

**June  
2018**

# LIONS NEWS

## Calendar of Events



June 6	Leo's Club (Cafeteria)	3-4:15pm
June 15	2 hr early Dismissal Last day for students	

**FROM THE HEALTH ROOM!**

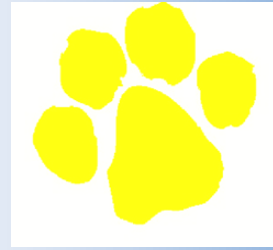
**DON'T DELAY! MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TODAY!**

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



### 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)”:**

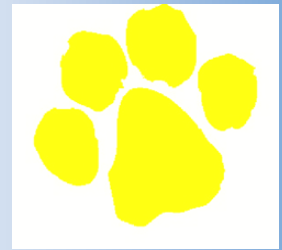
- Grade 6 Award Celebration – June 12 @ 9:00 am
- Grade 7 Award Celebration – June 12 @ 10:45 am
- Grade 8 Award Celebration – June 14 @ 10:00 am
- *Postcards for Grades 6 & 7 were SENT HOME FRIDAY via students in May regarding student award recipients.*
- *All 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents/families are invited to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration. All students received an invitation to take home last week. Please note the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration, we are unable to notify individual parents and families.*  
*All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive a program and certificate of completion while WMS celebrates our 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will also have their “CLAP OUT” at 12:50 pm on June 15.**

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will soon be leaving us for WHS! We will truly miss our students next year. On the last day of school, we will hold our **TRADITIONAL CLAP OUT** for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class! Parents should begin arriving to WMS around 12:20 to line up in our hallway as we prepare to “clap out” our 8<sup>th</sup> graders! The “clap out” will begin at 12:45 and our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will walk our hallways for the last time as they begin their freshman journey at WHS!



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### **WMS Staff Nominations:**

Has a WMS staff member exceeded your expectations? Please visit the awards page on the FCPS website, [www.fcps.org](http://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:**

- 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.**



## Administrative Announcements



### 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.

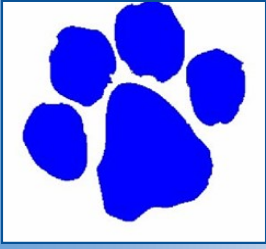


## Guidance Announcements



### ***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](mailto:carol.stitely@fcps.org)***



## From the Classroom.....

### 6 Grade

### Week of June 4



**Math Ms. Owens & Ms. Berrigan:** Students are continuing to create and analyze Data Displays. Global Scholar is scheduled for Thursday, May 31st and Friday, June 1st!

**Language Arts: Ms. Love & Ms. Moore:** Students are continuing to read their novels in order to analyze plot, setting, and theme.

**Social Studies: Ms. Francis & Ms. Burke:** Students will be learning about the beginning of Christianity in Ancient Rome.

**Science: Ms. Roberts & Ms. McKenzie:** Students will be learning about the digestive system, the functions of it, and the different parts.

**Life Skills: Ms. Vaughn:** Students are learning about how different colored foods can benefit their health and body. We will also look at alternative farming methods to help reduce waste and feed more people in the world.

**Lab 21: Mr. McEndree:** Students will be working on their Post Assessment project. In this project they will research a STEAM career and make a presentation about it.

**Reading Intervention: Ms. Tregoning & Ms Ruefle:** This week we reviewed the objectives of Workshop 3 and took the end of the workshop RSkills test. We continued to work on the Read 180 program and independent reading.

**Math Intervention: Ms. Heslen & Mr. Patterson:** Students will review multiplication & division of fractions.



From the Classroom.....

7 Grade

Week of June 4



**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 during the 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:** 7th Grade Language Arts is finishing the Titanic research project. We will be experience a short Holocaust unit for the week. Word Study is finished for the year. Mrs. Swanson's Honor classes have a book project due on June 4th.

**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 characteristics of each of the colonies and identify the three colonial regions. Students will be creating a foldable to identify the key details of each of the 13 Colonies and their region. Students will finish with the concept of the Enlightenment and a review of the major concepts studied throughout the year. Please see Mr. Cunningham's calendar for more information. [Mr. Cunningham's class calendar](#)

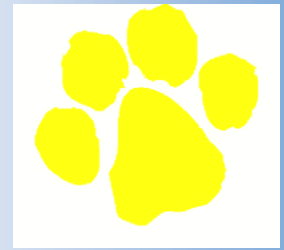




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7 Grade

Week of June 4



**Creative Arts:** Students are learning about STOMP and Native American Dances. Students have been practicing all week in preparation to make a final STOMP or Native American Dance. Students will be editing the videos together to watch as a class.

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:** This week students have worked on learning about the Design process and applied their knowledge to a simple design challenge, Penny Boat. Students will finish this project and then review for a Quiz on the Design Process early next week. Please make sure students are keeping up with the different Google Classroom Assignments.

**Reading Intervention:** Students will:

- Review test taking strategies to assess progress on the following skills: story elements, synonyms, word families, literary analysis, subject-verb agreement, and using possessive nouns.

**Math Intervention:** Ms. Heslen & Mr. Patterson: Students will calculate area of quadrilaterals.





From the Classroom.....

