

After a grueling nomination and voting process, we FINALLY have a name for our Welch White Tiger! Please join me in welcoming DJ STRIPES to our Welch Community! It's a GREAT day to be a Welch White Tiger!

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Tuesday, October 10th

Welch Walkers 3:35 PM CANCELLED

First Grade STEM Club 3:35 PM

No Comedy Club

Wednesday, October 11th

4th/5th Grade Wiffleball 3:35 PM

Welch Chess Club 3:35 PM

Fifth Grade Farewell Parent Meeting 7:00 PM - LMC

Thursday, October 12th

Choir 8:00 AM

4th/5th Grade STEAM Club 3:35 PM

Friday, October 13th

4th Grade Coding Club 8:20 AM

4th/5th Grade Author Visit - Lindsay N. Currie

Team IPEF... Thanks to Arnab Bose for representing Welch Elementary in the Naperville Half Marathon on Sunday, October 22. He will be running with Team IPEF as a charity partner on behalf of our school. In addition to running, he is also fundraising a minimum of \$204 for 204. Half of all money he raises will come back to Welch while the rest goes to support district wide initiatives sponsored by the Indian Prairie Educational Foundation. That includes programs like STEM Family nights, teacher grants and the Annual Fine Arts Festival. It's a win-win as all funds help enrich education here in District 204. You can make a donation toward his efforts at <https://www.ipef204.org/get-involved/teamipef/>. Additionally, we have 11 students representing Welch Elementary in the Naperville Kids Marathon! Every student

that runs has made a \$26 donation (\$1 per mile) that will be split, half to IPEF for district wide initiatives, and half directly back to Welch! We are so proud of the White Tigers who are representing Welch: Kennedy H., Zaina K., Ivanka M., Adam P., Andrea R., Valeria R., Bella S., Sanjana T., Jameson T.

Special Needs Resource Fair... The Fox Valley Special Needs Resource Committee is holding its inaugural Special Needs Resource Fair on Saturday, October 14 from 10 am to 2 pm at Vaughan Athletic Center, 2121 W. Indian Trail Rd., Aurora. Organized by the City of Aurora, the Fox Valley Park District and the Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce, the committee is hosting the fair to provide direct access to resources in the Fox Valley community for children and adults with special needs. More than 30 exhibitors will be available to discuss educational opportunities, transition programs, government services, recreational programs, legal support, employment opportunities and other services available for those with special needs. The fair is free and open to the public.

Fall Celebrations...On Friday, October 27th, we will be having our Fall Celebrations at Welch! At 2:00 PM (weather permitting) students will parade around the school. Students will exit the building through door #8 (gym door) and parade around the outside of the building, entering the building through door #4 (playground door). Teachers and staff walk with the students and provide supervision. Parents are invited to watch the parade from the back playground area as each class walks around the building. If the parade is cancelled due to weather, we will send out an email and/or phone call by 1:00 p.m. From 2:30 – 3:00 PM, the students will participate in a Fall Celebration, which will include a craft and games. As we want to ensure the safety of all students during this celebration and maintain an environment conducive to learning the day of the celebration, we are asking that students follow the rules below:

Students are not to wear costumes to school at the beginning of the day (including make-up and hair dye); time will be provided at 1:45PM for students to change into their costume. Costumes MUST be able to be put on in the classroom – no students will be allowed to go to the bathroom to change into a costume. Parents should assist their child/ren in making appropriate decisions about what students wear for costumes, ensuring that costumes are school appropriate and meet all of the District 204 Dress Code Guidelines. Please note that masks are not permitted at school.

