January/ February 2017

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For WMS Families

Calendar of Events

Monday January 23	**Schools Closed (Teacher Work Day)**	
Tuesday January 24	**Start of Term 3** **ELO**	**3-4:30pm**
Wednesday January 25	**PTSA Dine Out Night (The Village Tavern)**	**11am-9pm**
Thursday January 26	**ELO**	**3-4:30pm**
Tuesday January 31	**ELO**	**3-4:30pm**
Thursday February 2	**ELO**	**3-4:30pm**
Tuesday February 7	**ELO**	**3-4:30pm**
Wednesday February 8	**Leo's Meeting (Media Center)**	**3-4:30pm**
Thursday February 9	**ELO**	**3-4:30pm**

For information on Seussical practice please see page 13

" Rubik's Cube Competition" Please click on the link below for more information.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GYWYU3N72OCNVaXGtgiXy-cTp-TLgcb0EXX0rntKy8A/edit

PTSA information is on the last 2 pages of the newsletter.

Administrative Announcements

Term 2 – Semester 1 ending on January 20:

Term 2 and Semester 1 will end on Friday, January 20. Term 3 and Semester 2 begin on Tuesday, January 24. Students in grades 6 and 7 who have the exploratory (Food Science, Lab 21, Innovations/Inventions, and/or Creative Arts) will switch schedules for the 2nd half of the year. There are no changes to students in 8th grade classes and/or students in intervention & elective classes. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress for the first half of the year, please contact your child's teacher(s) and/or counselors. Thank you for all of your support the first half of the 2017 school year; we look forward to a terrific Semester 2!

Report cards will be issued on Thursday, February 2.

Special Art Auction: January 21 at WHS:

Do you love art, but have trouble finding it at affordable prices? Do you enjoy appreciating the work of students, but are never able to find the opportunity? Do you like to eat subs, but can never find a non-profit delicatessen? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then come to the student-made art auction at Walkersville High School library this weekend!

On January 14th, from 4:00-6:30, we will gather in **support of Susan Baltic** to celebrate her life's ambitions, which is teaching and sharing the wonderful world of art. You will have opportunities to view and purchase work from students, teachers, and even some local artists. There will be food available for a discounted price from Firehouse Subs, and all of the **proceeds from the art will benefit the children of the Johns Hopkins Pediatric Oncology Clinic.** Your attendance will support the children in need, the students who create, and the connection we all have as a community. Everyone is welcome; children, adults, relatives, and friends! So come on out, and help us make a difference.

Hearing and Vision Screening:

Hearing and Vision screenings will take place on February 14th and 15th for all 8th grade and any new enterers to the Maryland public school system. Maryland State Law mandates this screening. Parents/guardians who have an objection to this screening based on the tenets and/or practice of their church or religion must submit a request for their child to be exempt from screening. All written requests must be submitted to the health room by February 7, 2017. **Please make sure if your child wears glasses or contacts that they have them on the screening days.** If you have any questions please contact the health room at 240-236-4473/4487.

Out of District Updates:

The Out of District regulation (400-15) has been revised and approved by the BOE. For more information, please visit fcps.org for the latest update if your child is attending WMS on an out of district approval. Out-of-district Applications are due **prior to May 1st.** The application can be found on the Frederick County Public Schools website. Competed applications should be returned to the **Department of Student Services, 1501 North Market Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701, via fax to 240-236-8867, or via email at outofdistrict@fcps.org.**

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WMS PBIS "End of Term Celebration" – Term 2

The PBIS committee has planned another celebration/incentive to encourage and reward positive behavior(s) on February 17 from 2 – 3 pm. In order to participate, students must meet 3 of the 4 criteria:

- 95% attendance and no more than 2 unlawful absences
- Students cannot have any D's or F's
- Students cannot have more than 1 referral
- Students can not have any suspensions

***Ineligible students will be able to earn their way back into the celebration by completing an eligibility contract based on the reason(s) for ineligibility and/or after completing a reflection activity on the day of the celebration.

