

**May
2018**

LIONS NEWS

Calendar of Events



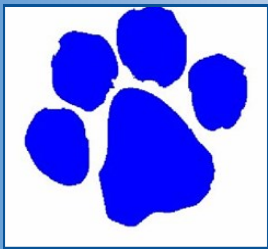
May 22	ELO	3-4:30pm
May 23	SGA Meeting (Media Center) Leo's Club (Cafeteria)	3-4pm 3-4:15pm
May 24	ELO	3-4:30pm
May 28	Schools Closed (Memorial Day)	

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM!

DON'T DELAY! MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TODAY!

To all our sixth grade parents,

A tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis booster (Tdap) and a Meningococcal (MCV) vaccine are required before entry into the seventh grade. If your child has already received these vaccines, please obtain documentation now and send to the health room. If your child has not received these vaccines, please call your physician as soon as possible to schedule a visit. This information is needed in health charts right away! Without documentation of these vaccines, your child/children will be excluded from school starting the very first day of school!!



Administrative Announcements



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PARCC testing is nearly complete and we would like to thank all of our students and families for their assistance during these testing windows.

We have a lot of exciting events coming up for the end of the school year!

Kudos to our Music department for outstanding concerts this week! Special thanks to Mrs. Duncan and Mr. Musser for everything they do with our young musicians.

Congratulations to our Leos Club for an outstanding “Dinner in the Dark” this past Friday. Our students were amazing throughout the planning and execution of this event. They raised over \$10,000 for the Leading Dog program!

We are so proud of this group!

We also had young ladies “graduate” from the ECLN leadership program. Our “SWAG” young ladies (sisters who aspire to greatness) were honored at a luncheon held at Dutch’s Daughter restaurant. We are proud of the leadership skills our students are developing.

Save the Date(s): Upcoming Celebrations:

WMS grade level teams are planning **Award Celebrations** for the end of the year. We will be celebrating Academic awards & accomplishments for the 2017 - 2018 school year.

Please “SAVE the DATE(S)”:

Grade 6 Award Celebration – June 12 @ 9:00 am

Grade 7 Award Celebration – June 12 @ 10:45 am

Grade 8 Award Celebration – June 14 @ 10:00 am

Please Note:

• Postcards for Grades 6 & 7 will be sent home via students in May regarding student award recipients. Because of problems in the past with our postcards not being delivered or lost in the mail, we will be giving them to students to bring home. We will send out a FOF notice when students receive the postcards to bring home.

All 8th grade parents/families will receive an invitation for the 8th grade celebration. Please note the 8th grade invitation does not mean your child will necessarily receive an award. Because individual awards & recipients are not determined until just a few days prior to the 8th grade celebration, we are unable to notify individual parents and families.

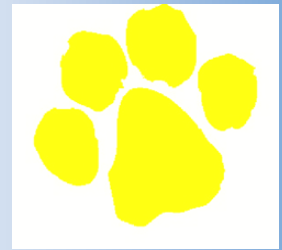
All 8th grade students will receive a program and certificate of completion while WMS celebrates our 8th grade class.

Grade 8 – June 15 - “Move Up Day @ WHS”. Students will walk to WHS shortly after 8 am and return approximately 2 hours later to WMS. Permission slips are coming.

Our 8th grade class will also have their “CLAP OUT” at 12:50 pm on June 15. More information will be coming regarding our “CLAP OUT”! Please stay tuned!



Administrative Announcements



We need your assistance:

Recently, we have seen an increase of inappropriate and derogatory language being used in the building. Behaviors like this do not contribute to a positive school environment and are disrespectful and hurtful to all. We will not condone this type of behavior and ask that parents please support us with this concern. Disciplinary action, parent contact, and progressive action will occur and it is our expectation for all students to demonstrate behaviors which help others feel safe while contributing to a positive learning environment. Our lessons on diversity and tolerance have encouraged students to demonstrate our ROAR behaviors and Kindness. Please reach out to us and share any concerns as we want to ensure these behaviors are being addressed appropriately. We thank you for your support and partnership as we work together to maintain a safe and orderly learning environment.

WMS Staff Nominations:

Has a WMS staff member exceeded your expectations? Please visit the awards page on the FCPS website, www.fcps.org. (About Us/Awards Program/All Star)

There are several ways that you can nominate one of our outstanding teachers or staff members for the FCPS special recognition.

