May MCAS Testing
Below is the May MCAS testing schedule for all students in grades 3, 4, and 5. Please remember:

- Students must arrive to school on time (7:45 AM).
- Students are not permitted to have cell phones or other electronic devices at school, especially on MCAS testing dates.
- A good night’s sleep and a nutritious breakfast are the best ingredients for a successful day!

Kindergarten Registration & Screening
All children who will be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2019 are eligible to register for kindergarten at WES. Registration and screening appointments are being scheduled for Monday, May 20th and Thursday, May 30th. The screening process will take approximately one hour for you and your child to complete. Any registration papers not yet submitted will be collected at that time. If you need to make an appointment or have any questions, please call Mrs. Hansen at 508-349-3101, ext. 11. We look forward to welcoming the class of 2032 to WES!

Important Dates

Friday, June 7th – WES Theme Parade – Kick Off Rally in the gym at 12:30 PM with Parade at 1:00 PM. (Rain date: Friday, June 14th)

Friday, June 21st – Grade 5 Celebration at 8:45 AM in the gym.

Friday, June 21st – Last day of school – 10:15 AM Closing Ceremony and 11:00 AM dismissal for all students.

MCAS Schedule - May 2019

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All Wrapped Up in Words!

Did you know that the spelling of a word reveals its past? Its history tells the story of its origin and its meaning—a meaning that is perhaps long lost to us in the 21st century. English is a rich language that has been fashioned over the centuries from the influence of many other languages such as Greek, Latin, and French. Many of our everyday words are Anglo-Saxon words. They’re the words with those tricky spellings. But, those spellings have endured even if the pronunciation may have changed. Perhaps you know that the k in kn in words like knee, knife, and knight used to be pronounced.

We can learn a lot about a word from just a little part of it. Take for example the letters wr. They identify the word’s origin as Anglo-Saxon, but they have another not-so-obvious job. Those two little letters are a prefix that means “twist.” Think about it. Words like wrench, writhe, and wrestle all have to do with a twisting motion.

Put on your thinking cap. Even better, do your thinking with your child(ren) and see how many wr words you can discover and how much knowledge you can acquire in the process. It’s fun to wrap your head around it!

News from the Health Office

Walk About the School

Please join WES and schools across Massachusetts on Wednesday, May 1st as we celebrate Safe Routes to School, (MA DOT). Students will be participating in a morning “Walk About the School” from 7:30-7:45. All community members and teachers are invited to put on their walking shoes and enjoy a brisk walk in the early morning air!

Vaccine Safety and Measles

Measles cases are on the rise, after being considered eradicated in the US, due to an increasing number of people who are not immunized. Measles is transmitted by airborne droplets and is extremely contagious. Vaccines work to keep whole populations disease free through the concept of “herd immunity.” If enough people are vaccinated, then those that are unable to be vaccinated, for example the very young or those who are immune compromised, will be protected. Recently, the numbers of immunized people has dropped below the percentage needed to provide herd immunity.

Vaccines have been proven in multiple studies to be safe and effective. “Because signs of autism may appear around the same time children receive the MMR vaccine, some parents may worry that the vaccine causes autism. Vaccine safety experts, including experts at the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), agree that the MMR vaccine is not responsible for recent increases in the number of children with autism. In 2004, a report by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) concluded that there is no link between autism and the MMR vaccine, and that there is no link between autism and vaccines that contain the compound thimerosal as a preservative.”

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/vaccines/mmr/mmr-studies.html

Pollinators of Peace Garden

You may have noticed the recent activity at our front entrance. Thanks to grants from the Nauset Garden Club, the Wellfleet Cultural Council, and the Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank, students are working to install a garden that will provide a habitat for pollinators. Students will be working with Farmer Stephanie to select and install plants that are friendly to bees, birds, bats, and beetles. The ASEP Peace Pollinators will be creating stepping stones, signs, and crafts to add beauty and to teach others about the important role that pollinators place in our ecosystem and food supply.

Save the Date!

WES Fest

PTA Sponsored

Saturday, May 25, 2019

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Baker’s Field

Sign up to volunteer and support this major PTA fundraiser!