We need volunteers to run sessions/groups and assist with supervision. If you are able to volunteer on February 20, please email Shabana.Sayed@fcps.org or Kailyn.Roberts@fcps.org

DonorsChoose.org

Thank you to all who have supported our staff projects. We have many projects on DonorsChoose! Once on the site, you can search by our school name and see all of the projects listed. https://www.donorschoose.org
Many projects are for technology devices and DonorsChoose is currently matching all donations! Please consider helping our staff get the necessary items for their classroom!

Weather Delays and Closings:

As snowy weather approaches, this is an important reminder about FCPS emergency communication. We recommend that you SAVE THIS MESSAGE for future reference.
See our award-winning **Weather Delays and Closings** video and more: http://www.fcps.org/weather.

See **How FCPS Decides Whether to Close or Delay Schools**:
https://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/frederick/upload/0/5582.pdf

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After making the decision to close for snow or other emergencies, FCPS uses MANY ways to communicate! Here are places to check:

1. www.fcps.org We post alerts to appear at the very top of each webpage, with details in the home page *News and Info* section. You can access the FCPS website from many devices. We even have a free mobile app you can download via the Google play or App store for shortcuts to the FCPS website, Facebook page and more.

2. cable channel 18 on TV or online http://fcpsmd.swagit.com/live/
3. FCPS Facebook https://www.facebook.com/FCPSMaryland
4. FCPS Twitter https://twitter.com/fcpsmaryland
5. FCPS FindOutFirst (FOF) www.fcps.org/fof or http://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/frederick/login_form.aspx?app=0
   WITHOUT logging in, you may view published notices using the *Archive* icon on the upper black bar to the left of the *Select Language* option.
6. From either of the above FOF links, SIGN UP for FindOutFirst EMAIL notices and TEXT messages. Delivery speed depends on your Internet Service Provider (for email) and your phone-service provider (for text messages), message length and other factors. FOF text messages are typically faster than email, which is slower but has room for details. Most subscribers sign up for both.
7. We notify about 30 local and regional radio and TV stations but cannot guarantee the accuracy of their messages. *There is a Frederick County Public Schools system in Virginia; make sure you're hearing information about* ***FCPS Maryland!***

Afterschool and Weekend Activities: Generally, when schools are closed due to inclement weather, school-sponsored afterschool and evening activities are canceled or postponed. On non-school days when the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect in Frederick County, unless the Superintendent grants a waiver, all afterschool, evening and weekend programs and activities are canceled or postponed, *including events scheduled by outside user groups*. Exceptions: Frederick County Parks and Recreation programs operating in community gyms in FCPS schools and daycare programs operating in FCPS schools (such as YMCA before- and afterschool programs) independently make and communicate their decisions regarding schedule modifications.
Snow Emergency Plan status is announced on local radio and posted on the Maryland Department of Transportation website: http://www.chart.state.md.us/StormInfo/snow_emergency_plans.asp

Parents are advised to review your *FCPS Calendar Handbook*, page 5, especially for information about pre-k and Career and Technology Center delays.

Here are links to a flier and to FCPS Regulations with additional information:
How to Check School Status:
https://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/frederick/upload/0/5581.pdf

FCPS presents the new eSchoolPLUS Family Mobile App available for iOS and Android mobile devices!

Middle and high school* parents and students can now view your school's Home Access Center and receive notifications from your mobile devices.
Use the app to help you monitor:
*Grades
*Classwork
*Student Schedule
*Calendar
*Interim Progress Reports
*Report Card Data and more!

