

The Waterloo Wildcat

[En Espanol](#)

March 27, 2026

Dates to Remember:

March 30-April 5- Spring Break. School is closed

April 6- School is open all day (new)

April 13- Class and Group Picture Day (rescheduled)

April 14 - PTA Restaurant night The Big Greek Cafe

April 15- School closes 3 hours early. Students dismiss at 12:55pm (new)

April 20- PTA General Hybrid Meeting; 6:30pm

April 23- STEAM Fair; 6:00pm

April 24- 5th Grade Panoramic Picture (new)

April 25- Waterloo's Carnival! 2pm

May 8- Field Day! (Rain Date: May 11)

May 15- 5th Grade Simulated Congressional Hearings

May 18- PTA General Hybrid Meeting; 6:30pm

May 20- Chorus Concert; 6:30pm

May 25- School is closed.

May 26- Q4 Rockin' Recess!

May 27- School is closed.

June 1- PTA General Hybrid Meeting; 6:30pm

June 3- Incoming Kindergarten Family Orientation; 6pm

June 8- Full student day (new)

June 12- 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony (rain date: June 11) (new)

June 15- Kindergarten promotion Ceremony; 10am

June 15- Last Day of RECC/PreK

June 16- Schools close 3 hours early. Articulation Day

June 17- Schools close 3 hours early.

June 18- Last day of school! Schools close 3 hours early.

Have a Wonderful Spring Break!

We're wishing everyone in our community a great spring break! We hope you take this time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the warmer weather with your friends and family. Please stay safe in your travels and activities! **We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday, April 6th!**

What a Fantastic BINGO Night!



Thank you to everyone who came out to support our PTA BINGO Night! The students loved winning such great prizes! We appreciate our staff and family volunteers for helping to make this event a huge success!

Please add your candid pictures from BINGO night for a chance to be featured in our yearbook! Add them here: <https://plicbooks.com/go/GTH79N>

Congratulations to our Safe Racer Teams!



This past Saturday, 14 third grade teams from Waterloo participated in the Safe Racer competition. At this competition, teams purposefully crashed their homemade cars to see if the egg inside would remain safe. They also tested to see how far their cars would travel.

Out of the 34 total teams in attendance, Waterloo took home 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place! Congratulations to the team of Raeyan S, Luke B, Jamie C, and Andre T for placing third. Also earning a third place finish was the team of David R, Maddie P, and Naomi M. Congratulations to the team of Kady M, Morgan U, Amen B, and Mulai W for placing second. Finally, congratulations to Grant W for not only placing 1st, but for earning the distance cup which goes to the car that travels the farthest distance!

Whether a team placed or not, Mr. Croushler, Dr. Edoho-Eket, Ms. Veneziano, and the third grade teachers are proud of the effort this group of students and volunteers put into preparing for the competition!

Please add your pictures from the Safe racer event here: <https://plicbooks.com/go/8FD3RW>

Way to Go Evelyn A!



We're sending a big congratulations to Evelyn A! She was recently honored by the Howard County Council for having her artwork featured in their 2026 Student Artist Coloring Book!

Class and Group Picture Day is April 13th!

The third time is the charm! Our class and group picture day has been rescheduled for April 13th. If you already ordered a package from a previous class picture date, we still have your order! If you would like to order a class picture, please click the link below:

- Go to: www.strawbridge.net
- Click "Order pictures and yearbooks"
- Enter the code: FM483231 and click "find" to order

It's Time to Sign up for Waterloo's Spring After School Enrichment Activities!

It's time to sign up for Howard County Recreation & Parks Before & After school classes for students at Waterloo ES! [Waterloo ES Spring 2026 Before & After School Class Flier](#)
Register for classes here: [Waterloo ES Registration Page](#).

Get Ready for Waterloo's Carnival on April 25th!

It's that time of year again! Mark your calendars for our annual Spring Carnival on Saturday, April 25 from 2-6pm. This fun-filled community event will include games, inflatables, food trucks, yummy treats, a cake walk, and our annual Silent Auction

SAVE BY PRE-ORDERING YOUR WRISTBANDS NOW!

On Sale Now: Wristbands plus THREE tickets = \$15

Wristbands include unlimited fun on games and inflatables plus three tries at the Cake Walk.

Tickets can be used on: Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Bottled Water, Wildcat

Buy early and save - presale ends April 19th! Wristbands will increase to \$20 at the conclusion of the presale. Individual tickets for water, treats and Cake Walk will be available for \$1/ticket on the day of the event.

THE VOLUNTEER SIGN UP IS OPEN - [Click here](#) to sign up for one or more shifts. We need your help to make this fantastic event run smoothly! This link is for adult volunteers only. For student volunteer sign up, please have students fill out this [form](#).

