March/April

2017

LIONS NEWS

For WMS Families

Calendar of Events

Tuesday March 21	**ELO**	**3-4:30pm**
Wednesday March 22	**Leo's Club Meeting (Cafeteria)** **PTSA Dine Out Night " Moe's Southwest Grill"**	**3-4pm** **5-8pm**
Thursday March 23	**ELO**	**3-4:30pm**
Tuesday March 28	**ELO**	**3-4:30pm**
Thursday March 30	**End of Term 3** **ELO**	 **3-4:30pm**
Friday March 31	**Schools Closed for students**	
Monday April 3	**Term 4 begins** **PTSA Book Fair**	 **7:30am-4:00pm**
Tuesday April 4	**ELO** **PTSA Book Fair**	**3-4:30pm** **7:30am-4:00pm**
Wednesday April 5	**PTSA Book Fair**	**7:30am-4:00pm**
Thursday April 6	**ELO** **PTSA Book Fair**	**3-4:30pm** **7:30am-4:00pm**
Friday April 7	**7th Grade Field Trip (Medieval Times)** **PTSA Book Fair**	**9am-2pm** **7:30am-4:00pm**

PTSA information is on the last 3 pages of the newsletter.

Administrative Announcements

Seussical Production:

Congratulations to all of our student performers, cast & crew for a wonderful performance of Seussical! Special thanks to Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Rinehuls, Mr. Bingham, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Boley, & Mrs. Davis for their assistance. Special thanks also to our WMS PTSA who provided food & assistance with concessions! We also thank all of our parents and community members who provided food, assistance, and support to this production! We are so proud of our community for supporting the Performing Arts!

Free Tickets to Frederick Keys Game(s):

During April, K-12 students who bring in a report card showing an "A" or a letter grade improvement will receive two FREE tickets to a Frederick Keys game.

See the full news release:

https://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/frederick/upload/0/6142.pdf

MISA: It's almost here- The Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) is the new science assessment for **8th grade students**. MISA replaces the former Science MSA 8th grade has taken in the past. This assessment will be completed in our computer labs and on chrome books; each class will take four 60 minute sessions. In 3 units, students will read information and answer questions. Questions will include constructed response with the remaining questions being a combination of multiple choice, fill in the blank, matching, and other technology-enabled item types. Our 8th grade students will be taking the test on Tuesday, March 21 and Wednesday, March 22. Students should get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast so they can do their best on the new Science test. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Early, our WMS Test Coordinator.

Administrative Announcements

MDS3 Project Grant: Maryland Safe and Supportive Schools (MDS3) Initiative.

- Walkersville Middle School is participating with John Hopkins University and the MDS3 3 year Grant. We are one of 40 middle schools selected to participate with this program to promote a safe learning environment and positive school culture. The goal of the MDS3 Initiative is to develop a sustainable system to measure school climate in middle schools. This information will be used to guide us in promoting a healthy environment for students to learn.
- Data collection is an important monitoring tool we analyze. We are seeking feedback from our parents and guardians. I have included the link below to the parent survey. The survey is confidential and anonymous and we need your feedback. The survey will be available from March 1st to May 15th. We value your feedback!

Parent Letter Parent Letter/Spanish version

To access the survey for Parents, please use the following link:

http://survey.pagequest.net

- **Parent password for your school is: FCWalkersVP3**
- **Spanish Parent password for your school is: FCWalkersVSP3**

(passwords are **not** case sensitive)

- WMS students will also take the student survey in late March/early April. Your child will be receiving a letter with more information regarding the survey. If you have any questions regarding this partnership or the survey, please contact Stacey.Hiltner@fcps.org

FCPS Online Athletic Registration – 8th GRADE

For more information regarding Online Athletic Registration at high school, please see **FLYER**.
Please note the student athlete physical must be dated April 1 forward and will be good for one school year.
Fall Practices begin on August 9!

