

January 2018

LIONS NEWS
Calendar of Events



Thursday January 18	ELO	3-4:30pm
Tuesday January 23	ELO	3-4:30pm
Thursday January 25	ELO	3-4:30pm
Friday January 26	2 Hr Early Dismissal for students	
Monday January 29	Schools closed for students (Teacher Work Day)	
Tuesday January 30	Term 3 Begins ELO	3-4:30pm

Health Room News:

Hearing and Vision Screening will take place on February 12th & 13th for all students in the 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. **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.

WMS PTSA

Please click on link below for more information:

<http://walkersvillems.my-ptsa.org/>

Aladdin Schedule

Please see page 15



Administrative Announcements



Term 2 will end Friday, January 26. Term 3 and Semester 2 begins on Tuesday, January 30.

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 school year; we look forward to a terrific Semester 2!

Report cards will be issued on Friday, February 9.

Optimist Club of Frederick Annual Talent Competition:

The Optimist Club of Frederick is sponsoring the 32nd Annual Talent Competition. For middle school students, there are 5 categories of competition: Dance, Dramatic Monologue, String, Instrumental, and Vocal. All finalists will be awarded a prize. Auditions will be held at Governor Thomas Johnson High School on Saturday, March 3, 2018 beginning at 9:00 am. For additional information and application, please see [Optimist Club Annual Talent Show](#).

Crosswalk on Frederick Street/entrance to Walkersville Middle

We are receiving concerns that the crosswalk sign is not being observed to allow our students and staff to cross safely in the morning (7:30 – 8 am) and afternoon (3:00 – 3:15 pm). The crosswalk is marked with a pedestrian sign and drivers are expected to yield to our walkers. Please help us ensure safety of all pedestrians coming and leaving Walkersville Middle school in the morning/afternoon.

PTSA Reflections:

WMS PTSA is proud to announce the following student entries having placed in the County PTA Reflections Art program, and will be moving on to the State level:

Literature

Brenna Major- Together We Stand

Emily Trdina- Satisfaction

Visual Arts

Reuben Puthumana- Conquering the Mountain

Abigail Feltham- The Hard Way Forward

Photography

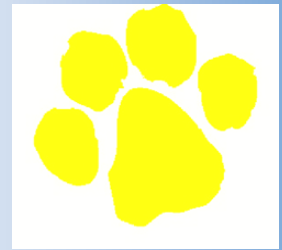
Grace Rohrer- Reaching for The Light

Macenzie Rosenberger- Fly Away

Congratulations to these students on their incredible accomplishment, and their commitment to the arts!



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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. (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.

FCPS Budget 2019 School Year:

On Thursday, January 4 at 7PM in the FCPS Boardroom, Dr. Alban presented the Superintendent's Recommended Budget with the public.

Join us for upcoming budget events:

- *Wednesday, January 24 – Budget Discussion at the BOE Meeting*
- *Wednesday, February 7 – BOE Budget Public Hearing – 7PM at Frederick High*

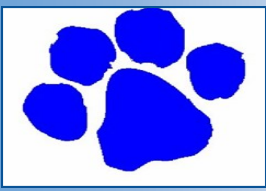
Visit www.fcps.org/about/our-budget for the latest budget details.

Walkersville Middle/Rock Creek School location:

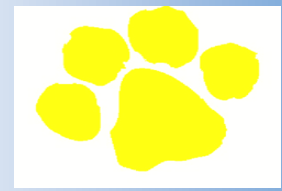
Walkersville Middle School property was approved at the December 13 BOE meeting as the location for the New Rock Creek School. For more information, please see the Frederick News Post article: https://www.fredericknewspost.com/news/education/walkersville-middle-approved-as-location-for-rock-creek-school/article_7a162309-640e-538d-930d-dde7f4d5da6e.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

For additional information, please visit the BOE Board Docs: <https://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/fcps/Board.nsf/Public>

Select "Meeting" on the top right, Dec 13, 2017 Board of Education meeting; view the agenda, Section 5.03 design approval of the Rock Creek Site selection and Design Add/Alternates.



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Car Rider pick up for afternoon dismissal

Students who are a “car rider” in the afternoon should be picked up via the Walkersville library sidewalk during the afternoon dismissal.

