



# WMS WARRIOR NEWS

*Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn*

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER ....

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Welcome to September! It is hard to believe that we have completed nearly three weeks of school already! Students and teachers are getting to know one another and we have enjoyed an excellent start to our school year.

As we continue to focus on Improving Academic Achievement our focus for the 2018-2019 school year will be multi-dimensional. As a staff we will continue our initiative to educating the whole child by emphasizing our Positive Behavior Intervention Support program, the WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) student leadership and mentoring program for in-coming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and continue to emphasize Above the Line Behavior and the "R Factor" supported by Mr. Tim Kight and his Focus 3 program. Mr. Kight believes that success is determined by implementing a simple, yet effective framework for life that includes strategies for how you think, behave and make decisions. Success is not determined by the Events in our lives, but rather how we choose to respond to those events; the R Factor! We call this  $E + R = O$

and that stands for Event + Response = Outcome!

Studies have demonstrated that the performance of an individual and/or organization is very dependent on behavior. Winning behavior is Intentional, On-purpose, and Skillful, yielding outstanding and positive results. This is what we call Discipline-driven behavior. Unfortunately, students and adults often resort to Default-driven behavior where we behave impulsively and become resistant to change.

We are emphasizing Focus Driven behavior with all of our Willoughby Middle School students as we work diligently to Improve Academic Achievement by placing Students First. Ultimately the biggest variable in every event is behavior, not circumstances. The  $E + R = O$  philosophy is the physics of Discipline-Driven behavior!

Have a great September and Go Warriors!

**24 Hour Attendance Line: 440-283-2182**

## Homework Hotline:

[www.weschools.org/willoughby](http://www.weschools.org/willoughby)

Students are encouraged to check the Homework Hotline for missed assignments.

If a student is absent for 3 days or more, a parent may request homework. Requests received before 9 a.m. should be filled the same day. Parents are responsible for picking up missed work and textbooks in the main office by 3:30 PM.

We also encourage our students to write homework assignments in their planners.

**The Athletic Dept Magazine Sale and Candy Sale ends Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. Funds from this sale not only provide uniforms and sports equipment but support other WMS projects.**

## IMPORTANT DATES:

### SEPTEMBER:

- 3 – No School – Labor Day
- 5 – Turn in Day for Chocolate Fundraiser
- 19-Picture Day

### OCTOBER:

- 12 – No School – NEOEA Day
- 18 – Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 – 8 PM
- 25 – Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 – 8 PM
- 24-Picture Retake Day

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special education means specially designed instruction, at no cost to the parent, to meet the unique needs of a handicapped child. Special Education Programs are provided for all children who have a handicapping disability. A disability in this instance means conditions such as: hearing impairments, visual impairments, speech or language impairments, learning disabilities, mental retardations, other health impairments, physical impairments, autism, and traumatic brain injury. Every handicapped child in Ohio is entitled to services provided by the school district in which they reside, including **children with disabilities who are homeless children or are wards of the state**. These services include: evaluation services for all children birth through twenty-one years, diagnostic services for all children birth through age twenty-one years of age, and educational programs for children three through twenty-one years of age. If you know of a child who is handicapped or at risk and NOT receiving services, please contact the Willoughby-Eastlake City School District's Pupil Service Office at 440-975-3800.

## PARENT PORTAL

The PowerSchool Parent Portal is your quick access to your student's information: grades, tests, attendance, etc. If you have not established your portal please contact the principal's secretary or your child's guidance counselor for assistance.