

# White Bluff Elementary School

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Our mission at White Bluff Elementary is to encourage the love of learning while preparing students for success in life.

## A Note from Your Administration

We hope that the end of the year brings many exciting opportunities for our students here at WBES to learn and grow through field trips, science days, nature studies, celebrations, etc. Grade levels will let you know when your child is having awards day this year as we are having renovations to the gym that will prevent us from following our usual awards day schedule, but will bring us a new projection system that we really need. Each grade level is organizing a day to recognize their students. Thanks for another great year!

Gail Mosley, Principal

Glenda Sullivan, Assistant Principal

## 2017 BEACH BASH

Our PTO has been planning the Beach Bash for May 22 (in case of rain date - May 25). In the past this has included inflatables, snacks, tattoos, wet slides, face-painting, marbles, and lots of other fun activities.

Ms. Rene Chesemore and Ms. Rachel Forrest, our PTO leaders, will be sending out info with your child about the event. They may be requesting volunteers, donations, or suggestions. Watch for this information to come home with your child.



## Dropping off Car Riders

Just a quick reminder that the school doors will open at 7:10 a.m., and you should not drop car riding students off in the morning before that time unless they are in Day Care. Our staff will be here to open doors and supervise at that time.

## REPORT CARDS

**Be sure to turn in a self-addressed stamped envelope to have your child's report card mailed home.**

**K-2 students need a 6x9 envelope with two stamps, and 3-5 students need a regular letter envelope with one stamp.**



## Upcoming Events

- May 1-5 Finish state testing -free breakfast to the students on the days a school is testing
- May 4 First Grade Field Trip
- May 5 Pre-K Field trip
- May 8-12 WBES Celebrates Education Week
- May 10 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field trip to WJMS
- May 11 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip to Adventure Science Center
- May 11 5<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to J.A. Biztown
- May 12 Ms. Beth's class field trip
- May 12 CWSH Special Olympics
- May 12 Kindergarten field trip to Nashville Children's Theatre
- May 16 Read-a-Palooza
- May 17 AR Field trip
- May 19 AR Lock-in
- May 22 WBES PTO Beach Bash
- May 26 ½ day school/Final report cards

A few yearbooks are still available!  
The cost is \$20.

Congratulations to our WBES Teacher of the Year, Beth Walker!

Ms. Beth is our 2017 teacher of the year. Ms. Beth has served as our teacher for self-contained special education classes for six years. She is highly respected by her colleagues who wrote several comments for her selection, including:

"Beth Welker goes above and beyond to give her students what they need to succeed. She is always finding new, fresh ways to help her students learn more every day. She truly loves and cares for every student in her class and always wants what's best for them."

"I applaud her professionalism, her expertise, her compassion, her strength, and her love of her students. It is an honor to work with her."

### **AVOIDING SUMMER BRAIN DRAIN!!!**

Studies show that reading four to five books over the summer has a positive impact comparable to summer school enrolment. Plus, this gives your child a chance to choose

books that he or she is interested in, keeping the activity fun and interesting too!



#### **Ways to incorporate reading into your summer plans**

- Take a trip to your local library
- Bring a book with you to the park or the beach
- Read a chapter in the morning, when your child is used to learning and before other plans cause distraction

While summer learning loss has been shown to affect all areas, math skills are the hardest hit.

This might not come as a surprise because math is a tough subject for students and parents alike. Students can increase their math retention by 2/3 simply by doing 10 minutes of math per day in the summer

- Adding 10 minutes of math homework per day can lead to students' lost progress in math dropping by 1/3
- Regular physical activity can lead to increased concentration and improved mathematics and test scores

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