See details and the download and login instructions:
https://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/frederick/upload/0/5472.pdf

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Adjusted School Calendar

- Monday, January 23 – Schools closed
- Monday, February 20 – Schools Closed
- Tuesday, February 21 – Schools Closed
- Monday, February 27 – 2 hour early dismissal

School Lunches & Accounts:

All Frederick County schools offer nutritious breakfast, lunch and a la carte items approved by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Students may also bring a bagged lunch from home. Students are encouraged to have a school lunch account, especially for emergencies where they may have left their lunch at home, as **there are no charges at the secondary level permitted.**

Parents can create a school lunch account by visiting www.myschoolbucks.com. The student's name and school ID number are required.
A few of the *MySchoolBucks* benefits include:

- Up to 90 days of purchase history
- Automated low-balance emails
- Scheduled payments allow parents to pay weekly, biweekly or monthly if desired
- Low-balance payments can automatically add money when an account runs low

Families can download a mobile app for smartphones
Parents with multiple children in the school system can make one payment on one account and then ask FCPS Food and Nutrition Services to distribute money into the other accounts.
You may deposit funds to your child's account by using a debit card, credit card, or checking account information at the website listed above. Parents can also send cash or checks into the school to be placed onto your child's account. Parents may also select "Meals Only" on the check if they prefer their child not to purchase a la carte items.

Free and reduced-price meals are also available to families with limited ability to pay. Eligibility is based on family size and income guidelines developed by the U.S Dept. of Agriculture. Meal applications are available in our guidance office or online at www.fcps.org. Applications may be completed at any time during the school year and the process is confidential. For more information regarding school meals, please visit page 4 and 25 of the FCPS calendar handbook, contact the FCPS Food and Nutrition Services dept (301-644-5061), email food.service@fcps.org or contact Administration. You can also visit the Frequently Asked Questions regarding school lunches. http://www.fcps.org/food-services/Frequently-Asked-Questions.cfm

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Front Entrance:

WMS has a secure *Front Entrance*. All visitors to the building must enter through our main office. We have the buzzer system and our front office staff will greet you upon arrival. We appreciate your cooperation as **we do have a required FCPS protocol we follow when meeting visitors for the first time.** To ensure the safety of our students and staff, please be prepared to show identification and state the purpose of your visit if we have not met you yet. This protocol is part of our security for the building and **we thank everyone for their cooperation** in helping us maintain this security for our school community.

At the middle school level, we are often asked "How can I support my child in middle school?" We always encourage parent involvement and this assists students with their learning. Encourage reading and writing; consider reading the same book as your child. Always encourage your child to do their best and to set realistic goals for the school year. We value our positive and collaborative parent partnerships and appreciate your support of our school expectations and goals. We encourage two-way, open communication with teachers/staff as soon as there is a problem so we can respond promptly to your concern(s).

If there is anything we can do to assist you and your child, please let us know! We look forward to a great year with our students and families!

Cell Phones & Electronic devices:

Recently, we have had an increase of cell phone/electronic violations. Cell phones & electronic devices are only permitted for use with teacher permission and instructional activities. Students are not permitted to text, make/receive phone calls, take photographs, play games, listen to music, etc on these devices during the school day. The expectations are devices are off and "out of sight" unless granted permission for usage. WMS expectations are aligned with FCPS Regulation 400-18. In addition, students should not use their device to contact parents for pick up when feeling ill; students must see our health room staff first. For violations, devices will be confiscated and turned into Administration; appropriate & progressive disciplinary action will be issued for technology violations. As educators, we recognize that this is an exciting time for technology and it can be a very valuable tool used to enhance learning when used appropriately in school. Because we are using technology so much, students are also permitted to have their own "earbuds". However, ear buds should be put away in each class and are not permitted in the hallway. Although we are participating with BYOD, unfortunately, technology violations disrupt the learning environment and impacts instruction. Technology can also impact test security and we have a lot of testing going on in the building this month and next. Because I recognize these devices are important communication tools for parents, WMS will not "hold" student phones past the school day. For offenses past the first time, parents will be contacted so we can work together on the appropriate use of this technology. In advance, thank you for your continued support with our BYOD endeavors.

