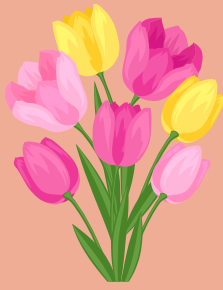


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COUNSELOR NEWSLETTER



5/9/24

Sun Bucks



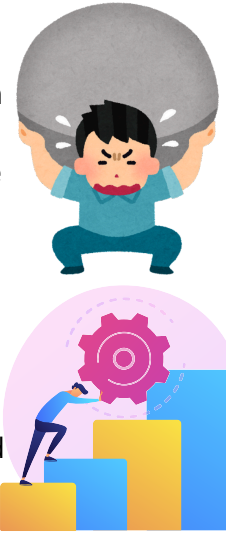
SUN Bucks is a program intended to provide grocery-buying benefits to children who lose access to Free or Reduced Price (FRP) school meals when school is out during the summer months. It's a one-time \$120 benefit per eligible child provided on a debit-like card that can be used on groceries anywhere that accepts SNAP/EBT benefits. Most children who qualify will be found automatically eligible, and do not need to apply. Students DON'T need to apply if they get FRP meals because they have an approved FRP meals application on file at their school or have food stamps or Medicaid.

The application is based on income, so a child not in one of the above groups can apply to have their income eligibility determined. An online application can be accessed at NCDHHS.servicenowservices.com/gsp. If you prefer a paper copy of the application, please reach out to Ms. Bukuts or Ms. Swaim

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CHARACTER TRAIT

For June, we are focusing on the character trait perseverance. Perseverance means to keep pushing yourself to work through challenges and difficulties. Teachers will be doing lessons regarding perseverance in the classroom. Talk to your child about how they can persevere through EOGs



UPCOMING EVENTS

5/10 Beginners Day at 12:30pm

5/17 Field Day (K-4th)

5/27 Memorial Day (No School)

6/5 5th grade field day

6/6 5th grade promotion ceremony at 9am

6/7 SAIL Ceremony (K-4th)

ATTENDANCE COUNTS WEEK

Here at Lake Wylie, we encourage all students to have good attendance. Our attendance counts challenge started on April 15th and will continue through May 24th leading up to EOG testing in 3rd-5th grades. It is important that your child is in attendance in order to prepare for testing season. To encourage children to come to school, we are offering a party for the class with the highest attendance rate. We will be graphing the progress on the front bulletin board and announce who's in the lead on a weekly basis .

Attendance Counts Challenge
Starts April 15th- May 24th

Be a star! Come to school so your class can win!

THE CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE RATE BY MAY 24TH WILL GET A PARTY!

Field Day and Graduation

K-4th grade's field day will be on Friday May 17th. 5th grade's field day is June 5th. Students will be participating in a variety of games on the field. There will be water activities, sports, races, and relays for students to enjoy.



The 5th grade promotion ceremony will be on June 6th at 9am. Parents please come out to celebrate your students as they graduate 5th grade and get ready for middle school.



Test Taking Strategies for Parents



1. Make sure your child gets a good night sleep the night before the test.
 2. On the morning of the test, your child needs to get up early and eat a healthy breakfast.
 3. Reassure your child that no matter the outcome, you will always love him/her
 4. Give your child plenty of praise even if he/she doesn't do well on the test.
 5. Plan a fun outing or reward after your child finishes the test.
 6. Provide practice opportunities for your child to do sample testing questions. Ask your child's teacher if you need some examples.
- It's important to remember that sometimes children may get anxious about testing, If this happens, tell them to focus on their breathing and have them take deep, cleansing breaths and slowly exhaling.**



Questions ?



Contact Us

We welcome and value parent involvement throughout the year. We would love to hear from you!

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Parents or community members with specific questions or concerns about school counseling programs should contact Ms. Swaim or Ms. Bukuts. More general information can also be found on ASCA's website, www.schoolcounselor.org.