

This is Tripp Crayton, Principal at Wakefield Middle School, with your weekly announcement. This is a friendly reminder that students will be dismissed on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. for an early release day.

On Wednesday, we will also be conducting our first on-demand writing task for all students. We will be following a revised schedule with all students reporting to homeroom when reporting to school. Seventh graders will complete an on-demand writing task to comply with the writing instrument system required by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. All seventh grade parents should have received a letter from their child last week regarding the system. Sixth and eighth grade students will be completing a writing prompt in an on-demand format in order to help prepare students for future writing assignments in all classes. We will maintain a normal testing environment to give everyone the opportunity to begin practicing our expectations as we get closer to End-of-Grade tests in May. Students will be involved in the writing task until 11:00 a.m. Wednesday.

Picture make-ups will take place on Friday, October 23, 2009. If you are interested in having your child have a picture make-up, he/she should obtain a picture packet from his/her homeroom teacher. Make-ups will only be given to students in bring picture orders in on Friday.

Next week is also Spirit Week at Wakefield Middle School. We have various events planned during the week, and all students will be receiving information today in homeroom. Monday is Multiplicity Day where students are encouraged to dress up like twins, triplets, etc. Tuesday is School Spirit Day where we encourage all students to wear Wakefield Middle School related gear. The day will include a school spirit assembly to enhance school spirit. Wednesday is Hat Day where students get to break one of our rules by wearing hats on campus during the school day. Thursday is Wacky Tacky Day, and Friday is Class Color Day where all sixth graders are encouraged to wear red, all seventh graders wear white, and all eighth graders wear blue.

We will also be having a Clash of the Classrooms encouraging students to bring in Kleenex, Hand-Sanitizer, and Clorox wipes to help maintain a sick-free environment. Refer to the handout provided to students today for more information.

We also will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week sponsored by the PTSA in promoting a drug-free environment. Students will hear various announcements throughout the week reminding students of the importance of saying no to drugs and alcohol. Additionally, students will be encouraged to wear red on Wednesday along with Hat Day to show that they support a drug and alcohol free environment.

We have three athletic events this week. Our football team has a home game against Wake Forest-Rolesville Middle School on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Wakefield High School. Our girls' soccer and volleyball teams both have away games against Wake Forest-Rolesville MS on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 3:45 p.m. Come out and support your Wolves!

Have a great and enjoyable weekend. Goodbye.