Please keep play weapons at home. Sharp objects (i.e. wooden swords) may NOT be part of any costume, as we want to ensure all students' safety. Only those volunteers helping with room parties will be allowed into the building during the celebration. As a reminder, party volunteers will need to check in the office with a valid ID. Parents who are volunteering for a Fall Celebration who have not had their ID scanned in the Raptor system this year are welcome to stop by prior to October 27th and have their ID scanned to speed up check-in on the 28th. All volunteers should have a valid ID with them the day of the party, even if they have been scanned in Raptor this year. This is a very busy day in the office and we appreciate your patience. If volunteers wish to take their child(ren) home with them at the end of the celebration, we ask that they email Sarah Nowak ([sarah\\_nowak@ipsd.org](mailto:sarah_nowak@ipsd.org)) by October 25th to ensure that dismissal is smooth and safe for all. Volunteers taking their child(ren) with them at the end of the celebration will be asked to sign them out in the main office prior to leaving. Students not participating in the Halloween Parade or Fall Celebration on the basis of religious beliefs or family choice will be supervised and provided an alternate activity during this time. To ensure we have materials and plans

for this, we ask that you contact Sarah Nowak by October 25th if your child(ren) will not be participating the parade and/or Fall Celebration. Thank you for your cooperation and support as we enjoy the fun of Welch's Fall Celebration! If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Nowak.

LMC Makerspace... The LMC is asking for donations for the Makerspace consumables. If you would like to donate any of the following items, please send in one item with your student: duct tape, painter's tape, transparent tape, wood craft sticks, drinking straws, string, yarn, play dough, aluminum foil, conductive fabric/thread, paper plates/cups, and/or altoids tins.

LMC Author Visit... Chicago author Lindsay Currie will present to 4th and 5th graders on Friday, October 13 (a perfect day for a scary book!). Students who order a book in advance will receive an autographed copy. Orders are due by returning the attached form: <https://goo.gl/PfvU93>. Checks should be made out to Welch Elementary. Information about Lindsay Currie can be found at <https://www.lindsaycurrie.com/>.

5th GRADE FAREWELL PLANNING MEETING, WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11TH AT 7PM... Calling all 5th grade parents, believe it or not we're already starting to plan for our 5th grade farewell. Please join us on October 11th at 7pm in Welch's LMC. If you have any questions please contact [beckyjohnton1@yahoo.com](mailto:beckyjohnton1@yahoo.com).

CHARLESTON WRAPS FUNDRAISER - PICKUP! Thank you everyone for your hard work and support with our annual school fundraiser. Any orders that were placed on the order forms or online with the "ship to school" option will be available for pickup during Parent Teacher Conferences on November 9th and November 13th. Please make every effort to pickup during conferences. All students who earned prizes for selling items those will be available for pickup, at this time, as well. Any questions please contact Erin Arroyo at [Erin.M.Arroyo@gmail.com](mailto:Erin.M.Arroyo@gmail.com).

REFLECTIONS 2017-18...Last date for submission of arts project to the school office is Oct 25, 2017. Reflections is a wonderful platform provided by Welch through National PTA to showcase students creativity. It's a great chance to explore your hidden talent. There are 6 categories namely, Visual Arts, Photography, Literature, Film Production, Music Composition and Dance Choreography. There is also a special artist division.

Please contact Vidya Ramakrishnan at 630-423-6342 or [vram480@gmail.com](mailto:vram480@gmail.com) for detailed rules or questions.

Box Tops Due Monday, October 16th... Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to help earn cash for our school. Each one is worth 10¢ for our school! Just look for the pink Box Tops on hundreds of products. All you have to do is clip them and send them to school with your child(ren). Submission sheets have been sent home. If your child(ren) have misplaced theirs or one just didn't make it home, it's okay. Just send your collected Box Tops in a baggie or envelope to school, with your child's name and classroom teacher included. Our deadline for Box Top submissions is Monday, October 16, 2017. Prizes will be awarded to the students who bring in the most! For more information on Box Tops, including a list of participating products, go to [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm here to help make our school's Box Tops for Education™ program a huge success this year. My name is Lauren Delahoussaye and I'm thrilled to be the Welch PTA Box Tops for Education™ Chair. Please contact me at [laurenannie@yahoo.com](mailto:laurenannie@yahoo.com)