



Wilmore Elementary School's **The Bear Facts**

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Message from the Principal by Dawn T. Floyd

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! We are looking forward to an eventful and exciting new year at WES where we **S**how respect, **M**ake learning a priority, **A**ct responsibly, **R**ealize we can, and **T**reat others the way we want to be treated! Please know that we are always here to help your child be the most successful he/she can be. As always, please let me know if I can help in any way!!

NEW!! We are so excited to offer email as a new way to communicate with our families. In each message, you should see "noreply" as the sender (WES). We hope this will be a help to our families.

Please put this one on the front.

Remind 101: If you would like to receive texts from school, **just text @wilmor to this number 81010.** We will use this form of communication to remind families about special days, early release days, emergency situations, etc.

SNOW DAY/NTI Information

Please check for school closing announcements on the Lexington Television stations. News will be shared on the district's and WES Website, WES PTO and/or WES Facebook pages, and WES Remind Text.

1. Please see our Jessamine County Code of Conduct, to find the school closing protocols for a two-hour delay or early school dismissal. This includes the names of roads that may not be traveled.
2. School closings will be determined prior to 6:00 am.
3. Students should complete one day of NTI work. Your child's teacher will be available to answer questions (please see your child's NTI Snow packet). If you are unable to connect with your child's teacher, contact Mrs. Floyd at dawn.floyd@jessamine.kyschools.us
4. If we are out more than one day at a time, students will complete one day of work for each day missed.
5. If JCS has an early dismissal due to the weather, the Afterschool Programs will NOT be open. Parents will need to make plans for their children to either ride the bus home or to be picked up at the school.
6. If JCS has a scheduled early dismissal, the Afterschool Programs WILL be open at each site (i.e. early release days on the school calendar).

Attendance Announcement

December was a little challenging for us as our attendance was slightly lower than usual. However, we still managed to tie with another elementary for the highest elementary attendance last month. Let's work together to ensure our children are at school and learning each and every day!!

Assessment News!

The state test, KPREP, is administered the last 14 days of the school year. These days move if we have to add additional days to the calendar for weather make-up. Please be careful when scheduling early summer vacations because of the late year testing window.

PTO NEWS

The staff and faculty of WES want to give a SHOUT OUT to our PTO for the MANY wonderful events and thoughtful acts this past semester! Last month's **WES Cookie Crawl** was amazing! Thanks to YOU - our wonderful families - for making this such a fun and memorable day for our staff!

Looking ahead: Our classroom teachers will be sending home information about our March Spring Fling very soon. Our Spring Fling will be held on **Friday, March 8 from 5:00-8:00.** As part of our Spring Fling's silent auction, our classrooms collect and prepare "theme" baskets to auction. So that there is plenty of opportunity to shop and send in basket items, your child's teacher will send home the "theme" for the basket this month. In the past, we've had UK baskets, outdoor baskets, Girl or Boy Summer Baskets, Family Night basket, etc. Be watching for your child's basket information in the coming weeks.

Our next PTO meeting will be January 11 at 8:30 in our cafeteria. Hope to see you there!



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| January 7 | Welcome Back to School!! |
| January 9 | SBDM Meeting 3:15 library |
| January 11 | PTO Meeting 8:30 cafeteria |
| January 18 | Report Cards go home |
| January 18 | Celebration Assemblies |
| January 21 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day No school |
| January 24 | WES Cultural Fair 6:00-7:30 |

Wilmore Elementary School

EVERY CHILD – EVERY DAY!

The mission of Wilmore Elementary School is to create a safe, personalized learning environment that embraces the whole child, focuses on continuous growth, and prepares our students to positively contribute to our families, our communities, and our world.

Early Dismissal for Inclement Weather

Although the weather has not been very threatening so far, there is the possibility of severe weather that may send us home early from school. In order to be better prepared for winter weather, we want parents to plan ahead for those emergencies by doing the following.

***MAKE A PLAN FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD ABOUT WHAT TO DO IF SCHOOL IS DISMISSED EARLY.** If your child is picked up, make a plan^[SEP] for where they meet you. If they ride a bus, make a plan for what to do if they get home before you. If they are to change plans on a day when we are dismissed early, please write a note to your child's teacher making them aware of the change. If we dismiss early, we won't be able to let every child come to the office to call home. Please keep in mind that if we do not receive a written plan/note from you, we will send your child home the same way they go home every day.

