

May  
2018

# LIONS NEWS

## Calendar of Events



May 11	<b>2hr Early Dismissal for students</b>	
May 14	<b>PTSA Meeting ( Media Center)</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
May 15	<b>ELO</b> <b>Spring Chorus Concert at WHS</b>	<b>3-4:30pm</b> <b>7pm</b>
May 16	<b>Spring Orchestra Concert at WHS</b>	<b>7pm</b>
May 17	<b>ELO</b> <b>Spring Band Concert at WHS</b>	<b>3-4:30pm</b> <b>7pm</b>
May 22	<b>ELO</b>	<b>3-4:30pm</b>
May 23	<b>SGA Meeting (Media Center)</b> <b>Leo's Club (Cafeteria)</b>	<b>3-4pm</b> <b>3-4:15pm</b>
May 24	<b>ELO</b>	<b>3-4:30pm</b>
May 28	<b>Schools Closed ( Memorial Day)</b>	

**FROM THE HEALTH ROOM!**

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

To all our sixth grade parents,

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



## Administrative Announcements



### Administrative Announcements:

PARCC testing is in progress. All grades have completed the ELA portions. Math testing has started the math dates are listed below. We do have make up sessions occurring for students who may have missed one or more of their grade level sessions.

Please make sure your child is well rested and eats a healthy breakfast on their testing days. We appreciate every student being on time so they can begin the required sessions with their class. Students who arrive late to school may be unable to test with their class if the session has begun.

### Save the Date(s): Upcoming Celebrations:

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

#### **Please “SAVE the DATE(S)”:**

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

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

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

#### ***Please Note:***

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

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

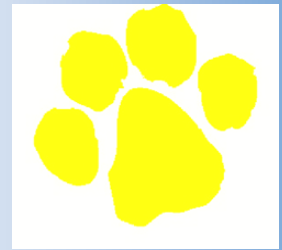
*All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive a program and certificate of completion while WMS celebrates our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.*

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

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



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### We need your assistance:

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

### Upcoming Testing Dates:

#### **PARCC Testing Dates**

6th grade Math May 4 – 8 Complete	7th grade Math May 9-11	8th grade Math/Algebra 1 May 14-15
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PARCC testing continues through May for students in grades 6, 7 and 8. The PARCC testing will assess student learning in literacy and mathematics. The PARCC scores allow us to measure student learning and growth regarding the Common Core Standards and Readiness for College and Careers. PARCC scores also provide information so we can improve instruction and maintain the necessary rigor so our students are ready for the next grade level and, by high school graduation, for their college and/or a career.

The test for each grade level includes 3 days of English/Language Arts testing and 3 days of math. When a grade level is testing, we will run a special testing schedule. Grade levels that are not testing will be on their regular bell schedule. More information will be coming out as we get closer to the PARCC administration.

Please make sure your child is well rested and eats breakfast in the morning. We sincerely appreciate all students arriving on time so the testing

If you have any questions regarding the PARCC assessment, please contact Dr. Samuels, our school test coordinator. [Christine.Samuels@fcps.org](mailto:Christine.Samuels@fcps.org) or 240.236.4407.

Practice tests for PARCC: [Mathematics and English/Language Arts](#)



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### Maryland's Safe and Supportive Schools Middle School (MDS3) Initiative

**MDS3** is a partnership between the Maryland State Department of Education, Johns Hopkins University, and Sheppard Pratt Health System. The initiative was designed to work with your child's school to learn more about what students, parents, and staff think about their school and how they can help improve the school environment. They are particularly interested in perceptions of school climate, which includes feelings about the safety, relationships, and the learning environment of a school. Schools with positive school climates are better places for students to learn and for staff to work. Schools participating in MDS3 will also receive support in the implementation of evidence-based programs to improve the school climate and optimize conditions for student learning.

You are being asked to complete an on-line survey about the environment of your child's school.

### Instructions for Accessing School Climate Survey: Parents/Guardians:

- Your participation is **voluntary** and the MDS3 School Climate Survey is completely **anonymous**. No one will ever know your individual answers to any question. Therefore, please be as honest as possible. There are no "right" or "wrong" answers.
- We anticipate that the survey will require approximately 10 minutes for you to complete. You can complete the survey at any time that is convenient for you between **March 1st and May 15th**.
- You can complete the on-line survey from any computer.

If you have more than one child attending this school, you can complete the survey in reference to each student using the same password. So if you have children attending different schools, please check with your child's school to see if it is participating in the MDS3 Initiative and obtain that school's specific password.

**To access the survey, please use the following web address:**

<http://survey.pagequest.net>

You will be asked to provide a SCHOOL SPECIFIC password.