Calendar Updates:

- Monday, May 28 – Schools and Offices closed

Friday, June 15 – 2 hour early dismissal; last day of school for students

School Lunches & Accounts:

If your child has charged lunch or breakfast, please send in the money to pay off the outstanding charges. This is considered an obligation to the school. If you have any questions regarding your child's charges, please contact our cafeteria (240-236-4477).

Lost & Found items:

We have a full "lost and found" rack of various clothing and other items. If your child has lost an item at school, please encourage them to check this rack. The *Lost and Found* rack is located in the cafeteria and students can easily do this before school, after school, or during lunch. Parents/Families: If you would like to look for an item, please contact the front office to arrange a time to visit. **Items not identified/claimed by June 22nd will be donated to our local charity.**



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Other Important Reminders:

All absences, late arrivals, and early dismissals need a parent note or are unexcused. Be sure to include the child's first and last name. Even if you have called the school to report an absence, we still require a note upon returning to school. For a copy of "A Note to School" please go to <http://wms.sites.fcps.org/attendance>. To review the entire FCPS policy, please visit page 38 of the FCPS Calendar Handbook.

Address change: Please provide a new proof of residency (a copy of a property tax bill, gas bill, electric bill, water/sewer bill or a signed current lease/rental agreement; we are unable to accept phone/cable bills).

Custody: If there is a change in child custody, please share this information with our Counselors and Administration. It is extremely important that a copy of the current court document be delivered to the school and placed in the child's permanent record folder. Should the school not have this documentation, we are required to release your child to either parent upon request.

Wellness–Food Use: FCPS Wellness Regulation 400-82 states in part:

- For health and safety reasons, parents/visitors are only permitted to bring in food that is intended for consumption by their individual student.
- For health and safety reasons, students are only permitted to bring in food for personal consumption.

Weapons: Possession of any firearm or other weapon by a student on school property is strictly forbidden. This also includes look-alike weapons. The penalties for violation are detailed in the Discipline section of the FCPS handbook. Please remember it is a serious offense to possess a weapon of any kind on school property.

Bus Transportation

Students may ride only the school bus to which they are assigned. Inviting friends to ride the bus home is sometimes problematic as some busses are extremely crowded and over capacity.

Both students are required to have a parent note. This note must be signed by parents and turned into the front office to receive a special bus pass signed by Administration.

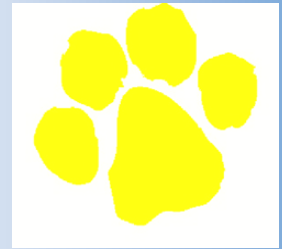
Drivers will not transport any student without this bus pass and/or any student who is not assigned to their roster. Students may only board and get off at their designated bus stop.

This request should be used for emergency situations only, not for transporting students to parties, work on school projects, etc. WMS administration is unable to approve large groups of students to ride a bus that is not their regular bus.

Please note that some notes may not be approved due to overcrowding. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



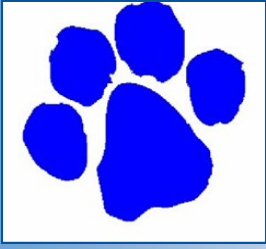
Guidance Announcements



Walkersville Middle Families:

Proof of Residency

If you have moved or are planning on moving within our school district, it is imperative that you provide us with an updated proof of residency (current signed/date lease/rental agreement, gas, electric, water or sewer bill. No phone/cable bills). We cannot change your address in our database for mailing purposes and transportation until we have the updated information. If you have questions, please call Carol Stitely Guidance Registrar, 240.236.4479 or carol.stitely@fcps.org



From the Classroom.....

6 Grade

Week of May 21



Math Ms. Owens & Ms. Berrigan: Students are analyzing and displaying data sets.

Language Arts: Ms. Love & Ms. Moore: Students are continuing to read their novels. They are exploring themes of courage and perseverance.

Social Studies: Ms. Francis & Ms. Burke: Students will be continuing our unit of Ancient Rome with a focus on Pompeii and Roman achievements.

Science: Ms. Roberts & Ms. McKenzie: Students will be learning about the respiratory and digestive systems and continuing to learn how our bodies systems work together to maintain balance. Human body benchmark will also be given this week.

Life Skills: Ms. Vaughn: Students are learning about different farming ideas and how to feed an increasing population of people. Students will look at how they food system runs from farm to table.

Lab 21: Mr. McEndree: Students will be making their presentations for their Next Generation Technology.

Reading Intervention: Ms. Tregoning & Ms Ruefle: This week we finished writing a Character Analysis and took the end of the year Reading Inventory. A paper with your child's Reading Inventory score was sent home. We continued to read independently and worked on the Read 180 computer program.