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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Attendance/Late Arrival Concerns:

WMS has seen a significant increase in the number of absences and/or unexcused late arrivals to school. It is very important that students arrive to school on time. Students who arrive late to school are missing important instruction. Students are expected to be in their 1st period class no later than 8:00 am. Students arriving late to school continues to be an increasing concern and is becoming disruptive to our first period classes. Please allow sufficient time if driving your child to school in the morning. The majority of our traffic arrives at 7:45, often backing up our car rider area. Drivers can assist us by having their child unload anywhere along the sidewalk which allows us to keep traffic moving. If everyone cooperates with this request, we can unload 5-7 cars at a time. Stopping and starting to unload your child at the end of the sidewalk decreases our efficiency to keep traffic moving. Please understand traffic is not an excuse for being tardy to school. WMS opens their doors at 7:30 and we advise all students to be on campus no later than 7:50 to allow time to visit lockers and get to class on time.

We are adjusting to our late to school policy in order to reduce disruptions to the learning environment and get students to class in a prompt and efficient manner. Any student arriving on campus between 7:55 and 8:00 is to report directly to first period. Their teacher will mark them late if arrival is between 8:00 -8:05 to class but the student will be counted present. If students arrive after 8:05, students must report to the front office to sign in and get a pass to class. Please note that in order to reduce lateness to school we are also implementing the new disciplinary consequences. It is our hope that students and families will adjust their morning schedules to allow for on time arrivals to school. (Please note this does not affect our bus students and/or late bus arrivals)

Our new policies include the following consequences.

1st late – Warning & restatement of expectations
2nd late – Warning, 2nd letter of concern, and parent contact
3rd late – Office assigned lunch detention and contact home
4th late – Office assigned lunch detention and contact home
5th late - Referral to office – progressive disciplinary steps

As a community, we are committed to quality instruction and must have our students in school every day and on time to maximize and preserve our learning environment. Thank you for your support!

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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

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. Comcast 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

Administrative Announcements

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

Adjusted School Calendar

- Thursday, March 30 – end of Term 3.
- Friday, March 31 – Schools closed; Teacher Work day
- Friday, April 14 – 21 – Schools Closed; Spring Break (Schools reopen Monday, April 24)

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.

Service Learning Announcement

Has your child participated in a Service Learning activity this year? Service Learning forms are due by April 7th. Forms should be turned in to Ms. Rohrer in Guidance. Any service learning turned in after April 7th will still be counted, but will not be recognized at the end-of-the-year Awards Ceremony.

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

From the Classroom…..

6 Grade

Week of March 20

Math Ms. Owens & Ms. Berrigan: Students will complete the Unit 6A TEST (Understanding Ratio Concepts) on Monday, March 20th. Our next unit is Understanding Rate Concepts!

Language Arts Ms. Byrnes & Ms. Love: Students are being introduced to important background information that pertains to their new novels.

Social Studies: Ms. Lethbridge & Ms. Burke: Students are being introduced to important background information that pertains to their new novels.

Science: Ms.Roberts & Ms. McKenzie: Students are continuing to work on their Water Unit, and will be learning about thermal energy and heat transfer. We will be designing a device to keep something warm or cool.

Life Skills: Ms. Vaughn: Students will be learning more about food and nutrients

Lab 21: Mr. McEndree: Students will begin working on their next project by researching the positives and negatives of Social Media. 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 continue working on elements of a short story.

Math Intervention: Mr. Eaves & Ms. Hesen: Students will be demonstrating an understanding of 6th grade skills by completing a series of cumulative reviews.

From the Classroom…..

7 Grade

Week of March 20

Science: In Ms. Sayed's class, students are continuing to learn about Plate Tectonics and the different ways that tectonic plates move. To sign up for text alerts for Ms. Sayed's class, text "@mssayedsci" to 81010 and follow the directions!

