

THE WILDCAT

From the Principal

Wow, Wildcats! It's already Outrageous October and we've been in school for six weeks! It's time to think about all that things that usually happen in October. We have virtual conferences coming the weeks of October 19th and October 26th. Please look for the paper to come home soon. We also have all the fun dress up days for Outrageous October. You can find the calendar of these days at the end of this newsletter. The month will end with a modified Halloween celebration on October 29th. We will be wearing costumes all day long, just like we always do, and the students will have a party with their cohorts while enjoying pre-packaged treats. Teachers will let you know how you can participate virtually in this event.

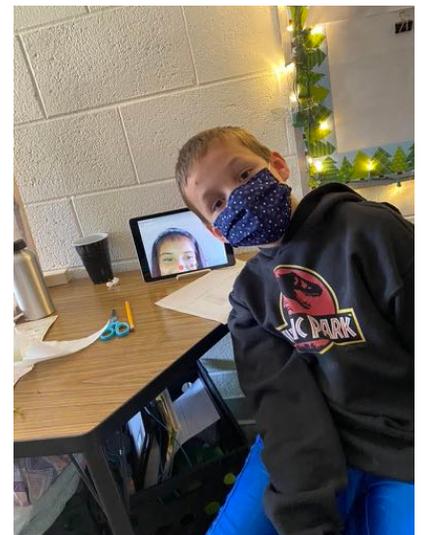
Have you enjoyed the fruits and veggies coming home with your child each week? Once again, we received a grant to provide every student with fresh fruits and vegetables every week. Please look for these to come home with your child every Monday and Wednesday.

During this unique school year, and due to the necessary safety precautions put in place by our district, we have an increased number of staff and student absences. As we enter flu season, this increase may become more and more apparent as students and staff stay home when ill in order to keep others safe.

With this understanding, we would like to provide access to online school materials for students who are physically able to continue learning when at home. Students may continue to login to their SeeSaw account (prek-2nd) or their Google Classroom account (3rd-5th) and complete the assignments for that day. Some resources you see online may include:

- Lessons for each subject
- Assignments to be completed
- Reading practice
- Assessments
- Live links to classes
- Videos

We would like parents to know that our staff is striving to create an online learning environment that is easy to use for parents and students but we ask for patience and support with this challenging task. Please do the best you can with our online class resources knowing that we are continuing to improve them. Thank you for helping your students learn during this difficult time!



Important Dates

Oct. 6th 4:00pm

Virtual PTAC Meeting
Contact the Office for the
Google Meets Link

Oct. 19th - 28th

Virtual Student Led
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct. 29th

Halloween Celebrations

Check out our website for all the latest information at: www.wamsleywildcats.org

Find us on Facebook at: Wamsley-Elementary-Wildcats

Please call us before 8:00am if your child will be absent at: 970-665-7950

Si desea información en español, por favor llame a la oficina.

Digital Citizenship Topic of the Month

Kids' Mental Health Tech Tools for Suicide Help, Coping Skills, and Professional Support

Apps, sites, and text hotlines help kids cope with issues from cyberbullying to suicide. By Christine Elgersma from <https://www.common sense media.org> Common Sense is the nation's leading independent non-profit organization dedicated to empowering kids to thrive in a world of media and technology.

Preschool

Hello Wamsley Preschool Families! We have been having a very fun time diving into our study of trees! We are learning about what food comes from trees, what animals live in trees, and what we can do with trees. We even tasted five different kinds of apples! If you have a picture of you and your family in front of a tree, send it to me, or send it in with your child! We will be collecting them and hanging them up in the classroom!



Kindergarten

So far we have learned the letters C, O and G! Practice writing and saying these letters with your kinder! We are always working on our goal of counting to 100 so keep counting! We have had so much fun in E.E. learning about the sun and growing plants. Ask your kinder about all the things we have made in the classroom!

1st Grade

First grade is getting into the swing of things here at school! We are continuing to work on following directions and making smart choices throughout our day. In math, students are working on subtracting and subtraction story problems. Later this month, we will be looking at 2-D shapes. In science, 1st graders are learning how organisms use their bodies and behavior to survive. We are investigating body coverings, finding food, and communication. In writing, first graders have been writing personal narratives. During the month of October, students will be introduced to research. They will be writing questions they have about an animal and then reading to find the answers. The kids will continue to practice writing complete sentences that include capitalization and punctuation. Please continue reading with your child every night and have them work on their Superkids homework packet each week!