Math Intervention: Ms. Heslen & Mr. Patterson: Students will construct & use line plots.



From the Classroom.....

7 Grade

Week of May 21



Science: We are continuing to study the Human Impact on Earth with a look at resources and ecosystem balance. Our final 4th term Benchmark will be given near the end of May/beginning of June.

To sign up for text alerts for Ms. Sayed's class, text @wmssayed to 81010 and follow the directions!

To sign up for text alerts for Mrs. Brower's class, text @wmsbrower7 to 81010.

Language Arts: The 7th Grade Language Arts class is concluding the unit on immigration and will be working on Titanic research projects. Word Study this week is the suffix "ship" with a post test on the 25th.

Math: Please consider having your child enroll in Google Classroom - code: e354mmu

Text alerts from Mr Silver - text @wmsmath7 to 81010

Text alerts from Mrs. Biser - text @bisermath to 81010

Homework is assigned at the beginning of each week and due at the end of the week. Extra copies can be found in Google Classroom.

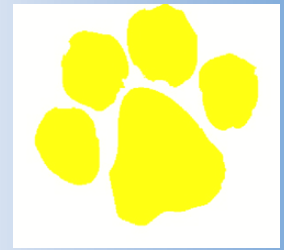
Social Studies: Students are studying the origins of settlements in the New World and the development of the Thirteen Colonies. We will then continue to examine the characteristics of each of the colonies and identify the three colonial regions. Please see Mr. Cunningham's calendar for more information. [Mr. Cunningham's class calendar](#)



From the Classroom.....

7 Grade

Week of May 21



Creative Arts: Students are learning about STOMP and Native American Dances. Students will be performing in groups either STOMP or a Native American dance.

Check out some class photos on my Twitter @WarrenReam

*Donations are always greatly appreciated; any new or used: art supplies, scrapbook supplies, stickers, etc. The students love using them to be creative with their warm up answers in their sketchbooks

Mr. Shoemaker: Students are wrapping up their unit on computer science. They have been learning the basics in computer coding projects. Mr. Shoemaker will be returning the week of May 14th.

Reading Intervention: Students will:

- Analyze and discuss the features of a model proposal to determine its effectiveness.
- Write an effective movie proposal plan that states clear ideas for updating a story.

Math Intervention: Ms. Heslen & Mr. Patterson: Students will calculate area & volume.



From the Classroom.....

8 Grade

Week of May 21



Team information: Please see the 8th grade homework/assignment link for information on weekly homework assignments for all 8th grade teachers. The calendar is updated weekly on Tuesday.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m1OPetXsA1ltOv8zP1VMwCL-KbGOJqKlopOKMncZ_K0/edit?usp=sharing

8th grade grading policy: No late work will be accepted. For homework and formatives, this means that students will receive a "0". If a student is absent, they will receive a "z" and will be able to complete the work within the time frame as described in the handbook in their agenda..

Science:

Donovan/Conrad: Next week the students will conduct test runs with their car designs with the intent of protecting its passenger (the egg) and then they will conduct real crash tests with their designs, catalog results to create a design feedback loop and evaluate their design and its effectiveness in protecting the passenger (the egg). Students will also create a poster to promote safe driving utilizing information from Newton's 1st and 3rd laws. At the end of the week the Students will have a study guide home work assignment which will be reviewed on Friday to prepare for a Test the following week. Please check the [8th grade team](#) website for up-to-date homework assignments and test dates.

Shearer: Students will be continuing their second unit of Motion; this one is all about collisions, and Newton's 3rd law and Kinetic Energy Transfer each play a part!

We will be finishing our egg car crash project this week! Also, please welcome our long term sub, Mrs. Jessica Roderick, who will be finishing out the school year.

Please check the [8th grade team](#) website for up-to-date homework assignments and test dates!

Bonner:

Spanish 1: See class website: www.senorabonner.weebly.com

Spanish 2: See class website: www.senorabonner.weebly.com



From the Classroom.....

8 Grade

Week of May 21



Quill: Please see Ms. Quill's webpage for more information: <http://nissaquill.weebly.com/>

Language Arts: Students in 8th grade ELA are reading and analyzing Romeo and Juliet.