Science Brower: Mrs. Brower: Students will be taking the third term benchmark one day between 3/13-3/17, depending on computer availability. The benchmark will cover sea-floor spreading, tectonic plate movement, Pangaea, and all evidence that supports these processes, including the age of rocks and locations of fossils. 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 grade Language Arts is still in the Titanic unit. Students are reading informational text about the disaster. Next week, students will watch Ghosts of the Abyss which explores the shipwreck at the bottom of the sea. Each student is working on a project about the Titanic that will be due 3/24 for Swanson and 3/27 for Pence.

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 we continued our study of Medieval Asia! We finished our study of Medieval China with an investigation on Marco Polo. Next week we'll start exploring Medieval Japan.

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 students are learning about Ocarina whistles and clay techniques.
Next week the students will be hands on building their own Ocarina Whistle. (Students may want to dress appropriately for clay all week...it can get messy) 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: Some students finished their 3D models on the computer. Models that were submitted this week will soon be 3D printed. Students that did not finish their 3D models will need to finish them at home, spare time, and during ELT. At this point they will not be considered late due to the complexity of some of the designs.

Website- https://sites.google.com/site/korbinsportfolio/

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 calculating the area of parallelograms and triangles.

Reading Intervention: Periods-3 and 6: Students are beginning Unit 6 in their rBook. They are continuing to reading a class novel "Money Hungry" and summarizing each chapter. Students have also been reading and independently and completing different segments on the Read 180 computer program.

From the Classroom…..

8 Grade

Week of March 20

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: This week, students watched a Twilight Zone episode, "The Eye of the Beholder" and were asked to relate it to The Holocaust. We started our second Station Rotation, focusing on Holocaust Victims and Survivors, analyzing and comparing text structure using Holocaust related texts, and creating examples of propaganda. Ask your child how they feel about the new class setup, Station Rotation. I would love to hear your feedback.

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: This week students will be continuing the second half of their Space unit and will be completing an extension of what they have learned up to this point. Please continue checking HAC and keeping up with assignments! http://donovan8thgradescience.blogspot.com/

Shearer: This week we will begin our 4th module: Motion! Our first sub-module will be about forces acting on objects (net force, balanced and unbalanced forces, inertia). 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 continue exploring transformations (translations, reflections, and rotations).

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8 Grade

Week of March 20

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

World Languages: Bonner– Spanish 1: We are beginning Ch. 3A, a chapter that focuses on food, and talking about likes and dislikes. See website for more info: www.senorabonner.weebly.com

Spanish 2: We are beginning Ch. 8A. This chapter deals with vacations.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: AS1 Students have been studying the Indian Removal Act and will be working on a culminating Common Craft project about that point in history. After that we will move into Westward Expansion as we lead up to the Civil War. Please see Ms. Lawton's website for more information. http://lawton8thgradeas1.blogspot.com/

Bodnar: Students in Mr. Bodnar's Classes are exploring the Westward Expansion of the United States. Their study will help them during the county benchmark DBQ

From the Classroom…..

P.E. & Electives

Week of March 20

Band and Orchestra: The 7th and 8th grade ensembles are preparing for upcoming adjudications. 6th grade band us working on two challenging pieces for our spring concert. 6 and 7th grade orchestra have adjudication Wednesday, 3/22.

Chorus: Chorus 7 received a rating of 2 (Excellent) on their adjudication performance and a 1 (superior) on their sight reading adjudication on Tuesday at Middletown High School. Congratulations singers! We will continue to practice sight reading and refine our pieces for the Hershey Park music festival.

Chorus 6 continues to work on sight reading skills and their spring concert music

Flex: : Students will be studying conversational French vocabulary. They should also be identifying their upcoming French project.

Life Skills 8th grade- (Steinhaus):): Students are in the financial literacy unit for financial literacy (insurance & credit) for PD 6, and first aid for PD 7.

Health: 8th grade students are will be starting the family life unit.

Life Skills- (Duncan): We hope to be in the food lab next week. We have tasted some snacks that Mrs. Duncan made us. (apple chips and yogurt dots). Recipes and directions will follow.