8 Grade

Week of June 4



**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.

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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 we will continue with wave theory for which includes sound and electromagnetic wave. On Monday we will have a Myth busters video and worksheet on sound waves, on Tuesday we will have a lab using slinkys and strings to examine waves, on Wednesday we will have a Max Axiom comic and work sheet on wave theory, on Thursday we will take a benchmark test to ensure students are focused on core principals of waves and then on Friday we will have our field trip to Walkersville High and the escape room WWII theme where the students will solve puzzles and break codes to move onto the next activity. (Students need have there permission slips turned in by Monday to participate)

**Shearer:** 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](http://www.senorabonner.weebly.com)

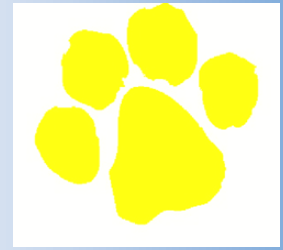
**Spanish 2:** See class website: [www.senorabonner.weebly.com](http://www.senorabonner.weebly.com)



## From the Classroom.....

8 Grade

Week of June 4



**Quill:** Spanish I :

Students have received homework assignments (Gimkit or Quizlet) on Google Classroom to review vocabulary for their Final Exam. The Final Exam will be on June 5,6 and will be multiple choice. It will have a listening and a reading component. Students have been given a review packet which is due on June 4.

We will be doing practice assessments in a multiple choice format to prepare in class.

**French I and II:**

They have also chosen topics for their final project (assessment) which is due on June 5. The assignment for the project is posted to Google Classroom.

**Language Arts:** Students in 8th grade ELA are analyzing how character interactions impact plot and character development, as well as how figurative language and word choice create meaning for the readers.

**Math: Buchter:** Please see my website and the homework link for more details:<http://chelseabuchter.blogspot.com/>

**Giganti:** Please see the link for more information:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m1OPetXsA1ltOv8zP1VMwCL-KbGOJqKlopOKMncZ\\_K0/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m1OPetXsA1ltOv8zP1VMwCL-KbGOJqKlopOKMncZ_K0/edit)

**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 exploring the causes of the Civil War in America.

**Reading Intervention:** This week we wrote and revised research paper on the Harlem Renaissance. We continued to work on the Read 180 computer program and independent reading.

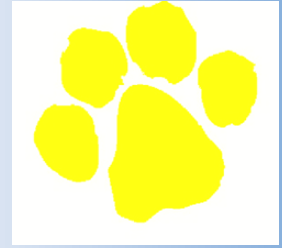
**Math Intervention: Ms. Heslen & Mr. Patterson:** Students will solve percent proportion problems.



From the Classroom.....

P.E. & Electives

Week of June 4



**Band and Orchestra:** Congratulations to the WMS marching band for a great performance at the Woodsboro Memorial Day parade! All classes are now working on their final connectivity project.

**Chorus:** Students are working on group projects. They are creating medleys and mashups to perform for the class

**Flex:** Students are studying Spanish numbers. Test on numbers is on 6/6. Students should be working on their Spanish projects (due 6/7).

**Life Skills 8<sup>th</sup> grade-** (Steinhaus): Students are in the Financial Literacy Unit.

**Health: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Please turn in your family life permission as soon as possible.

**Life Skills 7<sup>th</sup> grade- (Duncan):** Students are working on a financial literacy project. They have been given a salary and have to calculate their net pay, find housing, buy a car and account for other expenses. They will present their projects beginning June 4.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will design, build and launch Solid Fuel Rockets, 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will design Dream House and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will work on construction of design project and apply finish.

**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:**

6<sup>th</sup>: Students will learn about optical illusions and creating one.

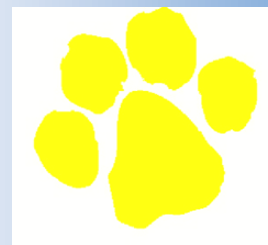
7<sup>th</sup>: The students will be creating a zoomed pet portrait.

8<sup>th</sup>: Students will continue to design their artist study cube.

**Health:** 6<sup>th</sup> 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

June 1, 2018

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### Upcoming Events

#### June 1, 2018

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration, 5:45-8pm

#### June 5, 2018

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast,  
8:30am – 10:30am

#### June 6, 2018

Pawller Raffle

#### June 8, 2018

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Event – Escape Rooms In-  
House Event

#### June 12, 2018

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Ceremony – 9am

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Ceremony – 10:45am

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic following ceremony  
(more information to come)

#### June 13, 2018

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Locker Clean Out!

#### June 14, 2018

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Ceremony – 10am

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic following ceremony  
(more information to come)

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Locker Clean Out!

#### June 15, 2018

Last Day of School – 2hr Early  
Dismissal

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Move Up Day Visit to  
WHS, 8am
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Clap Out 12:50pm

### SCHOOL STORE

The School Store will be closing for the school year on June 1st!

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

WMS Staff invite all who have volunteered this year to a breakfast  
on June 5, 2018, from 8:30-10:30am.

### VOLUNTEERS...



### WE THANK YOU!

Have you volunteered at WMS this school year?

If so, we want to say THANK YOU!!

We want to invite you to our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast!

When: Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Time: 8:30am – 10:30am

Where: WMS Lions Lounge

THANK YOU so much for all that you do for WMS!!



### LOCKER CLEAN OUT INFORMATION

Each year the WMS PBIS Team and PTSA team up to  
recycle school supplies during locker clean-out week.  
Every year, hundreds of brand new and gently used  
school supplies are thrown in the trash. We want to  
stop that from happening.

PTSA volunteers will be stationed at various collection  
bins located near the lockers that are scheduled to be  
cleaned out by students. The collection bins will be  
labeled for easy identification for students, i.e. note books, binders,  
and folders. The students are under no obligation to place any item  
in the collection bin; it is totally voluntary.

At the end of the week, all school supplies collected will be taken to  
the cafeteria and sorted. The entire WMS staff will be invited down  
to select the items that they need to replenish their classroom  
supplies.



6<sup>th</sup> Grade – June 14, 2018    7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – June 13, 2018