

## Wildcat Weekly

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Our first full week is in the books! We kicked it off with the Back to School BBQ sponsored by the Men's Club last Friday evening. It was so nice to see so many of our families come out for the event. The kids seemed to have a blast and it was a great opportunity for our families to get to know each other. Thank you to the FDNY who brought out their mascot Hot Dog, and taught our kids about fire safety and to the NYPD who brought the game truck and police horse. They were quite a hit with the kids. I would also like to especially thank the St. Mel's Men's club, not only for sponsoring the event and doing all the cooking and cleaning, but also for their very generous donation of \$10,000 to the school. We are blessed to be a part of such a supportive parish community. It was a great evening and I look forward to many more. - Mrs. Barron





















## Welcome Franklin!

Our Pre-KA class was so excited to welcome a new friend to the classroom, their new class pet Franklin the hamster! As most hamsters do, Franklin tends to spend much of the day burrowing in his bedding, but everyone once in a while he comes out to say hello and visit his new classmates. He is just as excited to be in Ms. Fiona's class as the kids are! Not only is Franklin super cute, but having a pet at home or in the classroom has many benefits for kids. Having a pet teaches students responsibility as students learn about caring for and nurturing and caring for a living thing. It also aides in a child's a child's emotional and mental growth of students as studies consistently show that animals can help to relieve stress and anxiety. Plus, they can enhance any learning environment!

## Looking Ahead

- Monday 9/19 iReady diagnostic Cycle 1 begins
  - Tiger Tennis program begins Catalog sale (mandatory fundraiser) sale begins
- Tuesday 9/20—Flying Classroom STEM program begins
- Carvel Ice Cream Social Fundraiser 3pm-9pm
- School Spirit \$3/NUT dress down
- Wednesday 9/28—Picture Day: PreK individual and group photos, K-5 individual photos only
- Thursday 9/29—Picture Day: 3K individual and group photos, K-5 group photos only
- Family Movie Night 6:30 pm







