold with these symptoms: yellow mucus, fever, diarrhea, and/or nausea
- Rash of unknown origin
- Discharge from eyes or ears
- If your child is not well enough to go outside
- Head lice

A sick child should be free of any symptoms of an illness such as fever, diarrhea, rash or vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school. Please notify the school between 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. to let the office know your child will be absent. Please see the Parent Policies at www.wmpcs.org for more information.

Weather Delays and Closings Due to Inclement Weather

WMPCS will follow the Beaufort County School System in regards to inclement weather. We reserve the right to close or amend operations if Beaufort County Schools choose otherwise or if Beaufort County Schools is not in session. Please tune in to WITN or WNCT television stations and check the school's website for school closing or delay information. If you have provided the school with a contact phone number, you will also receive notification via text and/or message.



As we ring in a new year, we also celebrate a teaching method that has withstood the test of time.

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Teacher Workday - No school for students	3	4 Chic-fil-A Hot Lunch	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Domino's Hot Lunch	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Holiday - No school for students or staff	17	18 Chic-fil-A Hot Lunch	19 6:30pm Lottery held 7:00pm Board of Trustees Mtg	20 End of 2 nd Quarter	21
22	23 Teacher Workday - No school for students	24	25 Domino's Hot Lunch Parent	26 Conference	27 8-9:30 am Pastries for Parents Opportunity	28
29	30	31				