PE : PE students are currently rotating through bowling, table tennis, weight room and basketball. The PE Department is still in need of used cardio equipment for the strength training room. If you would like to donate please contact someone from the PE department.

Technology Education: : 6th grade TE students will research and design Newton Dragsters. 7th grade CT students will be designing a product using AutoSketch. 8th grade PS students will be designing a dispenser with AutoSketch.

Theatre Arts:

Grade 6 continues to work on their original monologues.

Grade 7 continues to work on makeup design.

Grade 8 is currently working on a unit on musical theatre. They will be researching a Broadway star and presenting to the class.

Visual Art:

6th grade- working on self-portraits using value and organic and geometric shapes.

7th grade- creating "zoomed-in" animal portraits with oil pastel using blending techniques.

8th grade- students are currently in the painting step of their self-portraits that they've been working on the past couple weeks.

WMS

News

ATTENTION

Walkersville Middle School

Families

Walkersville Middle School is participating in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Radiothon. Donations of any kind (Cash, Check, Coins) will be collected in Coin Containers and Purple Buckets (the color of ALL cancers) beginning Monday, March 13th through Thursday, March 30th. All participating FCPS schools are competing for a DJ to come out to our school over lunch one day. The winning school will be announced on Key 103 on Friday March 31st. Thank you for helping us to Finish the Fight against cancer!

Checks made payable to American Cancer Society

WMS PTSA

The PTSA is sponsoring a **LUCKY CHARM SPRING CELEBRATION DANCE** for 6th and 7th grade students on **Friday, March 17th from 3:00-5:00pm** in the WMS Gymnasium.

The last day to purchase tickets at the school store is **Monday, March 13th**. NO EXCEPTIONS!
To purchase a ticket each student is required to have a signed permission slip. Extra permission slips will be available at the front office, School Store or click here to print one out. The ticket prices are **$3.00** for students that are members of the WMS PTSA and **$5.00** for non-members. Refreshments are included with the price of admission. Music and entertainment will be provided by Sound Implosion. Please note that no ticket will be sold to any student unless they have a signed permission slip. We are looking for parents/guardians to help chaperone this event. If you are interested or have questions regarding the dance, please contact Dorie Simmons at doriesa@msn.com or Kimberly Snyder at kpsnyder@verizon.net.

Our PTSA General Meeting was held on **Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30** in the WMS Library/Media Center. It was very well attended and lots good discussions took place. After the PTSA meeting, **Parent University** Special Guest Speaker Katie O'Connor-Jenkins, CRF Program Manager from the Frederick County Health Department, gave a great presentation regarding the misconceptions of electronic cigarettes/vaping products. It was a very informative evening.

The **PTSA Nominating Committee** that was elected at the general meeting held on March 8th. They would like to pass on the following information. It's that time of year again when we begin the process to elect new PTSA officers for the 2017-2018 school year. Each officer is elected to a one-year term, beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of the following year. Positions are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you would like to nominate someone or if you would like to run for one of the four officer positions, please contact any member of the nominating committee: *Leslie Bertolette* at lesliebertolette@verizon.net, *Marisa Hombach* at mhmd301@aol.com or *Dorie Simmons* at doriesa@msn.com. Elections will be held at the May 24th PTSA meeting. Feel free to contact us with questions about the PTSA officer positions.

Our **second** **BOX TOPS** contest **ENDS** on **March 17th**, so start clipping and sending those box tops to school. The student in each grade level that brings in the most Box Tops will receive a $20.00 Scholastic Book Fair Gift Certificate to be used at the Spring Book Fair scheduled for April. And they will also receive 1 sheet of Pawllars that can be used at the School Store or for the End of Year Pawllar Raffle. The winners will be announced during the morning announcements and prizes will be awarded during their first period class that same day. You can always go to www.WalkersvilleMS.my-PTSA.org and click on Box Tops for more detailed information. Please contact Morgan Finch at lizardzmf@aol.com with any questions.