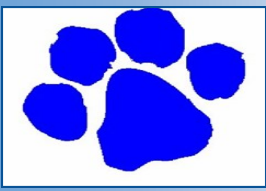
If you pick up your child as a car rider, please do not park in the library parking lot. This lot is not part of WMS property. You may park in our back lot (behind the gymnasium) or follow the car “queue” that lines up in the afternoon.

For safety reasons, please do not pick up car riders in the back lot behind the cafeteria; there is no supervision in the afternoon to assist with traffic and the parking lot does not accommodate additional cars at this time.

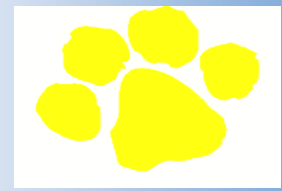
Thank you for your cooperation with this procedure to ensure safety of all of our students.

Calendar Updates:

- Friday, Jan 26 – 2 hr early dismissal; end of term 2/Semester 1
- Monday, Jan 29 – Schools closed
- Friday, Feb 16 – 2 hour early dismissal
- Monday, Feb 19 – Schools Closed



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Glade Valley Lions Club essay contest for WMS students.

The Glade Valley Lions club is sponsoring an essay contest for WMS students. The American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism essay topic for 2017 – 2018 is:

“What have you learned about American Heritage and its history in the 21st century and how will you pass it on?”

Essays will be judged by the Glade Valley Lions club and awards will be given for winning essays. The essay program rules for participation and compliance guidelines are:

Use 8 ½ by 11” white paper

Essays must be either typed or computer generated and double spaced. Handwritten copies will not be read.

Minimum of 300 words, maximum of 500 words.

Attach a separate cover sheet which includes the following information:

Entrant’s name

Entrant’s home address including street, city, state and zip code

Entrant’s home phone number

Name of school or “home schooled”

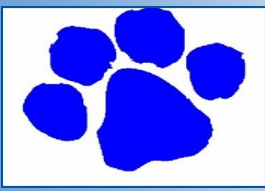
Name of sponsoring club

Essays should be emailed to Mr. Jim Corley; jjcorl53@gmail.com no later than January 20,

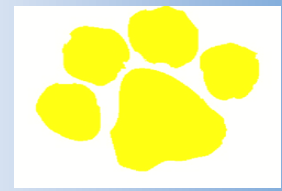
2018. Local award winners will be recognized at a club meeting in February 2018 and prizes will be awarded.

For more information, please view the [FLYER](#).

(Frederick County Public Schools is not a sponsor of this contest, however, student participation is encouraged to complement academic growth & endeavors.)



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Weather Delays and Closings:

- 1 As snowy weather approaches, this is an important reminder about FCPS emergency communication. We recommend that you **SAVE THIS MESSAGE** for future reference.
- 2 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:

- 3 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.
Comcast cable channel 18 on TV or online <http://fcpsmd.swagit.com/live/>

FCPS Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FCPSMaryland>

FCPS Twitter <https://twitter.com/fcpsmaryland>

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.

1. 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.
2. 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**.

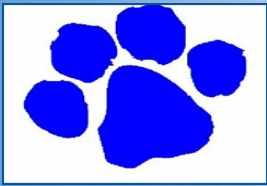
Snow Emergency Plan status is announced on local radio and posted on the Maryland Department of Transportation website: http://www.chart.state.md.us/StormInfo/snow_emergency_plans.asp

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

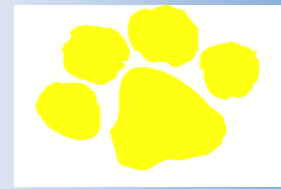
Here are links to a flier and to FCPS Regulations with additional information:

How to Check School Status:

<https://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/frederick/upload/0/5581.pdf>



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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.

Parents can create a school lunch account by visiting www.myschoolbucks.com. The student's name and school ID number are required.

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.

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.

Sometimes students run low on funds in their school meals accounts. When this happens, elementary and middle school students can charge a regular breakfast or lunch to their account. High schoolers will receive and be charged for an alternate meal.

Schools will reach out to families by phone, email, or letter to let them know if a student is charging meals or is low on funds. Families can work with schools to pay for charged meals and to replenish school accounts. Schools can also help families complete an application for free and reduced-price meals as well, if needed.

Students who are hungry can have a hard time focusing during school. FCPS is committed to working with parents and families to make sure that no student is hungry. If you have questions or need assistance, please email us at food.service@fcps.org.