**Parent password for your school is: FCWalkersVP4**

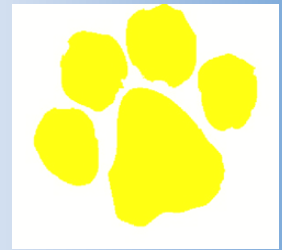
**Spanish Parent password for your school is: FCWalkersVSP4**

(passwords are **not** case sensitive)

If you have any questions regarding the administration of the survey, please contact the MDS3 Research and Evaluation Team at **(410) 614-4473** or **MDS3@pbismaryland.org**.



## Administrative Announcements



### **WMS Staff Nominations:**

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

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

### **Car Rider pick up for afternoon dismissal**

Students who are a “car rider” in the afternoon should be picked up via the Walkersville library and Walkersville Middle school 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.

**Please do not “park” in the side lane across from our school on Frederick Street. This is a “no parking” area.** This creates a dangerous situation for our buses as they turn out of our loop and also is a safety issue for our students/ staff crossing the intersection. **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 the safety of all of our students and staff.

### **Calendar Updates:**

- Friday, May 11 – Mid term; 2 hour early dismissal
- Monday, May 28 – Schools and Offices closed

### **School Lunches & Accounts:**

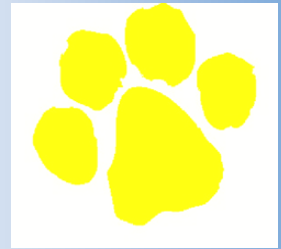
If your child has charged lunch or breakfast, please send in the money to pay off the outstanding charges. This is considered an obligation to the school. If you have any questions regarding your child’s charges, please contact our cafeteria (240-236-4477).

### **Lost & Found items:**

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



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### Other Important Reminders:

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Bus Transportation**

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

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

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

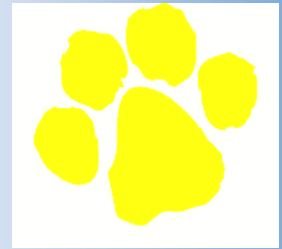
This request should be used for emergency situations only, not for transporting students to parties, work on school projects, etc. WMS administration is unable to approve large groups of students to ride a bus that is not their regular bus.

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





## Guidance Announcements



### ***Walkersville Middle Families: Proof of Residency***

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



## From the Classroom.....

6 Grade

Week of May 14



**Math Ms. Owens & Ms. Berrigan:** Students are working on our final unit of the year: Data Distribution and Analysis. The beginning of the unit focuses on the Measures of Central Tendency.

**Language Arts: Ms. Love & Ms. Moore:** Students are continuing to read their novels about courage. They are analyzing characters, conflict, setting, and theme.

**Social Studies: Ms. Francis & Ms. Burke:** Students will be learning about daily life in the Roman Empire.

**Science: Ms. Roberts & Ms. McKenzie:** Students are learning about the circulatory and respiratory systems and how they work together. We will be preparing for their unit benchmark on cells.

**Life Skills: Ms. Vaughn:** Students are learning about food waste, a growing population, and some new ideas for the future of food and what we eat.

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

**Reading Intervention: Ms. Tregoning & Ms Ruefle:** This week we wrote and edited a character analysis for the Paul, a character in the short story "Louisa Please Come Home". We continued to read independently and work on the Read 180 computer program.

**Math Intervention: Ms. Hesen & Mr. Patterson:** Students will compute mean, median, mode & range using a line plot.

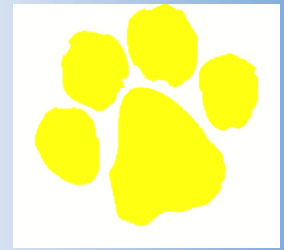




From the Classroom.....

7 Grade

Week of May 14



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

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

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

**Language Arts:** 7th Grade Language Arts will be working on the suffix "ist" and is finishing "ism". Honors will continue to read "A Wrinkle in Time" with packets due each week. Students should be completing Chapters 7-10 followed by a quiz. On Grade is still working on an Immigration unit in which they are reading fiction and nonfiction text, readers theater, and then writing a narrative about being an immigrant.

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

Text alerts from Mr Silver - text @wsmath7 to 81010

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

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

**Social Studies:** Students are studying the Renaissance and will be going into the Reformation in the next two weeks.

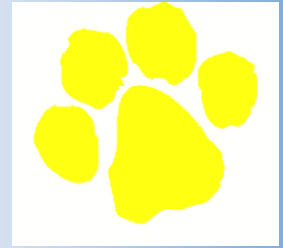
Please see Mr. Cunningham's calendar for more information. [Mr. Cunningham's class calendar](#)



From the Classroom.....

7 Grade

Week of May 14



**Creative Arts:** Check out some class photos on my Twitter @WarrenReam

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

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

**Reading Intervention:** Students are continuing there Read 180 program.

**Math Intervention: Ms. Heslen & Mr.Patterson:** Students will classify triangles, quadrilaterals and find missing angles in both.



From the Classroom.....

