Weddington Christian Academy Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting September 9, 2025

Parents attending were Amanda Alexander, Chhuani Adam, Meghan Brennan, Virginia Brinton, Jason & Cayce Brennan, Ana Cullen, Liz DeNittis, Kimmy Dreyfus, Stephanie Faizi, Melissa Gorley, Becky Jones, Lara Knight, Kayla Merritt, Sherri Norford, Liz Padgette, Jay Peters, Jen Potter, Laura Solomon, LD & Dom Thompson, Angela & James Thurston, and Ashley Walker. Staff attending were Mr. Barkman, Mrs. Durham, Mrs. Keen, Mrs. Leebrick, and Mrs. Roth.

The meeting took place at 8:15 am at WCA.

Opening:

- Mrs. Keen welcomed everyone and opened with prayer.
- Courtney Stephenson introduced herself and Danielle Meadows.
- Courtney explained that PTF would use Facebook as the primary tool for scheduling volunteer hours this year. This enables the PTF to communicate directly with parents and update needs in real time.
- Kimmy Dreyfus suggested sharing the information with Room Parents as a secondary form of communication.

Fall events:

- STEAM Week & Book Fair (September 15-19)
 - Volunteer opportunities:
 - Decorations
 - Book Fair setup and help
 - Parent Night (September 18)
 - Student snacks
- Upper School Curriculum Night (September 25)
- JK/K Grandparents & Grandfriends (September 26)
 - Volunteer needs:
 - Greeting and serving coffee
 - Helping with crafts
- High School Homecoming (October 3)
- Middle School Fall Fest (October 4)
 - Signup Genius to RSVP and help with food
- Fall Art & Talent Show (October 24)

- Grades 2-8 and EC
- Volunteer needs:
 - Popcorn and cider to be served by high school students
 - Bake sale to support the Independence Fund
 - Help hanging art, backstage
- JK/K Thanksgiving Performance (November 21)
 - Volunteer Needs:
 - Serving coffee and pastries
- December STEAM (December 5)
 - Volunteer Needs:
 - Decorations
 - Serving hot chocolate
 - Wrapping gifts for students to bring home

Other Business:

- PTF will add three breakfasts to staff appreciation efforts this year.
- Danielle reminded everyone of the WCA Prayer Hawks each Thursday. Meghan Brennan suggested praying afterschool also.
- Courtney reminded everyone to log their volunteer hours.
- The meeting split into two groups to discuss events for Lower School (JK-5th) and Upper School (6th-10th).

Upper School:

- Mrs. Keen reminded everyone of the WCA Wings of Worship and Hawk Honor Guard extracurriculars.
- Mrs. Keen shared that the planning and implementation of activities would transition to students in the coming months, especially in high school. That responsibility will increasingly fall to the Student Government.
- Mr. Barkman shared his plan for Student Government:
 - At least one representative will be elected from grades 6-10. It was suggested to have one boy and one girl from each class.
 - Executive Committee will be elected by the entire Upper School from among the high school students.
 - The President will work closely with staff to cast vision. This would be a student from the highest grade level.
 - The Secretary will take notes and keep records for the future.
 - o The Treasurer will manage the budget and work with Mrs. Durham.
 - Laura Knight asked about term limits for the Executive Committee.

- The target date for implementation is after Fall Break.
- Moving forward, it will be important to clarify which events are driven by students, by WCA staff, or by parents.
 - Middle School Fall Fest and Spring Fling will continue to be managed by parents with WCA support. Plans are well underway for Fall Fest.
 - For the time being, High School Happenings will be managed by parents as the transition to Student Government takes place. A sign-up genius for a monthly fun event and a monthly treat will be sent out shortly.
 - Becky Jones asked about the possibility of fundraising for high school events. Mrs. Keen stressed the importance of whole-school coordination in the timing of any fundraising events.
 - Kimmy Dreyfus shared plans for Homecoming, which will include dinner, firepit, superlatives, and lawn games.

The next PTF meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 7 after carpool at WCA.

The meeting was adjourned.