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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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 High School

Registration Information Night for SY 2018-19

Monday, February 5, 2018

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

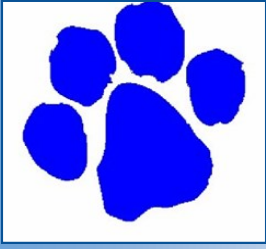
6:30 pm-7:30 pm Open House for ALL Rising 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders invited with their Parents/Guardians

Teachers, School Counselors, and representatives from Frederick Community College, Frederick County Virtual School, Career and Technology Center, Navy JROTC, and Academy of Fine Arts will be available to discuss with you the many academic offerings and opportunities available to you during the 2018-19 school year. (snowdate February 7)

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 January 22



Math Ms. Owens & Ms. Berrigan: Students are working on identifying parts of an expression and writing algebraic expressions from verbal expressions.

Language Arts Ms. Love & Ms. Moore: Students will be visiting the library to check out a fantasy novel for their January book project. In addition, students will be participating in a mini fantasy unit where they will read several short stories.

Social Studies: Ms. Francis & Ms. Burke: Students will be learning about Ancient India and the beliefs of Hinduism and Buddhism. We will begin preparing for our benchmark DBQ.

Science: Ms. Roberts & Ms. McKenzie: Students are continuing to learn about weather and climate factors. Students should continue to work on their science fair project; Check 4 was due on Friday, January 12th, final science fair projects are due on Wednesday, January 24th.

Life Skills: Ms. Vaughn: Students are learning about the importance of eating “rainbow foods.” These foods are rich in nutrients and naturally colored. Students will learn the benefits of eating meals full of colorful, fresh foods.

Lab 21: Mr. McEndree: Students are researching STEAM careers for their final project.

Reading Intervention: Ms. Tregoning & Ms Ruefle: This week we continued to read articles that focused on natural disasters. We have been sequencing the events within the articles. We are continuing to work on the Read 180 computer program. Please encourage your student to do their best during computer time so their end of term grade will reflect their effort.

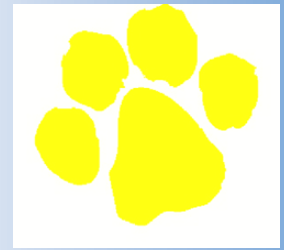
Math Intervention: Ms. Heslen & Mr. Patterson: Students will add & subtract mixed numbers.



From the Classroom.....

7 Grade

Week of January 22



Science: Students are continuing to work on identifying variables and writing hypothesis statements. We are also continuing our Energy unit as we learn about magnetic and electric fields. Students will take the Benchmark Assessment on January 18, and it will include all of the highlighted topics above.

Science Fair Projects are in full swing! Students should be working on performing their experiments. Please check the science fair packet for more information. Final Projects are due on Wednesday, January 24th and need to be on tri-fold boards! Consider

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 Grad Language Arts is working on literary analysis with poetry with a focus on theme, mood, and tone. Word study was cancelled this week but will continue next week. Honors are reading City of Ember and the On-Grade is reading White Fang.

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: Please see Mr. Cunningham's calendar for more information. [Mr. Cunningham's class calendar](#)

Creative Arts: Students have been introduced to clay. We learned about the properties, the stages, and the next project of Ocarina Whistles. The students may want to dress appropriately for the next week, but I also have smocks they can borrow. The students will follow the stages of clay to create their whistles, to be fired in the kiln, glazed, and fired again to be completed. Check out some class photos on my Twitter @WarrenReam

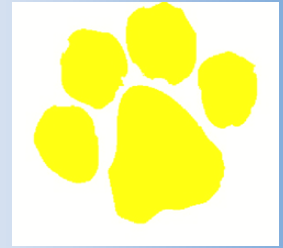
*Donations are always welcome any art supplies, scrapbook supplies, stickers, etc. The students love using them to be creative with their warm up answers in their sketchbooks.



From the Classroom.....

7 Grade

Week of January 22



Mr. Shoemaker: It has been a crazy schedule it has been since winter break?! Students are working on their selected design challenge. Students are designing inventions, prosthetics, houses, smartphone accessories, and more! This project will likely take us up to the end of the term (Jan. 26th). We will have checkpoints in this project and mini-lessons to support students as they get to specific steps. You can check their progress on the project in Google Classroom.

