

Wednesday Wrap Up- September 29

News From The Principal:

Wild Horse Community,

A strong community is reflected within a strong partnership with the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). These volunteers work throughout the year to provide experiences and opportunities to our students. We are proud to offer Trunk or Treat next month, Bingo and Variety Show this winter, and Field Day in June. However, the PTO reach goes so much further. Our PTO funds the buses for grade level field trips, meals for teachers during conference nights, and many other services that help create a great environment for students and staff. In addition, PTO has also funded projects around the school, including a sun shade on the playground and a projector in the Creation Station. Over the coming years, we hope to fund...

- Additional book club literature sets
- New backboards on the playground
- A sensory wall
- A second Cbabi mural
- A canopy near the Kindergarten playground for dismissal when raining



When PTO develops the operating budget, they rely on funds from One Check. One Check is our annual campaign to fund projects like those listed above. Our PTO does not sell wrapping paper or candies, instead we put a major emphasis on One Check.

Starting today and running through Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 22, the class with the highest percentage of One Check participation will get me, Dr. Riley, as their teacher for the day. I would

teach all of the lessons, provide a pizza party lunch, give a few extra recesses, and promise no homework. What an amazingly fun day!

Please consider donating to One Check by using the QR code below or by logging into Membership Toolkit. In addition, be on the lookout for a paper copy of the One Check form this week.



Yours in Education,

Dr. Riley, Principal

Custodian Appreciation Day:

This Friday we celebrate Custodian Appreciation Day. Whether it's Dan throughout the day or Dee, Terry, and Zach in the evening, our custodial team works hard to make sure Wild Horse is clean, safe, and inviting for our students and staff. Thank you Custodial Team!



Wild Horse Named 11th Best Public School in Missouri:

Wild Horse was just named No. 11 and Rockwood School District ranked No. 4 district in the state of Missouri, according to [Niche.com's](https://www.niche.com/s/missouri/) 2022 rankings!

Niche, a website that helps families discover schools and neighborhoods, based its rankings on a number of factors, including academics; teachers; culture and diversity; parent/student surveys; health and safety; resources and facilities; clubs and activities; and sports.

Wild Horse and Rockwood received an A+ grade from the site and ranked in the top 1 percent in the state. To see the entire list, visit the site at:

<https://www.niche.com/k12/search/best-public-elementary-schools/s/missouri/>

Wild Horse Named a Champion for Character:

Last night at the Cardinals game, Wild Horse was recognized as a 2020 Champion for Character by CharacterPlus and the Cardinals. We received notice of this award back in March of 2020, but with a pandemic and a shortened baseball season, the ceremony was postponed until last night. Wild Horse was one of only three schools selected for this award.

Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Wylie represented Wild Horse on the field, while numerous staff members cheered them on. We will proudly display our new banner in the coming weeks.



Wild Horse Has Talent:

We have started displaying student talents on the screens in the lobby and cafeteria. If your son or daughter would like their talent displayed for all to see, send Dr. Riley (rileyshawn@rsdmo.org) an email with a picture of your child showing off their skills outside of school. Make sure to send him the names of the Stallions in the pictures/videos. Let's showcase our dancers, ball players, Scouts, and others throughout the year!

Red Ribbon Fridays in October:

This year, we are trying something new as a school to celebrate Red Ribbon Week. We are going to do Red Ribbon Fridays during the month of October. Every October Friday, we will have a dress theme day and some school activities built around making healthy and safe choices. For more information about our Red Ribbon Fridays, WHE drug prevention programs, and how to age appropriately talk to your kids about the importance of not using drugs, click on the link. [Parent Letter RRW 2021.docx](#)

Red Ribbon Friday (October 1st) : "Be RED-y to make healthy choices and for a happy life!" (wear the color red)

PTO News:

Our One Check Campaign is currently running! Many of our school events/activities and enhancements for our students are funded by WHE families' generous contributions made through the One Check Campaign. We are not a school that actively sells products or solicits on a regular basis. Instead, we hold 2 fundraisers a year - a one time ask donation in the fall and our adult fundraiser in the spring.

If you are interested in contributing towards the One Check Campaign, we would greatly appreciate it!! Donations can be made through your [Membership Toolkit account](#). Also, we know that many companies will match your donation before year end, so let us know if we can provide assistance with that.

October Lunch Menu:

<https://www.rsdmo.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=2917&dataid=42094&FileName=October%20Elementary%20Menu.pdf>

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, October 2- Wild Horse Night at Busch Stadium

- Friday, October 22- Trunk or Treat
- October 26 & October 28th- Parent Teacher Conferences

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