

WMS NEWS

From the Principal's Desk:

Dear WMS Families,

I hope you are doing well. Many students have asked about Halloween, including whether wearing costumes to school on October 31st is okay. This is a fun day for students, and it's acceptable for students to dress up. Students will receive further information from their advisory teacher regarding appropriate school costumes. Students' faces cannot be covered, and no blood or props resembling weapons will be allowed. School-appropriate dress is required.

Parent-teacher conferences will take place in November. Your student's advisory teacher will contact you to schedule a time to discuss your student's progress. On November 19th, you can stop by the middle school to meet with all of your student's teachers from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. You can expect to receive communication from your student's advisory teacher starting the week of October 28th.

Fall break starts October 18th and ends October 21st. Students return to school on Tuesday, October 22nd.

I hope you have a wonderful extended 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.

Whitehall Middle School Robotics:

Please join us at the White Lake Community Library on Thursday, October 24th, 2024 from 5:30pm-7:00 pm.

All Ages are welcome!

Activities are geared for K-12th Grade. There will be a variety of different stations including Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.

6th Grade News:

Math: We are wrapping up our unit on Ratios. Our unit test will be Friday, October 25th. Students can work on any of the desmos practice assignments that are posted at home.

Students use ratio language to describe a ratio relationship between two quantities and identify equivalent ratios.

Students use tables, double number line diagrams and unit prices to solve problems with equivalent ratios.

Students develop and use strategies to compare ratios in context.

Students use unit rates, double number lines, and tables of equivalent ratios to solve real-world and mathematical problems.

Science: We are continuing our study of taking data and creating graphs for the data.

ELA: We have just wrapped up our first assessment. As we enter the second half of unit 1 we will continue to work on identifying the meaning of unfamiliar words and analyzing precise word choice and figurative language. In addition, we will begin to look for theme in texts by finding significant and repeated ideas and supporting our ideas with evidence from the text. Students will start to prepare to engage in peer discussions which is a key component of the end of unit 1 assessment which will tentatively occur in two weeks.

Geography: Sixth grade students are learning about Human Environment and Interaction which is one of the fundamental themes of Geography emphasizing the importance of our environment and resources.

7th Grade News:

ELA: The English classes have wrapped up the first unit of our Lost Children of Sudan module. Now that students have background knowledge about the topic, unit two focuses on researching for information. We started the unit reading about the 'Lost Girls' of Sudan and then watched a clip from God Grew Tired of Us to begin planning our compare and contrast essay.

Science: Mr. Huizenga's Science Classes completed their first section of motion by researching jobs that use physics and presenting their slide shows to the class.

Math: Math classes have started with Unit 2, "An Introduction to Proportional Relationships." We will be looking at tables and graphs for proportional relationships over the next two weeks and how this concept is used in real world problems. The final assessment for this unit will be in approximately two weeks.

8th Grade News:**ELA:**

Students are working on finishing Unit 1 as they discover aspects of character and how characters develop over sections of the text. Unit 2 is upon us, and students will begin to work with determining themes, analyzing and writing narratives, and creating their own Latin American folklore characters.

Math 8:

The students are into Unit 2 on Dilations, Similarity and Slope.

Algebra:

The students are actively working on Unit 2 on Linear Equations and Systems.

U.S. History:

We are currently learning about the Causes of the American Revolutionary War.

The Patriot's Pen Essay is due by Friday, October 25th. Please assist your child with filling out the official entry form.

Science:

Rocks and Minerals - why are we studying them, because we interact with them every day from brushing our teeth to picking out building materials for everyday life.

Students learned the differences between minerals and rocks.

Parents, dust off your old rock collections, because we will be asking students to bring them in for a school rock "show and tell".

Stay tuned for details

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

PE students are currently participating in a kickball unit. Previous units have been Soccer, Football, Volleyball, Physical Fitness, and Ultimate Frisbee. Students will participate in Golf, Cornhole, Cricket, Basketball, and others before the semester is completed. Students also learn through Google Classroom assignments. 8th Grade focuses on nutrition, 7th grade focuses on exercise and fitness, and 6th grade focuses on wellness and acronyms.

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:***Boys Football:***

Oct 23, 4:00 PM vs Fremont Middle School @ Whitehall High School

7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball:

Any 8th grader interested in playing boys basketball: Please sign up in final forms and attend a meeting in Mr. Boyd's room at lunch on Tuesday (10/22).

Any 7th grader interested in playing boys basketball: Please sign up in final forms and attend a meeting at the commons during lunch on Tuesday (10/22).