SPONSOR AN ATTRACTION – New this year! Businesses AND Wildcat families can sign up to have their name featured on one of our carnival attractions. Reach out to WaterlooESfundraising@gmail.com to learn more.

DONATE AN ITEM TO THE AUCTION - This year's Carnival will feature a Silent Auction with chances to win gift cards to local food and services, activities with a Waterloo teacher and more! We're seeking donations for the Auction. Do you have a pair of tickets you can donate or a gift card to a local restaurant or store? Please contact Megan at: WaterlooESCarnival@gmail.com

DONATE A CAKE: Bring a cake (store bought or homemade) to the Carnival for our Cake Walk. The more cakes we get the longer the Cake Walk event can last!

Order Your 2025-2026 Yearbook Online!

Order Online at www.Strawbridge.net

Online Code: YB33686

1. Click Order Pictures and Yearbooks. Enter your Online Code.
2. Enter your name and email, then click Access Yearbook.
3. Enter your student's information, then click Submit Details.
4. Select your product and quantity. Click View Cart to proceed to checkout.

\$25 until April 10th

Calling All Simulated Congressional Hearing Judges!

We are seeking interested community members to participate as a judge in Waterloo Elementary's 2026 We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution Simulated Congressional Hearings (SCH).

Our SCH is scheduled for Friday May 15, 2026, from approximately 8:30 - 1:40. This event is a performance assessment that culminates our fifth graders' year of social studies instruction. The students will serve as experts on issues related to the Constitution. Your role will be to simulate the role of a congressperson by listening to students, asking questions, and providing feedback. You do NOT need to be a constitutional scholar to be a great judge. It will be the students' job to teach you. We will provide all the training you need on the morning of the event prior to the start of the hearings. Complete [this online registration form](#) to sign up. Please direct any questions to Jill Mayotte, at Jill_Mayotte@hcpss.org.

Help Us Stock the Kindness Cupboard!

Our school's Kindness Cupboard provides discreet, easy access to food for families in need. We are currently trying to stock up and would love your help to fill the shelves! If you are able to donate, please view our [wishlist](#) to have items sent directly to school. We are not brand specific, and it does not need to come from the list - any non-perishable/shelf stable food item is welcome! We appreciate all you do to give back to our community!

Have you Joined our PTA?

We have almost 100 families signed up for the PTA! If you haven't signed up yet, please become a member now on our [PTA website](#)! Every member matters! Thank you for supporting your child(ren)!

Interested in getting more involved in the PTA? We are always looking for parents and families to help volunteer, join one of our amazing committees, or take on a leadership role. You can fill out our PTA Interest Survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9jGNygf46PaTMnqnE1a1hmmDDE23sRDwIkRw9UXYYoZxWhw/viewform> or email ptawaterloo@gmail.com to let us know how we can best engage with you!

PTA News



Stay Connected on Facebook

Stay up to date on school news, PTA events, and volunteer opportunities by following us on [Facebook](#)! 🙌 Follow and “like” our posts to help us reach more Waterloo families! Every like, comment, and share helps spread the word!

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Thank You to Our Community Sponsors!

A huge thank you to our generous community sponsors for supporting Waterloo Elementary School! Please see our sponsors below:

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[Great Harvest Bakery & Cafe](#)
[Howard County Psychological Services, LLC](#)
[Jacobson Family Law](#)
[Peak Kitchen & Bath](#)

Their contributions help fund important PTA initiatives like Staff Appreciation Week and family events such as Back to School Night, Bingo Night, and the Spring Carnival! We encourage all families to show their appreciation by supporting these wonderful local businesses!

Interested in becoming a sponsor? Email us at WaterlooESfundraising@gmail.com for more information.

Lunch Volunteer Information

We are looking for parent volunteers to help during lunch! The role of a lunch volunteer is to support the Waterloo staff by assisting with tasks that help lunch run smoothly, such as opening food items, guiding students, and keeping the cafeteria environment safe and organized. Please note that this volunteer role is not intended for visiting or socializing with your child, but rather to provide valuable support to the school community as a whole. Please review [these guidelines](#) before you sign up.

[Click here to sign up.](#) Please note, we will not have lunch volunteers on half days and unplanned school closures or delays. Additionally, we want as many families as possible to have an opportunity to volunteer if they wish, so please be mindful of the number of times you sign up per week/month.

When you arrive for your volunteer shift, please sign in through the front office. Please note, you must complete [required volunteer trainings](#) prior to your shift (Confidentiality Training and Child Abuse and Neglect Training) and print or email your certificate to: Brooke_ONeill@hcpss.org

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[Okinawan Summer Camp Information](#)

HCPSS Community News

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<https://community-programs.hcpss.org>