

The Advisor

We are here for you!

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WOESPAC@gmail.com

Looks for us in our **Pink PAC** shirts during carpool and WOES events. Let us know what is on your mind!

Find us on Facebook
White Oak Elementary
Parent Advisory Council



Visit us on the WOES webpage
<http://www.cartercountyschools.org/woes/pac.htm>

We are here for YOU and your WOES students. Please contact us with comments, questions, and concerns.

Talking Transportation!



Whether your children are bus riders or car riders, the beginning of a school year can be confusing and sometimes frustrating. Thank you for your patience as White Oak works out the bus routes to get your children home safely and in a timely fashion. There are several things you can do to help things go smoothly.

Bus Rider Tips:

- Have your children ready a few minutes before your designated pickup time.
- Walk through the bus rules with your children.

Car Rider Tips:

- Review the traffic pattern sheets on the WOES website.
- Have your children ready to exit the car when you pull up.
- Only drop children in the designated areas. Do NOT drop your children in the bus lot or at the flag pole and have them run in.

Save the Date!

Fall Festival

Oct 7, 5-8pm

Need volunteers.
Please donate 2-liter sodas and cans of Pringles.

Report Cards

Nov 7

Please sign report cards and return the envelope to the teacher.

Make-Up Days

Oct 10/Dec 19

The makeup days for Hurricane Irene.



A New School Year at WOES

There are many changes at WOES this year—from budgetary cuts to a significant increase in the number of students. Although these changes do pose challenges for the staff at White Oak, the focus and priority is still the children. Decisions are made to preserve the integrity of the education given at White Oak. How you can help:

- Be patient and trust that the needs of the students are paramount.
- Ask questions. If you aren't sure how something is done or why it is done, ask!
- Send concerns to WOESPAC@gmail.com
- Volunteer in or out of the classroom.
- Donate to the Carteret County Concerned Citizens For Education (C4 ~ Woes). Email us to find out how.
- Check the school website often:
<http://www.carteretcountyschools.org/woes/>

What? Why? How?

You ask and we find the answer.

Q: Why do our children not have recess on the days they have PE? They should have recess every day.

A: The decision to not have PE and recess on the same day was made because of the increased instruction time required by the state. The state wanted to add 5 days to our school calendar. We were given a waiver based on the assumption that our kids are getting more instruction time. Our current schedule meets the 150 minutes of physical exercise per week requirement. Also, we have some flex time in the classrooms for stretching, moving around, and getting energized.

Q: What is the cafeteria policy regarding charging lunches? And is there a way I can monitor my child's lunch funds?

A: The cafeteria has a strict NO CHARGE policy for lunches. You can add money to your child's lunch account, check balances, and track what your child is purchasing through the Lunch Prepay site. The link can be found on the <http://www.carteretcountyschools.org/woes/> website main page. Cafeteria policy can be found in the student handbook on the WOES site.

Q: What is SSR? My child speaks in acronyms and I am not sure what many of them mean.

A: SSR stands for self-selected reading. For more abbreviation explanations, see the PAC Glossary of Terms on WOES website:

<http://www.carteretcountyschools.org/woes/P>



In Memory of Those That Gave All on September 11, 2001

On Friday, Sept. 9, an oak tree was planted as a memorial to September 11, 2001. The PTO donated the tree and a plaque that reads: *You will forever be in our hearts.*