2nd Grade

Wamsley 2nd graders are working SO hard! In Writing the students are working on a Narrative that shares a true story about them. This is challenging them to use details and transition words in their writing. In Math, the students are working on Story Problems using place value blocks. In Social Studies, we learned about HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH and the importance of celebrating our friends' culture. In E.E. we have been exploring the outdoors and learned how plants get the color green by producing chlorophyll. We have also had students join us online from home. We are SO excited about these new learning opportunities!

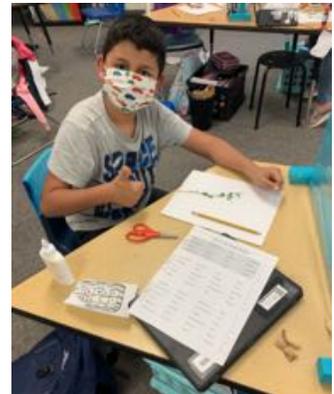


3rd Grade

Third grade had another great month here at Wamsley. We just finished the book "The Case of the Gaspin Garbage" where two scientists are always helping their town solve problems. In writing we have been focusing on writing narratives and adding dialogue to our stories. In social studies, we are learning to locate the 7 continents, the oceans, major countries, mountain ranges and bodies of water. We even made raised relief maps in EE. And in math we have been learning how to round and estimate numbers as well as add 3-digit numbers. We are so proud of all of their hard work!

4th Grade

September has been a wonderful month filled with exploring new ideas for 4th Graders. In reading we continued our first unit and read Mary Anning: The Girl who Cracked Open the World. In Math we continued learning multi-digit addition and subtraction. In science we have been acting as biologists to understand plant structures and functions. In social studies we have been acting as geographers to study geographic tools, such as maps and map features. We look forward to the changes and new beginnings that fall brings.



We have been having an amazing time learning with each other here at school! In Math, the students have been learning multiple strategies to help them be successful when solving multiplication problems. So far, we have learned how to use the box method, area model, and lastly, the cluster method. In Science, the students have been working on understanding how energy is transferred between organisms in a food chain and we will be working on analyzing energy being transferred in an ecosystem as well. In Social Studies, the students are thinking like historians by creating primary sources and they will be learning about the election, soon! In EE, the students have been working on acts of service and also showing compassion to themselves and others. We are having a blast together and we cannot wait to continue learning together!

5th Grade



P.E.

Hello Wamsley families! Students will be finishing up their recess game unit and flying disc unit. From Kindergarten all the way to 5th grade, students are working on cooperating with teammates and having great sportsmanship. As the weather remains nice we will be enjoying the outdoors during PE. Please continue to support your Wildcats by reminding them to bring weather appropriate clothes and tennis shoes for PE. Keep up the amazing work Wildcats!

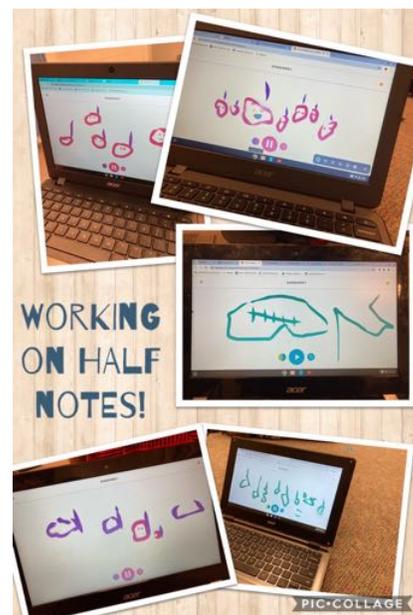


Art

Hello Wamsley families, Art class is in full swing and we are having LOTS of fun! 5th graders just finished sculpting their clay garden gnomes! They did such a great job! We might be making more to hide in our school garden :) 4th graders FINALLY had Art this week and are just starting their painting unit. 3rd and 2nd graders will also be learning about Painters and the color wheel next week. 1st graders are sculpting clay fish and birds. Kinders will be starting their painting unit as soon as I see them next. Please remind your child to wear older clothes on Art day since we are not sharing smocks this year. Enjoy the beautiful month of October!

