

# WMS NEWS



***From the Principal's Desk:***

Dear WMS Families,

I hope you and your family are doing well. Below is some information for the upcoming weeks.

1. The 8th-grade celebration will take place on June 5th. It will start at 8:15 a.m. in the middle school gym. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend. We look forward to celebrating our 8th-grade students before they head off to high school.
2. 8th-grade students are going to Michigan Adventure on May 30th. They will leave WMS at 9:30 a.m. and return to school by 2:15 p.m. WMS will host a middle school field day on the last day of school, June 7th.
3. There are still a few summer school spots available. If you want your student to attend summer school, please call the office at 231-893-1030 for more information.

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:**

The year is flying by with just a couple weeks to go! We want to thank all our chaperones who helped out on our zoo field trip. It was a wonderful experience for our students to share together. In Geography class, students are learning about key geographical features of countries in the Western Hemisphere. In Ms. Briseno's ELA classes, we are working our way through *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* and are learning about hardship and critical problem solving. All makeup work is due 5/29. Science classes are finishing up our study of the Universe and will explore science measuring tools to finish our year together. Students are working on collecting data in math class. With a couple weeks left, students should expect at least one more assessment in math class over unit 8, stay tuned for exact dates!

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

Mr. Huizenga's Science Classes will finish the year studying Ecology. We have covered Ecosystems, Symbiotic Relationships, and Predators vs. Prey. We will finish the year with food chains, webs, and energy flow through trophic levels.

The English classes have completed their final performance task for Module Three. The performance task was for students to create a museum exhibit related to a theme from the Harlem Renaissance. A makeshift museum was created in the community room at the VAC on May 22 and was taken down on May 23.

Math classes have started Unit 8 - probability and sampling. Students determine the probability of unknown events and compare the results of repeated experiments and the expected probability. They also design and perform simulations to estimate the probability of multistep real-world situations.

History classes took the Silk Road from China and are now in Greece!!! They will be learning about Greece and Rome to finish the year. Areas of focus will be government, daily life, trade, art and science. We will be making connections between then and now.

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

May 30th, the class of 2028 will be celebrating the year with a trip to Michigan Adventure. We are leaving WMS at 9:30 and will be back by 2:15.

**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:**

The students are working on Unit 8 The Pythagorean Theorem and Irrational Numbers.

**U.S. History:**

This week we will complete a state report. Next week students will conduct research on a chosen career path.

**Science:**

Students were trained on how to water test various parameters like the number of Nitrates, Phosphates, Dissolved Oxygen, PH, Turbidity, bacteria count and more as we took the class outdoors for a water testing field trip along the many creeks and tributaries of White Lake and the White River.

Science students are going to save the world this week! They are doing a Water Conservation Project and will do a persuasive presentation to get their classmates to change their habits to conserve one of our most precious resources.....Water.

***Elective's News:*****Spotlight on Arts Exploration:**

6th Grade Arts Exploration - Student artists are working on a My Favorite Memories theme drawing assignment. Students reflect on their favorite memories and then create a series of images that represent those memories on a large piece of drawing paper. This is a mixed-media project that allows students to select their art materials to create an original work of art.

7th Grade Arts Exploration - Students are designing their color wheels to gain an understanding of the importance of the primary colors and how they are used to make secondary, and tertiary colors. Students also learned how to mix tints and shades.

The last couple of weeks in art students will be learning about different art careers, critiquing works of art, and making an art portfolio to take their artwork home in.

8th Grade Arts Exploration - Students are currently finishing up their sculpture unit. During this unit students were introduced to Pop Art along with artists involved in the art movement. After learning about the art movement, students designed and constructed their large-scale soft sculptures. This project allowed students to work in small groups.

Next week the students will begin the art criticism unit. During this unit students will analyze, describe, and interpret works of art.

***Athletics:*****Softball:**

May 29, 6:00 PM @ Montague NBC Middle School Nellie B. Chisholm Middle School Baseball/Softball Field