*** IF JCS HAS AN EARLY DISMISSAL DUE TO WEATHER, THE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS WILL NOT BE OPEN.** Parents will need to make plans for their children to either ride the bus home or to be picked up at the school.

***MAKE SURE THE PEOPLE WHO MIGHT PICK UP YOUR CHILD ARE ON THE IN PARENT PORTAL.** We will not allow a child to go home with someone who is not on your list for any reason. Also, be sure your child knows it is okay to go home with them.

***PRACTICE THE PLAN WITH YOUR CHILD.** Ask them questions about what to do so they are familiar if the time comes. Remind them of the plan from time to time while it is still winter.

***FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE PLAN.** Children get confused if things don't go the way they had planned. We will make sure everyone gets on^[SEP] the bus or out of the building before we leave. It may take longer for children to get home, but if they are on the bus they are very safe. They will get home. Don't panic!!

***IF SCHOOL IS DISMISSED EARLY, THERE WILL BE NO AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.**

We hope these suggestions will make things easier if we have inclement weather, but hopefully, if we keep our fingers crossed, it will be spring before we know it.



Transportation Reminders!

Please remember a few guidelines for morning and afternoon car lane pick up. It's important to follow the guidelines to keep our children and adults safe each day.

Students should:

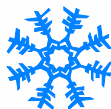
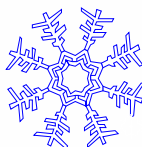
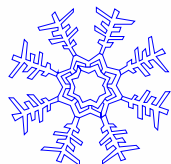
1. Exit vehicle from the passenger side only at all times!
2. Be ready to exit vehicle in the morning!
3. Know tag number!
4. Keep tag visible for all staff to see.

Drivers should:

1. Drive up and stop behind the next vehicle!
2. Do not stop at the crosswalk or close to the front door if there is room to move up.
3. Have official Wilmore car tag (blue) number posted in front windshield. If you do not, you will be asked for your ID, so that it can be checked.
4. Keep car tag visible until your child enters your vehicle.

I made myself a snowball,
As perfect as could be,
I thought I'd keep it as a pet,
And let it sleep with me.

I made it some pajamas,
And a pillow for its head,
Then last night it ran away,
But first - it wet the bed!



JANUARY BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>All students may enjoy a breakfast at NO COST. Adults may enjoy breakfast for \$2.50.</p>				
	1	2	3	4
	No school	No school	No school	No school
7	8	9	10	11
Ham & Cheese Bun, Pillsbury Filled Crescent, or Trix Cereal / Grahams Orange Wedges Applesauce	Cinnamon Apple Breadstick, WG Pop-Tart, or Lucky Charms/Grahams Grapes Diced Peaches	WG Baked Donut, Mini Maple WG Pancakes, or Cocoa Puffs/Grahams Banana Mandarin Oranges	Chicken & WG Biscuit, Raspberry Yogurt Cup & Banana Muffin, or Cinnamon Toast Crunch /Grahams Seasonal Fresh Fruit Tropical Fruit	Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Breakfast WG Cinnamon Roll, or Fruity Cheerios /Grahams Apples Pineapple Tidbits
14	15	16	17	18
Mini WG Blueberry Waffles, Sausage, Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sliders, or Trix Cereal / Grahams Orange Wedges Applesauce	Loaded Scrambled Eggs & Biscuits, Pillsbury Filled Crescent, or Lucky Charms w/ Grahams Grapes Diced Peaches	WG French Toast Bites & Syrup, Strawberry Banana Yogurt Cup & Apple Cinnamon Muffin, or Cocoa Puffs/Grahams Banana Mandarin Oranges	Sausage Biscuit, WG Pop-Tart, or Cinnamon Toast Crunch /Grahams Seasonal Fresh Fruit Tropical Fruit	Mini Pancake & Sausage Bites, Raspberry Yogurt Cup & Blueberry Muffin, or Fruity Cheerios/Grahams Apples Pineapple Tidbits
21	22	23	24	25
No school	WG Baked Donut, Cherry Yogurt Cup & Blueberry Muffin, or Lucky Charms / Grahams Grapes Diced Peaches	Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Breakfast, Pillsbury Filled Crescent, or Cocoa Puffs/Grahams Banana Mandarin Oranges	Scrambled Eggs & Biscuit/Jelly, WG Mini Blueberry Waffles, or Cinnamon Toast Crunch/ Grahams Seasonal Fresh Fruit Tropical Fruit	Breakfast Burrito, WG Pop-Tart, or Fruity Cheerios/ Grahams Apples Pineapple Tidbits
28	29	30	31	
Ham & Cheese Bun, Pillsbury Filled Crescent, or Trix Cereal / Grahams Orange Wedges Applesauce	Cinnamon Apple Breadstick, WG Pop-Tart, or Lucky Charms/Grahams Grapes Diced Peaches	WG Baked Donut, Mini Maple WG Pancakes, or Cocoa Puffs/Grahams Banana Mandarin Oranges	Chicken & WG Biscuit, Raspberry Yogurt Cup & Banana Muffin, or Cinnamon Toast Crunch /Grahams Seasonal Fresh Fruit Tropical Fruit	

