

# WMS NEWS



## *From the Principal's Desk:*

Dear WMS Families,

I hope you and your family are doing well. May is a busy time of year with a lot of fun and exciting events taking place. Below is some information for the upcoming weeks.

-The 8<sup>th</sup>-grade celebration will take place on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The plan is to start the celebration at 8:15 am in the middle school gym. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend. We look forward to celebrating our 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students before they head off to high school.

-There will be a 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade dance on May 17. The dance will start at 6:30 and end at 8:30.

-6<sup>th</sup>-grade students are going to John Ball Zoo on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Teachers are in need of chaperones. Please check your email for more information about the trip and how to sign up as a chaperone.

-8<sup>th</sup>-grade students will be taking a trip to the Career Tech Center on May 13. Students will leave school at 11:50 am and return to school at 2:15 pm.

-On May 15, 8<sup>th</sup>-grade science students will be going on a trip during their science class. Students will be visiting nearby streams to complete water testing. Please check your email for more information.

-On May 30<sup>th</sup>, all 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students will be going to Michigan Adventure. They will be leaving the school at 9:30 am and returning before the end of the day.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Craig Thompson  
WMS Principal

## WMS Believes...

1. Students must feel safe, cared for, and valued for learning to take place.
2. It's our job to spark student curiosity and help students identify/pursue their interests.
3. Students thrive on intentional structure.
4. School decisions should reflect the distinctive nature of middle school students.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade News:**

Greetings and Welcome to May! You should have received our email about the John Ball Zoo Field Trip on May 21st. Let your daughter/son's 1st hour teacher know if you are interested in chaperoning this adventure. We must have 4 chaperones per class in order to make sure that we can attend. Please fill out the background check form linked in the email if you have not already done so this school year.

In ELA we are wrapping up our reading of *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*. We will continue to analyze word choice, figurative language, and text structure as well as identify the central idea of a text. To end our current unit of study we will discuss and practice the use of effective and efficient research strategies by taking a look at inventions that have had a direct impact on a critical issue faced by different communities. Our final required book review is due on May 22nd. All students, even if they are finished with these reviews, should continue to read at home and have a book to read here at school.

Science classes continue their study of our Universe, with the focus on the Moon's phases.

In math class, we are nearing the end of Unit 7, the penultimate unit for 6th grade! Students are developing their skills in graphing points on a coordinate plane. There are many fun lessons found on the Google Classroom that your student can show you. Your student can expect to have a test early next week.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade News:**

Mr. Huizenga's Science classes will be completing the Waves Unit with the Electromagnetic Spectrum. Next, we will be completely switching gears for the remainder of the school year and studying Ecology, a great excuse to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather.

The English classes are working on their final performance task for Module Three. The performance task will be to create a museum exhibit related to a theme from the Harlem Renaissance. A makeshift museum will be created in the community room at the VAC during the week of May 20th.

The Math classes are wrapping up Unit 6 soon. We have transitioned from solving equations to solving inequalities. We started with solving inequalities on a number line, and then solving equations in real-life situations such as managing money and temperatures. Students solved one-step equations and inequalities and progressed to multi-step equations and inequalities in word problems.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade News:**

On Monday May 13th, the 8th grade class will be traveling to the Career Tech Center in Muskegon to explore what programs they offer to high school students. We will be leaving after lunch and returning prior to the end of the school day.

May 30th, the class of 2028 will be celebrating the year with a trip to Michigan Adventure. The cost is \$10. Please have students turn the money in to their math teacher by Wednesday, May 22nd.

**ELA:**

We will be ending the year with book clubs. Each student will have some choice, but they may not end up in their first choice. Students have very little homework for ELA, but they should be reading every night for 20 minutes from their independent reading book.

**Math:**

Students have finished Unit 7 - Next up is Unit 8 The Pythagorean Theorem and Irrational Numbers. Here is a summary of the unit.

**U.S. History:**

This week we will continue to learn about the Civil War.

Next week we will complete a President's Report.

**Science:**

It's water cycle time. Students will learn the value of one of Michigan's greatest resources...WATER. Students will see how water moves through our local watersheds as well as through the Great Lakes.

Students will use Sedimentators to study the power of water and how it changes the landscape.

Each student will get trained on how to water test various parameters like the number of Nitrates, Phosphates, Dissolved Oxygen, PH, Turbidity, bacteria counts and more as we take the class outdoors for a water testing field trip along the many creeks and tributaries of White Lake and the White River.

**Elective's News:****Spotlight on Phys Ed**

Students are currently participating in Presidential Physical Fitness Testing. Students will be assessing their endurance with the mile run, upper body strength with push-ups, core strength with sit-ups, flexibility with a sit-and-reach exam, and speed/agility with a shuttle run test. These results will be compared against where students started the trimester when they did their pretesting.

A reminder about PE dress requirements.

**Dressing for class:**

Students will be required to participate in class wearing clothes and shoes that are designed and intended for physical and athletic activities. Clothing must allow for any range of movement to be performed. The following are examples of inappropriate PE apparel: Crocs, slides, Hey Dudes, jeans, boots, spaghetti straps, crop tops, dresses/skirts, etc.

\*Extra credit is available for students to earn back lost points. Please have your student see Mr. Hams during class and he will give them the extra credit assignment.

**Athletics:****Baseball:**

May 13 11:00 AM, Whitehall Red vs Whitehall Black @ Whitehall Baseball/Softball Complex  
 May 18, 11:00 AM, Whitehall Red vs Manistee @ Whitehall Baseball/Softball Complex  
 May 18, 11:00 AM, Whitehall Black @ Montague Nellie B. Chisholm Middle School Baseball/Softball Field

**Softball:**

May 13, 6:00 PM, vs. North Muskegon Middle School, Whitehall Middle School  
 May 14, 6:00 PM, vs Fruitport Middle School Whitehall Middle School Funnel Field  
 May 21, 6:00 PM @ Hart Middle School  
 May 22, 6:00 PM vs Montague NBC Middle School @ Whitehall Middle School Funnel Field  
 May 29, 6:00 PM @ Montague NBC Middle School Nellie B. Chisholm Middle School Baseball/Softball Field

**Tennis:**

May 11, 10:00 AM, Whitehall @ Ludington Black, Ludington High School Schoenherr Courts  
 May 18, 9:00 AM, Jamborees

**Track:** Mon May 13 4:00 PM @ Oakridge Middle School, Oakridge Middle School Track  
 May 15 3:30 PM vs Fremont Middle School with 5 others, Whitehall High School Track

**Girls Soccer:**

May 11, 10:30 AM, vs N. Muskegon 2 @ Montague