HERSHEY PARK discounts tickets for the 2017 season are on **sale now**. Ticket Order Forms were handed out to students on Wednesday, February 22nd. If for some reason you didn't receive one and would like to order tickets, see below to print one out or go to our website www.WalkersvilleMS.my-ptsa.org and click on **Hershey Park** for more detailed information. All completed Ticket Order Forms and payments are due back WMS by **Thursday, March 30th, Attn: Kimberly Snyder.** Please do NOT send cash, pay by check only. Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Snyder at kpsnyder@verizon.net.

2017 Hershey Park Ticket Order Form click here Hershey Park 2017 Informational Flyer click here

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Frederick County PTA invites the community to celebrate a showcase of student artistic talent at the **PTA Reflections Gala** at the Delaplaine Arts Center in downtown Frederick on **March 29th** from **6:30-8:30 p.m.** We hope to see you there! Please contact Jocelyn Harris at jocelynaharris@gmail.com if you have any questions.

A wonderful program called **Girls On The Run/Heart & Sole** is gearing up for the Spring Season. We are looking for a Coach and Assistant Coach to get this program off the ground. It would be from 3:15 to 4:30pm two days per week starting in March and ending in June. Are you interested? Please contact Leah Perry, Program Director at leah@gotfrederick.org; for more information.

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.*****

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.

WALKERSVILLE LIONS PRIDE Spirit Wear T-shirts are $10.00, **scarves** are **$5.00 (new lower price)** and the **beanies** are **$5.00 (new lower price).** You can purchase the PRIDE Pack that includes the T-shirt, scarf and beanie for **$18.00 (new lower price)**. Spirit Wear is on sale **now** at the School Store during lunch hours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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Save the Dates

MARCH

10 – WMS Play Production Evening Show = Seussical
11 – WMS Play Production Matinee and Evening Shows = Seussical
13 – School 2 Hour LATE start
17 – 6 & 7th Grade Lucky Charm Dance, 3:00 to 5:00pm, WMS Gymnasium sponsored by PTSA
22 – Dine Out Night @ Moe's Southwest Grill, 5pm – 8pm
29 – Spring Book Fair Set-up, 3-5pm Media Center
30 – Spring Book Fair, Media Center (Open Daily from 7:30 to 4:00pm)
30 – Hershey Park Ticket Order Forms Due
31 – Schools Closed, Teacher Work Day

APRIL

3 thru 7 Spring Book Fair, Media Center (Open Daily from 7:30 to 4:00pm)
12 – PTSA Meeting (BoD Only), 6:30pm, Media Center
14 – Schools Closed, Good Friday
17 – Schools Closed, Easter Monday
18 thru 21 – Schools Closed, Spring Break
25 – Dine Out Night @ Pie Five (11am – 9pm) and Menchies (4pm – 9pm)
26 – Talent Show, Preview & Lyric Check, 3 to 6pm, WMS Cafeteria

MAY

1-5, Staff Appreciation Week
2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 9h Talent Show Rehearsals, 3 to 6:00pm, Cafeteria
10 – Talent Show Dress Rehearsal, 3 to 6:00pm, Cafeteria
11 – Talent Show 6 to 8:00pm, Cafeteria (Doors Open 5:30)
12 – Schools 2 Hour Early Dismissal
12 – 2nd Annual WMS Staff Dessert Bake-off sponsored by PTSA
17 – Eighth Grade Permission Slips and Photos due
17 – Chorus, Jazz Band, 6th grade band Spring Concert (Walkersville High School - Auditorium)
18– 7th Band, 8th Band and Orchestra Spring Concert (Walkersville High School – Auditorium)
22 – Dine Out Night @ Chipotle (5-9) and Yogi Castle (4-9)
23 – Cultural Arts – Lesole's Dance Project 8:30am & 9:45am
24 – PTSA General Meeting, 6:30pm, Media Center (Last meeting of the year, elections)
26 – Schools 2 Hour Early Dismissal
29 – School Closed, Memorial Day