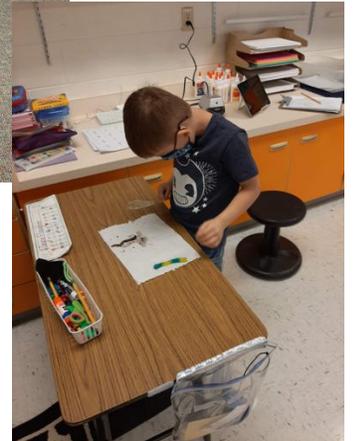
Music

Music class has been busy! We've been learning about rhythms and sounds versus beats! Second graders are working on identifying the look and sound of half notes! We learned that half notes have one sound over two beats! Then we used Chrome Music Lab to draw half notes! What fun!!



Experiential Education

EE is off to a great start at Wamsley. During EE class, students have been spending time outside, completing various investigations, and learning about what it means to be a reflective learner. In Kindergarten, students are learning about the sun. They have completed various sun investigations to help them understand that the sun provides light and heat! In 1st grade, students are learning about adaptations of plants and animals. They have learned how animals and plants prepare for the winter during the fall. In 2nd grade, students have been learning about structures and functions of plants. This week they learned why leaves change color in the fall. In 3rd grade, students are working on geography. In EE they made raised relief maps out of homemade salt dough. In 4th grade, students are working on making models of the structure and function of plants and the human body. In 5th grade, students did an act of service for our younger Wamsley students by pre-recording stories that they can listen to and view at home.



From the Health Room...

FIGHT THE FLU

The best defense is a good offense

GET YOUR FLU SHOT!

THE 3 C'S

- COVER**
Cover your cough and sneeze
- CLEAN**
Frequently wash your hands with soap and warm water
- CONTAIN**
Contain your germs by staying home if you are sick



Garfield RE2 School District Preschool Program

In Person and Online
Preschool slots are still
available for
3 and 4 year olds for the
2020-21 School year?

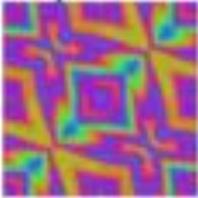


Families in New Castle, Silt, and Rifle
are invited to contact their homeschool
Preschool for more information.

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| Cactus Valley Elementary | 665-7871 |
| Elk Creek Elementary | 665-6936 |
| Graham Mesa Elementary | 665-7540 |
| Kathryn Senor Elementary | 665-7674 |
| Highland Elementary | 665-6817 |
| Wamsley Elementary | 665-7966 |

State-funded slots are available for eligible children.

Outrageous October!

<p>Mon, Sept. 28th</p>	<p>Tues, Sept. 29th</p>	<p>Wed, Sept. 30th</p>	<p>Thurs. Oct. 1st</p> <p>Pajama Day!</p> 
<p>Mon, Oct. 5th</p> <p>Blue-Up Day!</p> <p>BLUE</p>	<p>Tues, Oct. 6th</p> <p>Neon Day!</p> 	<p>Wed, Oct. 7th</p> <p>Wacky Sock Day!</p> 	<p>Thurs, Oct. 8th</p> <p>Camo Day!</p> 
<p>Mon, Oct. 12th</p> <p>Occupation Day!</p> 	<p>Tues, Oct. 13th</p> <p>Mismatched Day!</p> 	<p>Wed, Oct. 14th</p> <p>Bling Day!</p> <p>BLING</p>	<p>Thurs, Oct. 15th</p> <p>Pajama Day - Again!</p> 
<p>Mon, Oct. 19th</p> <p>Favorite Sports Team Day!</p> 	<p>Tues, Oct. 20th</p> <p>Crazy Hair Day!</p> 	<p>Wed, Oct. 21st</p> <p>Superhero Day!</p> 	<p>Thurs, Oct. 22nd</p> <p>Wildcat -ears, whiskers & noses Day!</p> 
<p>Mon, Oct. 26th</p> <p>Sweats & Hoodies Day!</p> 	<p>Tues, Oct. 27th</p> <p>Tye Dye Day!</p> 	<p>Wed, Oct. 28th</p> <p>Hat Day!</p> 	<p>Thurs. Oct. 29th</p> <p>Costume Day!</p> 