Reading Intervention: Summarize the topic and important details in a life skills feature article. Evaluate information from this feature article. Read and interpret a bar graph.

Math Intervention: Ms. Heslen & Mr.Patterson: Student will solve equations.



From the Classroom.....

8 Grade

Week of January 22



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

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

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

Science:

Donovan: Students will begin their final unit within the Inheritance Module: Genetic Engineering. This is a project based learning unit that will culminate in a final research project. Science Fair is also underway! Their final science fair board is due Friday, Jan. 26th. Please check the [8th grade team](#) website for up-to-date homework assignments and test dates.

Shearer: This week in 8th grade science, students will be starting our unit on Genetic Technologies! Also, the final Science Fair project deadline is quickly approaching! ***Final Science Fair boards are now due Friday, January 26th.*** (This is a change from the original Jan. 22nd due date). Please check the [8th grade team](#) website for up-to-date homework assignments and test dates!

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

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

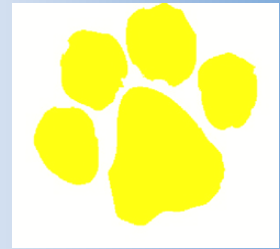
Quill: Please see Ms. Quill’s webpage for more information: <http://nissaquill.weebly.com/>



From the Classroom.....

8 Grade

Week of January 22



Language Arts: Students in 8th grade Language Arts are currently working on exploring themes related to their new class novels. Students will also continue exploring literary elements as they relate to the analysis and comparison of literature.

Math: Buchter- Please see my website for more details: <http://chelseabuchter.blogspot.com/>

Ware: Please see my website for more details: <http://waresthemath.weebly.com/>

Social Studies:

Lawton: American Studies students are studying the Constitutional Convention and the Bill of Rights leading up to our first Benchmark of the year.

Bodnar: Students in Mr. Bodnar's classes are exploring the Confederation to Constitution Unit.

Reading Intervention: This week we continued to read articles and compare and contrast things within the articles. We continued to read independent reading books and work on the Read 180 computer program.

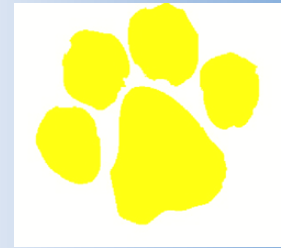
Math Intervention: Ms. Hesen & Ms. Arnold: Students will solve systems of equations.



From the Classroom.....

P.E. & Electives

Week of January 22



Band and Orchestra: Encourage your kids to practice so that we can play our best!

Chorus: Students are working on sight reading benchmarks and starting new music for adjudication (7 & 8) as well as the spring concert! Please make sure to complete the next Music First Assignment which is due on January 19, 2018.

Flex: Students will be studying German. They should be working on their German Project at home. It is due in Feb.

Life Skills 8th grade- (Steinhaus): Students will be finishing various aspects of nutrition and will begin the sewing unit.

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

Life Skills 7th grade- (Duncan): Students will continue to work on their crochet projects. We are looking for donations of any kind of yarn—if you would like to donate, you can send it in with your student. Next unit will be textiles.

PE: Please make sure students have their PE clothes and a lock for class. Students are rotating through basketball, weight room, table tennis and bowling until the end of Term 2.

Technology Education: : The 6th grade students will design truss bridge using AutoSketch, 7th grade students will design WeVideo Infomercial and 8th grade students will assemble straw bridge trusses and roadbed.

Theatre Arts: Students have a monologue due next 1/17/18. We will then begin small group plays.

Visual Arts:

6th: Students will be learning about clay techniques to create a base for their weaving.

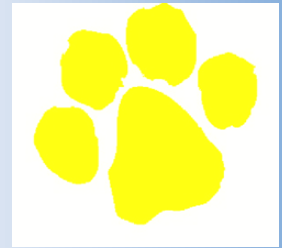
7th: The students will continue to work on their African animal painting.

8th: Students will continue to work on their nature drawing that demonstrates emphasis and contrast.

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



Aladdin Schedule



January Rehearsal Schedule

January 22	5-7pm	Scenes 2 & 3
January 23	5-7pm	Scene 4
January 24	3-5:00	Scene 5
January 25	3-6pm	Scene 6
January 30	5-7pm	Scenes 2 & 3
January 31	3-6pm	Scene 4