CLOTHING EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to come to school appropriately dressed at all times. The expectation is that students will not wear revealing clothing or clothing items that are offensive, derogatory, and/or disruptive to the learning environment in any way. Students who are in violation will be addressed privately by an administrator or staff member and may be asked to change into appropriate attire or may need to contact a parent to bring other clothing. Please assist us by monitoring clothing choices so the learning environment is not disrupted and your child is not missing instructional time. Thank you for your support in this sensitive matter. At WMS, students must adhere to the following clothing guidelines:

- Clothing with messages or logos with sexual innuendo, violence, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and/or other inappropriate subjects which are offensive to any person's gender, culture, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and/or occupation is not permitted.
- Pants worn below the waist, ripped in areas revealing undergarments/skin are not permitted.
- Earbuds are permitted only in classrooms for instructional purposes. Earbuds should not be visible in the hallway, cafeteria or during transitional times.
- "Bootie shorts" and "miniskirts" should not be worn to school.
- Translucent and tight clothing should not be worn to school.
- Underwear (when worn as outerwear)
- Costumes, costume makeup/face paint are not permitted.
- Head coverings: Hats, bandanas, hoods, stocking/wave caps, visors, goggles and sunglasses shall not be worn in the school building unless approved for religious/medical reasons.
- Gang-related clothing or dress (bandanas, colors, beaded necklaces, sports paraphernalia with alternate meanings, and self-made clothing)
- Half shirts/midriffs, tube tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, backless clothing. Muscle shirts must have another shirt under them. No bare torso, abdomen, etc.
- Pajamas, lounge clothing, "onesies", and footwear ("house shoes," "bedroom slippers," etc.) should not be worn to school.
- Outerwear is to be stored in lockers. Backpacks and book bags are not permitted in classrooms for safety reasons and are to be kept in lockers.

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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:

Parents, Please sign and update the Yellow student information cards and return them to school. If your child did not bring one home, Please call the Guidance Office 240.236.4479 and let Mrs. Stitely know and she will give your child another one to bring home.

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

Walkersville High School

Registration Information Night for SY 2017-18

Monday, February 6, 2017

6:00 pm-6:30 pm Information Session in auditorium for Rising 9th graders ONLY and their Parents/ Guardians

6:30 pm-7:30 pm Open House for ALL Rising 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders invited with their Parents/Guardians

Teachers, School Counselors, CTC, NJROTC, and ACA will be available to discuss with you the many academic offerings and opportunities available to you during the 2017-18 school year.

(snowdate February 8)

From the Classroom…..

6 Grade

Week of January 24

Math Ms. Owens & Ms. Berrigan: Students tested on combining like terms. We will begin Unit 5, writing and solving equations.

Language Arts Ms. Byrnes & Ms. Love: Students will be reading Fantasy stories in class to compare to their novels for their reading assignment.

We will be preparing for our Courageous person project that will involve research and creating a podcast arguing why their person should receive the "Most Courageous" award.

Social Studies: Ms. Lethbridge & Ms. Burke: Students will be learning about the Han Dynasty and the Silk Road.

Science: Ms.Roberts & Ms. McKenzie: Students are learning about global climate change and preparing for their "Our Extreme Planet" final unit test. We will be doing a lab on coastal vs. inland temperatures lab using water and sand.

Life Skills: Ms. Vaughn: Students are making cinnamon vanilla honey butter to take home.

Lab 21: Mr. McEndree: Students will be switching between Lab 21 and Food Science. New students will be starting the Growth Mindset Project as they get adjusted to the new class rotation. A project calendar is available on Mr. McEndree's website at: http://education.fcps.org/wms/lab21

Reading Intervention: Ms. Haller & Ms. Tregoning: Students will be taking Scholastic Reading test.

Math Intervention: Mr. Eaves & Ms. Hesen: Students will be adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators.

From the Classroom…..

