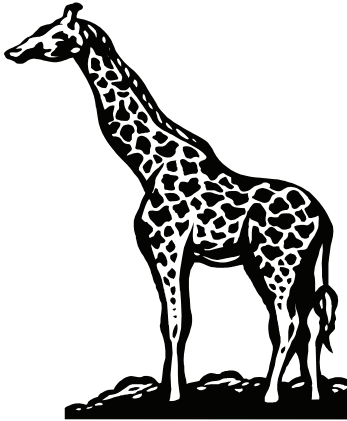


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## *From the Principal's Desk*

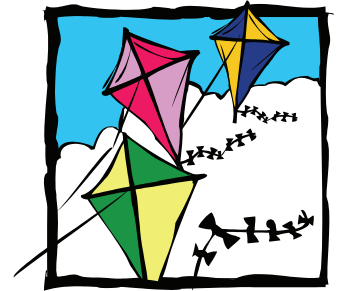
I can't believe the school year is moving along so quickly. I enjoyed many of the unique 100 day projects in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. We have enjoyed the various activities during Black History Month and Media Center month in February. Ask your children to share some of their experiences with you.

We welcome Mr. Jobe to Jesse Wharton as our new P.E. teacher. He is replacing Mr. Teague, who is now the athletic director at Northeast Middle School. We also welcome Ms. Bhadury who is filling in for Ms. Farris while she is out on maternity leave. We currently have eleven student teachers and nine interns based here to train and become teachers.

The following poem comes to mind when I think of March. With March comes the end of winter and the beginning of spring.



The March wind roars  
 Like a lion in the sky,  
 And makes us shiver  
 As he passes by.  
 When winds are soft,  
 And the days are warm and clear,  
 Just like a gentle lamb,  
 Then spring is here."  
 - Author Unknown



I look forward to the rest of the year as we buckle down for the testing season. Thank you for your support of Jesse Wharton – our students, teachers and your proud principal.

Sincerely,  
 Your Proud Principal  
 Valerie Bridges

## ***The 2010 JWES Talent Shows Are Finally Here!***

Come see your friends and classmates shine! Jesse Wharton students and special guest performers have been working hard and are ready to share their superb talents us. Don't miss out, join us on:

**Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> for performances by Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders**

**AND**

**Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> for performances by 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders**

Both shows begin at 6:30 pm in the JWES Gym. Tickets are \$2.00 and will be sold at the door. All persons attending require tickets regardless of age. Strollers may not be in the wings or aisles, so please make arrangements for very young fans. Both shows start promptly at 6:30 p.m. and we ask all audience members to be seated before this time. A short General PTA Meeting will proceed the talent shows. Questions? Call Mittie Douglass at 286-2253.

Principal o Mrs. Valerie Bridges

Vice Principal o Ms. Penny Loschin

## Show Your Appreciation!

The Interior Beautification Committee is proud to announce that we will be updating the teacher break rooms and faculty restrooms in honor of Teacher Appreciation this year. Our teachers deserve the best!

We are in need of volunteers to donate gift cards to Home Depot, Lowes, or Kirklands, etc. We will be purchasing paint, table cloths, and other decorative items. Your time is also needed for accomplishing this project. Please contact Donna Slaughter by E-mail [dslaugh-ter2@triad.rr.com](mailto:dslaugh-ter2@triad.rr.com) or Teresa Beaupre at [beau-pretl@bellsouth.net](mailto:beau-pretl@bellsouth.net).

## Parent Education Conference Scheduled for April 23 and 24

NCPTA is excited to announce that registration for the 2010 NCPTA Parent Education Conference is now available. The Conference will be held April 23-24 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Winston-Salem, NC.

Conference and registration information is available at [www.ncpta.org](http://www.ncpta.org). Attendees may register and pay online or by mail.

Mark your calendars now to join us for two days of learning, networking, inspiration and fun as we focus on the vision of PTA: "Making Every Child's Potential a Reality."

## Happy Birthday National PTA!!!

For more than 100 years, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has provided support, information and resources to families focused on the health and education of children. The association was founded in 1897 in Washington DC as the National Congress of Mothers by Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst. If not for these women and their vision and determination, there would not be a PTA - an association that has been woven into the very fabric of American life.

By whatever name it has been known, National PTA was created to meet a profound challenge to better the lives of children. And today, it continues to flourish because PTA has never lost sight of its goal to change the lives of children across our great nation for the better.

I encourage to visit [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org) and read about the rich history of our association. You will be amazed at the vital role PTA has played throughout the years in making a difference for children and families by using our collective voices to advocate for children and families.

Advocating for children and families is just as important today as it was over 100 years ago when PTA was founded. Thank you for being a part of helping to make the PTA vision of "making every child's potential a reality" come true.

Kyle Robertson  
NCPTA President

## Updates From Our PTA President, Sheri Chamberlin

**Board of Education Meetings** are scheduled for March 9 and 25 at 6 pm. Meetings are held in the Board Room of the administration office located at 712 N. Eugene Street. All parents are invited to attend these public meetings.

Also note that **John Modest** is our Northern Region Superintendent and is very willing to hear comments about our school.

The **Jesse Wharton Executive Board** meeting will take place at 6 pm on Thursday, March 4 in the TLC room.

There will be a short **General PTA Meeting** on Thursday, March 4 and Friday, March 5 at 6:30 pm – at the beginning of each Talent Show. Please come see our talented students and hear what your PTA has done for the school.

## Guilford Parent Academy is Scheduled to Launch in January 2011

Guilford County Schools is asking parents to provide feedback through an online survey on Guilford Parent Academy, one of the district's strategic plan initiatives set to launch in January 2011.

Formerly referred to as Parent University, Guilford Parent Academy will help GCS help support parent and family involvement across the district.

Once completed, Guilford Parent Academy will be a point of connection to parents and families to resources and information about ways they can support their children's education. A number of community organizations and groups are partnering with GCS to make Guilford Parent Academy a reality.

"We hope all parents will take a few minutes and fill out the survey," said Nora Carr, chief of staff for GCS. "Their input will help Guilford Parent Academy offer first-rate programs that are beneficial for GCS parents and families from all demographics and backgrounds."

To access the survey in both English and Spanish, go to:  
<http://research.zarca.com/k/SsSRPWsVQsPsPsP>.



### Dates to Remember for March 2010

- Mar. 4 General PTA Meeting  
Talent Show K-3
- Mar. 5 General PTA Meeting  
Talent Show 4-5
- Mar. 16 Chuck E. Cheese Night
- Mar. 26 Teacher Workday  
K-2 Student Led  
Conferences
- Mar. 29—Apr. 2  
SPRING BREAK