Math: Buchter: We are finishing up our year by reteaching Laws of Exponents and Scientific Notation. A re-quiz will be on Friday 5/18. We will then reteach Volume and quiz on Wednesday 23rd. Lastly, we will complete our statistics unit and quiz out on the 30th. Please see my website and the homework link for more details:<http://chelseabuchter.blogspot.com/>

Giganti: We are finishing up our year by reteaching Laws of Exponents and Scientific Notation. A requiz will be on Friday 5/18. We will then reteach Volume and quiz on Wednesday 23rd. Lastly, we will complete our statistics unit and quiz out on the 30th.

Social Studies:

Lawton: Please click on the link for more information. <https://sites.google.com/fcps.org/crlawton/home>

Bodnar: Students in Mr. Bodnar's Classes are working on the social reform movements.

Reading Intervention: This week students identified the parts of a Research Paper and began prewriting activities. They continued to Read Independently and worked on the Read 180 computer program.

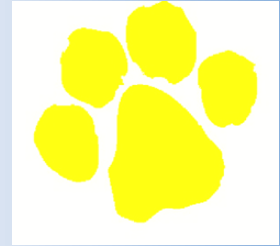
Math Intervention: Ms. Heslen & Mr. Patterson: Students will solve rate & proportion problems.



From the Classroom.....

P.E. & Electives

Week of May 21



Band and Orchestra: Congratulations to the band and orchestra for their SUPERIOR performance at State adjudication!

Chorus: Congratulations to our singers for their wonderful concert on Tuesday evening! We will be finishing our Benchmarks and beginning a performance project.

Flex: Students are studying conversational Spanish phrases. Test on vocabulary is on Thursday 5/17. Students should be working on their Spanish projects (due date TBD).

Life Skills 8th grade- (Steinhaus): Students are in the sewing unit and sewing pillows and hats.

Health: 7th Grade: Please turn in your family life permission as soon as possible.

Life Skills 7th grade- (Duncan): Students have started their financial literacy unit. They are learning about checking accounts and deposits/withdrawals.

PE: Please make sure students have their PE clothes and a lock for class. Students will be participating in volleyball starting May 18 until the end of the year. Students will also be completing written assessments.

Technology Education: : The 6th grade students will design and build Solid fuel rockets, 7th grade students will finish design project and 8th grade students will work on safety and construction of design project.

Theatre Arts: We are continuing to work on our class play. We will present it on June 6 at 10:30AM. Parents are invited to attend.

Visual Arts:

6th: Students will learn about the art of Georgia O'Keeffe and create a work in her style

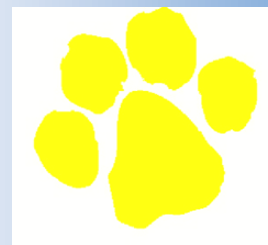
7th: The students will be learning about the Art of Georgia O'Keeffe and create a work in her style

8th: Students will continue to design their artist study cube.

Health: 6th grade: Students are learning about the benefits of physical activity and will then begin learning about substance abuse.



WMS PTSA News



WALKERSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

May 18, 2018

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Upcoming Events

May 18, 2018

8th Grade Permission Slips Due
8th Grade Then/Now Photos Due

May 28, 2018

School Closed – Memorial Day

May 29, 2018

Dine Out Night, Chipotle & Yogi Castle,
5-8pm

June 1, 2018

8th Grade Celebration, 5:45-8pm

WMS PTSA 2018-2019 OFFICERS

Elections were held at the last PTSA meeting held on May 14th.
Your Officers for next school year are:

President	Beth Churco
Vice President	Eva Newman
Treasurer	Jenni Gilroy
Secretary	Samantha Bruce

We have Chair positions and volunteers we'll be looking to fill over the Summer Planning months! Please reach out to us if you're interested!

8TH GRADE CELEBRATION

The WMS PTSA is proud to sponsor the **FREE** year end **8th Grade Celebration** scheduled to take place **Friday, June 1st** from **5:45-8pm** at **Walkersville Middle School**. We will be providing pizza, popcorn, a "dessert" and bottled water along with a photobooth, DJ, various games, and numerous chances to win gift cards.

To make this a successful event, **MANY** volunteers will be needed. There will be numerous activities and areas that will need supervision to make this event run smoothly.

Please fill out the permission slip completely and turn into the **School Store** by **Friday, May 18th** so that we may plan accordingly for the food. Students **WILL NOT** be allowed to attend this event unless a permission slip has been turned in by May 18th. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

As with any after school event, guidelines set forth in the FCPS Student Handbook must be adhered to at all times. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nikki Pierre at wms8thgradepics2018@gmail.com or Beth Churco at bgc13@icloud.com