7 Grade

Week of January 24

Science: This week in Ms. Sayed's class, students finished learning about electricity and magnetism and ended with a quiz. Next week, students will begin learning about how nature cycles matter with a closer look at the carbon and nitrogen cycles. Term ends on Friday, January 20th. Please check HAC for any missing assignments.

For more information about Ms. Sayed's class, please visit her website: mssayedscience.blogspot.com To sign up for text alerts for Ms. Sayed's class, text "@mssayedsci" to 81010 and follow the directions!

Science Brower: Mrs. Brower: We can see the light at the end of the tunnel for Science Fair projects! Project boards are due February 1. Also, please remember to monitor your child's grade on HAC. Any missing work for third term is due by Tuesday, January 24. As always, please call or email with questions and refer to our website for more information: https://sites.google.com/a/fcps.org/mrs-brower-s-seventh-grade-science/

Language Arts: 7th Language Arts is continuing to read Hoot and have sent home permission slips to view the movie version. Word study for this week and next are the suffix "dom" and "en".

Math: Daily HW is being assigned. Students are given all homework the first day of each week and it is checked daily for a grade. Students can get an extra copy of the homework in Google Classroom. Use code: cjrwx4 to join.

Please consider signing up for text alerts for Mr. Silver's class, text @wmsmath7 to 81010. For text alerts for Mrs. Biser's class, please text @k2g4k to 81010

Social Studies: This week students in Social Studies completed our study of the Medieval Middle East and started our study of Medieval Africa! We took the Quick Check on Islamic achievements, trade, and the Crusades on Wednesday. Next week we will continue to learn about the geography and climate of Medieval Africa. For updates and reminders, sign up for Mrs. Knott's Remind101:remind.com/join/3ek7a or text @3ek7a to 81010. To learn more about Mr. Cunningham's class, please visit his website: http://mrcunningham7thgradess.weebly.com/

Creative Arts: This week is the last week of Creative Arts Term 1 and 2. The students are finishing up their country research presentations. Next week will be the start of Creative Arts for Term 3 and 4. They will spend the week doing art / theater / music related icebreakers in order to gain an understanding of the expectations in Creative Arts. For more important information, please visit my website: www.rinehuls.weebly.com or Google classroom. To receive messages via text, join REMIND by texting @rinehuls to 81010.

Mr. Shoemaker: This is the last week for I&I for semester 1! It has been a great year and I loved working with each student! Students have grown so much knowledge and skills over the past few months. I am proud of what they accomplished. If you have questions about "what is next?" for students regarding STEM and CTE, please let me know.

Period 3- remind.com/join/26ch2

Period 4- remind.com/join/egk786

Period 5- remind.com/join/6cef2

Period 6- remind.com/join/hdak6

Period 7- remind.com/join/bkh98

Math Intervention: Students will be evaluating algebraic expressions using real-world problems.

Reading Intervention: Periods-3 and 6: Students are continuing to read and identify the problems and solutions in informational text. Students have also been reading and independently and completing different segments on the Read 180 computer program.

From the Classroom…..

8 Grade

Week of January 24

Team information: Welcome to Eighth Grade! We are looking forward to a great year.

Homework information for each teacher on the Eighth Grade Team is available via the following document:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KOypkMjeNQvy7dYSAp0TroHHKRwolRiefemZmjKwHak/edit?usp=sharing

Language Arts: Please see Ms. Copeland's webpage for more information: http://theresacopeland.weebly.com/

Please see Ms. Marsh's webpage for more information: http://allisonmarsh.weebly.com/

Math: Buchter- Be sure to sign-up for Remind101.See my website for sign-up instructions. http://chelseabuchter.blogspot.com/

Ware: Please go to my website at http://waresthemath.weebly.com/ to see the schedule of topics and what assignments are due. I also provide Remind101 text messages with important information on special assignments or major assessments that are coming up. Sign-up instructions are provided on my website as well.