JANUARY LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Entrée Salads 1/7-11: Chef Salad 1/14-18: Taco Salad 1/22-25: Crispy Chicken Salad 1/28-31: Chef Salad</p>				
	1	2	3	4
	No school	No school	No school	No school
7	8	9	10	11
Chicken Nuggets & WG Roll, Ham & Cheese Panini, or Yogurt, Cheese Stick & Sunchips Box Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Celery Sticks & Ranch Orange Wedges/Applesauce	Hot Dog on WG Bun, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, or PB Jamwich, Cheese Stick, & Goldfish Box Baked Cheetos California Veggie Blend Cucumber Coins & Ranch Grapes/Diced Peaches	BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich on WG Bun, Cheesy Breadsticks & Marinara Sauce, or Deli Sandwich Box Homestyle Baked Beans Baby Carrots & Ranch Banana/Mandarin Oranges	Chicken Strips with BBQ or Ketchup, Deli Turkey & Cheese on Hoagie Bun, or PB Jamwich, Cheese Stick & Goldfish Box Sw. Potato Waffle Fries Crazy Corn Celery Sticks & Ranch Seasonal Fresh Fruit/Tropical Fruit	Pepperoni or Cheese Traditional Hamburger with toppings, or Yogurt, Cheese Stick & Sun Chips Box Crispie Fries & Ketchup Broccoli Trees & Ranch Apples/Pineapple Tidbits MixMi Frozen Yogurt
14	15	16	17	18
BBQ Chicken Leg, Deli Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, or Yogurt, Cheese Stick & Sunchips Box Macaroni & Cheese Homestyle Baked Beans Celery Sticks & Ranch Orange Wedges/Applesauce	Cheesy Baked Rotini & Garlic Breadstick, Ham & Cheese Panini, or PB Jamwich, Cheese Stick & Goldfish Box Green Beans Cucumber Coins & Ranch Grapes/Diced Peaches Sunbelievable Cup	Mandarin Chicken with Steamed Brown Rice, BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, or Deli Sandwich Box Vegetable Egg Roll Steamed Broccoli Baby Carrots & Ranch Banana/Mandarin Oranges	Hamburger with toppings, Popcorn Chicken & WG Roll, or PB Jamwich, Cheese Stick & Goldfish Box Crinkle Fries & Ketchup Broccoli Trees & Ranch Seasonal Fresh Fruit/Tropical Fruit	Big Daddy's Cheese or Pepperoni Deli Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, or Yogurt, Cheese Stick & Sun Chips Box Crazy Corn Baby Carrots & Ranch Apples/Pineapple Tidbits Pudding Cup
21	22	23	24	25
No school	Wild Mike's Cheesy Bites & Mar. WG Mini Corn Dogs, or PB Jamwich, Cheese Stick & Goldfish Box Steamed Broccoli Cucumber Coins & Ranch Grapes/Diced Peaches Sidekick Fruit Juice Cup	Honey BBQ Boneless Wings & WG Roll, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, or Deli Ham & Cheese Box Crispie Fries & Ketchup Baby Carrots & Ranch Banana/Mandarin Oranges	Taco Nachos WG Tortilla Chips, Taco Cheese Sauce & Salsa Cup, Hamburger with toppings, or PB Jamwich, Cheese Stick & Goldfish Box Crazy Corn Refried Beans Seasonal Fresh Fruit/Tropical Fruit	Personal Pizza [Cheese or Pepperoni], Deli Ham & Cheese Sandwich, or Yogurt, Cheese Stick & Sun Chips Box Green Beans Broccoli Trees & Ranch Apples/Pineapple Tidbits WG Carnival Cookie
28	29	30	31	
Chicken Nuggets & WG Roll, Ham & Cheese Panini, or Yogurt, Cheese Stick & Sunchips Box Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Celery Sticks & Ranch Orange Wedges/Applesauce	Hot Dog on WG Bun, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, or PB Jamwich, Cheese Stick, & Goldfish Box Baked Cheetos California Veggie Blend Cucumber Coins & Ranch Grapes/Diced Peaches	BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich on WG Bun, Cheesy Breadsticks & Marinara Sauce, or Deli Sandwich Box Homestyle Baked Beans Baby Carrots & Ranch Banana/Mandarin Oranges	Chicken Strips with BBQ or Ketchup, Deli Turkey & Cheese on Hoagie Bun, or PB Jamwich, Cheese Stick & Goldfish Box Sw. Potato Waffle Fries Crazy Corn Celery Sticks & Ranch Seasonal Fresh Fruit/Tropical Fruit	