8 Grade

Week of May 14



**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/1m1OPetXsA1tOv8zP1VMwCL-KbGOJqKlopOKMncZ\\_K0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m1OPetXsA1tOv8zP1VMwCL-KbGOJqKlopOKMncZ_K0/edit?usp=sharing)

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

**Science:**

**Donovan/Conrad:** Students continue with Newton's 3rd law covering potential energy, kinetic energy and transfer of energy care of collisions. If you have any of the following, please bring them in! Donations are GREATLY appreciated! Toilet paper rolls (we just need the cardboard tubes), egg cartons, balloons, cotton balls, and popsicle sticks.

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

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

We will be completing a project in the next couple of weeks that requires some materials from home. If you have any of the following, please bring them in! Donations are GREATLY appreciated! Toilet paper rolls (we just need the cardboard tubes), egg cartons, balloons, cotton balls, and popsicle sticks.

Please click on the link for more information. <http://mrsshearerscience.blogspot.com/>

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

**Bonner:**

**Spanish 1:** See class website: [www.senorabonner.weebly.com](http://www.senorabonner.weebly.com)

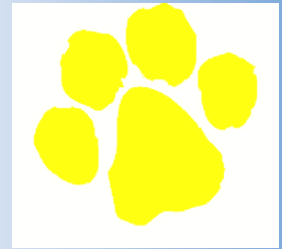
**Spanish 2:** See class website: [www.senorabonner.weebly.com](http://www.senorabonner.weebly.com)



From the Classroom.....

8 Grade

Week of May 14



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

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

**Math: Buchter:** We are finishing up our Year Review that helps for PARCC testing. Please see my website and the homework link for more details:

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**Giganti:** We are finishing up our Year Review that helps for PARCC testing. Algebra: Please see my website above for more details.

**Social Studies:**

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

**Bodnar:** Students in Mr. Bodnar's Classes are working on the War with Mexico and the Gold Rush.

**Reading Intervention:** This week we took our final Reading Inventory assessment (A paper with your child's score was sent home with them). We also took our Workshop 9 Wrap Up test. We continued to read independently and work on the Read 180 computer program.

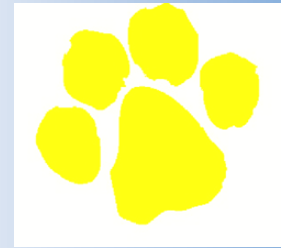
**Math Intervention: Ms. Heslen & Mr. Patterson:** Students will review all skills for PARCC.



## From the Classroom.....

### P.E. & Electives

### Week of May 14



**Band and Orchestra:** All classes are working on their final connectivity project. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra and band are preparing for the state adjudication. Hershey trip is Saturday, May 5. Students should report at 7 am, and MUST take their instruments and music home on Friday as the building will not be open!

**Chorus:** Our Spring concert will be held May 15, 2018 at 7pm at **Walkersville High School**. Students will need to arrive by 6pm. Dress is black pants/skirt and white tuxedo shirt. We are looking forward to a wonderful concert!

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

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

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

**Life Skills 7<sup>th</sup> grade- (Duncan):** Students have started their financial literacy unit. They are learning about credit cards and debit cards.

**PE:** Please make sure students have their PE clothes and a lock for class. Students will be participating in the Track and Field unit for the next two weeks.

**Technology Education:** : The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will continue plane math web quest, 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will continue construction on design project and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will work on safety and construction of project.

**Theatre Arts:** All students are working on our class play. If they are not acting, they are working on make-up, costumes, set design, stage and tech crew or the program. I will be meeting with groups for a progress check next week.

### **Visual Arts:**

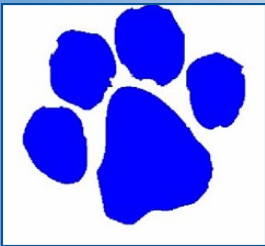
6<sup>th</sup>: Students will begin creating an Optical illusion cube

7<sup>th</sup>: The students will be learning about the Art of Georgia O'Keefe and create a work in her style

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

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





# WMS PTSA News



## WALKERSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

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### Upcoming Events

**May 11, 2018**

Schools 2 Hour Early Dismissal  
(Mid-term)

**May 14, 2018**

PTSA Meeting & Elections, 6:30pm

**May 16, 2018**

Author Visit to WMS – Jewell Parker  
Rhodes

**May 18, 2018**

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

**May 28, 2018**

School Closed – Memorial Day

**May 29, 2018**

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



*Thank you to our awesome staff  
at WMS!! And a big thank you to  
all the volunteers who helped or  
donated towards our Staff  
Appreciation Events this week!!*

**WMS PTSA MEETING, MONDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>,  
6:30PM, MEDIA CENTER**

### NOMINEES FOR 2018-2019 PTSA OFFICERS



The Nominating Committee presents the 2018-2019  
Officer Nominations:

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

Nominations made be made up until elections if there are interested parties in running for a position. All nominees must be WMS PTSA members. Elections will be held during our May 14<sup>th</sup> PTSA Meeting.

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CELEBRATION

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

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

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

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