Please contact me if you need more detailed information at robin.ware@fcps.org

Science: Donovan: We are working through our final unit on Biotic Diversity. Students will be using evidence from their own observations to explain how animal behaviors (ex., bird songs) and plant structures (ex., helicopter structures on Maple tree seeds) affect their ability to pass their genes on to the next generation. Their test for the unit is on Friday, Jan 20th! Science Fair Check #4 is due Jan. 25th (check my blog for more information). Please continue checking HAC and keeping up with assignments! Please see my website for more information. http://donovan8thgradescience.blogspot.com/

Shearer: We are wrapping up our final unit on Biotic Diversity. The post-test will be on Tuesday. Students can study their notes (Biotic Diversity Sub-Mod 3) and their flash cards. Science Fair Check #4 is due Wednesday this week, Jan. 25th (check my blog for more information). Please continue checking HAC and keeping up with assignments! Please see my website for more information. http://mrsshearerscience.blogspot.com

Math Intervention: Mr. Eaves & Ms. Hesen: Students will be solving one and two-step equations.

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World Languages: Bonner– Spanish 1: See website for more info: www.senorabonner.weebly.com

Spanish 2: See website for more info: www.senorabonner.weebly.com

Quill: Please make sure to sign up for REMIND so that you don't miss any updates. Remind links:

French I: https://www.remind.com/join/profquill
Spanish I: https://www.remind.com/join/profquil
French II: https://www.remind.com/join/776dk
Remind updates also appear on my website: www. Nissaquill.weebly.com

Social Studies: Lawton: Please see Ms. Lawton's website for more information. http://lawton8thgradeas1.blogspot.com/

Bodnar: Students in Mr. Bodnar's Classes are working on the US Constitution.

From the Classroom…..

P.E. & Electives

Week of January 24

Band and Orchestra: The 7th and 8th grade band and orchestras prepare for adjudication. The 6th grade band and orchestra prepares for the recruitment trip on Jan. 27

Chorus: A Capella will resume February 6 from 3-4pm.

6th grade students are making great progress in singing 2-part music! They are preparing to go on the Feeder Recruitment Trip 1/27/17. Please make sure your child has returned their permission form.

7th grade chorus is working on music for the upcoming adjudication in March. They are practicing sight reading skills as well as rehearsing their music.

Flex: Students are studying Conversational German vocabulary and should be identifying their German project.

Life Skills 8th grade- **(Steinhaus):** Students are in the sewing lab working towards their sewing project.

Life Skills- (Duncan) : Students will have two more food labs next week (1/24 and 1/25). These students will be moving to Mrs. Steinhaus's class on February 1 to study childcare, textiles and sewing.

PE : The PE department at Walkersville is also asking for any donations of weight or cardio equipment. We are trying to update and improve our weight room and would appreciate anything that the Walkersville community would be able to donate. Some suggestions would include bikes, treadmills, elliptical, dumbbells and exercise bands. If you are willing to donate equipment please contact someone in the PE department and we can schedule delivery or pickup.

Technology Education: 6th grade TE students will design and construct truss bridges. 7th grade CT students will be learning about computer coding. 8th grade PS students are constructing straw bridges.

Theatre Arts:

Grade 6 is working on small group plays. They are currently completing their county benchmark assessment on scene design.

Grade 7 is studying Greek Theater.

Grade 8 is currently working on a county benchmark assessment. They are writing

Visual Art:

WMS Seussical Practice

January

Tue Jan 24 3:00pm – 4:30pm **Rehearsal: Finale and Green Eggs And Ham** – WMS
This rehearsal for ALL CAST. NO STAGE/TECH CREWS NEEDED

Wed Jan 25 3:00pm – 6:00pm **Opening Number through "Biggest Blame Fool"**

This rehearsal for ALL and SOUND CREW

Thu Jan 26 5:00pm – 7:00pm **Rehearsal: "Here on Who" through "Notice Me Horton"**