JCS Food Service is offering a new menu service-MealViewer. Meal Viewer is available online (<https://schools.mealviewer.com/district/jessamine>) and as an app. Students can see menus, including allergy and nutrition information for individual items. Additionally, students can “favorite” items from the app, and our Food Service department can then see the data of which meals are being chosen as favorites so they can better plan to serve meals students prefer. Check out the site or download the app today!



A note from the Superintendent

by Matthew Moore

Pathways to Success

What was the one question you were asked the most as a kid? (Other than, "Did you clean your room?" or "Have you brushed your teeth?") Chances are, from the time that that you were in elementary school, well-meaning adults asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" And, you likely had a ready answer, maybe you dreamed of becoming a fireman, a nurse, a professional ball player, or an astronaut.

Jobs in the digital age, and the skills and capabilities required to do them, are transforming at an unprecedented rate. How will this impact your child's future? Sixty-five percent of today's students will eventually be employed in jobs that don't even exist today. Think about that. We are preparing students for jobs that have yet to be created. JCS is rising to that challenge by developing programs in high-demand career fields and focusing on helping students to find their passion and purpose. By utilizing their interests, skills, and strengths to explore and choose a path, students will be better able to adapt to the ever-changing career landscape and find meaningful and fulfilling work, even if the profession they will work in does not yet exist.

So, what exactly is "Career and Technical Education," or CTE? In a nutshell, CTE describes classes that are designed to prepare students for the world of work. You may think that your child is too young for CTE, but, remember that often-asked question about what you wanted to be? Elementary school is a crucial time for developing career awareness. With support and guidance, students can begin profiling their strengths, interests, and values from an early age, building their confidence to pursue their interests and achieve their future goals, even if those goals change many times. The intent of early exposure to a variety of careers isn't to lock students into a choice, but to deepen their awareness and help them to stay focused and engaged in school.

Our aim is for all of our families to become familiar with JCS CTE programs and the career pathways offered in our district. We're making an intentional effort to bring career exploration down to the lower grade levels, where we know that this early exposure

has numerous benefits for younger students. Our students are connected with multiple career pathways starting at 4th grade. We've partnered with our high school student ambassadors to visit our elementary students to talk about the various pathways and related careers. We're eager for our families with younger children to preview the path that lies ahead, and all of the wonderful experiences to come, including work-based learning, internships, and dual credit opportunities, saving both time and money after your student graduates from high school. I'm very proud to share that the JCS graduating class of 2020 will see a number of our students actually graduating with both a high school diploma and an Associates Degree.

We are incredibly excited about a planned expansion of our CTE programs and related renovations at EJHS, WJHS, and the Jessamine Career and Technology Center. This two-year phased project will enable us to offer additional opportunities to our students, including carpentry and, with the assistance of a \$750,000 grant, advanced manufacturing, both of which have been designated by the state as high-demand industry sectors in need of trained professionals. Through this expansion, our students will also benefit from additional opportunities for industry certifications in other high-demand professions.

Career and Technical Education programs aren't just for high school students. Middle school and the elementary years are key times for self-exploration, discovery and career awareness. Whether the path after high school includes a professional certification or license, a two or four-year university program, or military service, we are committed to helping all JCS students find their passion and purpose in life. Thank you for being our partner in this very important work.



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