This rehearsl for: Horton, M/M Mayor, JoJo, THe Whos, Dancers, Mayzie, Bird Girls, Gertrude, Wickershams, Kangaroo, Cat, Vlad,

WMS PTSA

DINE OUT NIGHT is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 25th** from **11:00am to 9:00pm** at **The Village Tavern** located on 122 Walkers Village Way in Walkersville. No flyer is necessary, but you need to mention that you are supporting WMS. We will receive 10% of all sales from food and soda. So come on out and support WMS and get some yummy food in the process. Just to let you know, we will also be selling spirit wear.

RACE FOR EDUCATION donations are still coming in and we are very thankful! We just passed over the $**10,700** mark. WA-HOO!!!!!!! We are getting closer to our goal of $11,000. It's never too late, so please consider making a donation if you haven't already done so. **Click here to make a donation to WMS PTSA Race for Education fundraiser.** Please go to www.WalkersvilleMS.my-PTSA.org and click on Race For Education for more details. **All donations are tax deductible.**

*****If you are one of the 106 families that participated in RFE and would like to receive the list of individuals and family members that contributed to RFE on behalf of your child please do the following: send an email to kpsnyder@verizon.net with the following information. Your child's name, grade and 1st period teacher and an email address where you would like the information to be sent. If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Snyder at kpsnyder@verizon.net.*****

COMMUNITY EVENT - FREE Bingo Night and **Book Swap** has been scheduled for **Friday, February 17th** from 6pm to 8pm in the WMS Cafeteria. So mark your calendar and get ready for some fun!!!! To get more information visit our website www.WalkersvilleMS.my-PTSA.org and click on Community Bingo Night and Book Swap. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event, please contact Kimberly Snyder at kpsnyder@verizon.net to sign up.

Our **second** **BOX TOPS** contest started on **December 1st** and ends on **March 17th**, so start clipping and saving those box tops. You can always go to www.WalkersvilleMS.my-PTSA.org and click on Fundraising for more detailed information and contest prizes. Please contact Morgan Finch at lizardzmf@aol.com with any questions.

Got PTSA Membership? Joining the WMS PTSA has too many benefits and discounts and to list. Check out why you should join at our website www.WalkersvilleMS.my-PTSA.org and click on Membership. Got questions? Please contact Beth Churco at bgc13@icloud.com.

WMS and the PTSA are always looking for **VOLUNTEERS**. If you would like to volunteer and haven't completed the WMS Volunteer Sign-Up Form or need more information please go to www.WalkersvilleMS.my-PTSA.org and click on Volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact Jacy Hillman at jacymarc@verizon.net.

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WALKERSVILLE LIONS PRIDE **Spirit Wear** T-shirts are $10.00, scarves are $7.00 and the beanies are $8.00. You can purchase the PRIDE Pack that includes the T-shirt, scarf and beanie for $20.00. Or you can get the scarf and beanie for $12.00. Spirit Wear is on sale **now** at the School Store during lunch hours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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Together we can make a difference, together we can build a PTSA to be proud of.

Save the Dates

23 – Schools Closed for Students, Teacher Work Day
25 – Dine Out Night @ The Village Tavern in Walkersville, 11am – 9pm

February
8 – PTSA Meeting (BoD Only) @ 6:30pm in Library/Media Center
17 – Community Event – FREE Bingo Night and Book Swap, Sponsored by PTSA, 6-8 in WMS Cafeteria
20 – Schools & Offices Closed, President's Day
21 – Schools Closed for Students, Teacher Work Day
22 – WMS Science Fair Set-up, Gymnasium
22 – Dine Out Night @ Buffalo Wild Wings, 5pm – 8pm
23 – WMS Science Fair, 8am – 3pm, Gymnasium
27 – Schools 2 Hour Early Dismissal
27 – 2nd Annual Staff Chili Cook-Off sponsored by the PTSA, Media Center