



MS WARRIOR NEWS

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A NOTE FROM MR. KELLER

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome to the second half of the 2013-14 school year! We have a lot of ground to cover before the Ohio Achievement Testing begins in April. With the weather extending our winter break and then giving us an extended weekend this past week, our time frame to meet the demands of curriculum schedules created extra stress for staff and students.

Please remember that the policy of the Willoughby-Eastlake Schools is to make every effort to hold classes 180 days per school year. The decision to close schools during inclement weather is made by the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Steve Thompson, and is based primarily upon the capability of our buses to run their respective routes and/or excessively low wind chill temperature factors. Realizing the varied nature of weather conditions between and among our communities, some parents may decide to keep their children home because of weather conditions in their neighborhoods. Although these children will be counted as absent from school, they will not be penalized for being absent. Parents are reminded to check local media outlets including radio, tv and the internet for the latest school closing information. You should have also signed up on the Parent Portal for closing alerts.

February is a busy month at WMS. Students are pursuing both academic and athletic endeavors, as the second semester begins.

This month, on the academic front, staff and students continue to prepare for the Ohio Achievement Assessments that will be given to 6th, 7th and 8th graders in April. For some students new electives began the third grading quarter.

Many of our parents have already taken the opportunity to log on to the Parent Portal and review their child's grades. Parents may not only view grades but see assignments, contact teachers, and request automatic updates. Our students also have access to the Student Portal. If you do not have access to a computer at home you will want to visit the public library – they have computers for public use.

Girls' Basketball teams are practicing and playing hard as their season is underway. Good luck and best wishes to the WMS Lady Warriors and all of our Winter Sports athletes!

Please keep the lines of communication open with your children during these cold winter months. It won't be long before students and parents will begin selecting their child's coursework for next school year and Guidance Counselors, Mrs. Selby and Mr. Nelson will be building the 2014-2015 academic schedules for students! Now that's a sure sign of spring!

Bundle up, stay warm and GO WARRIORS!

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

CHARACTER COUNTS

Thanks to Lake National Bank and branch manager Neil Kowalski, Willoughby Middle has established a "Character Counts" Award. Staff members are asked to nominate students who show the positive characteristics of respect, patience, helpfulness, responsibility, cooperation, honesty, enthusiasm, compassion, and punctuality.

Award winners are presented with certificates and gift cards from Lake National Bank. December winners are 6th grade – Maja Hutchinson, 7th grade – Isabella Luciano, and 8th grade – Jared Newsome. January winners are 6th grade – Brianna Valletto, 7th grade – Alexandria Moore, and 8th grade – Alana Williams.

BOOK FAIR RETURNS TO WMS

Fiona Young, Librarian

The “Spring” Scholastic Book Fair is opening in the WMS Library Media Center on Thursday, February 20th and is running through February 28th.

The Book Fair will be open during school hours from 8:30 AM until 3:10 PM. Parents are encouraged to stop in and browse. All profits benefit the students at Willoughby Middle School since we use the money raised to purchase new library books.

This year we have our very own Scholastic Book Fair website that you can visit by clicking on the ***Willoughby Middle School’s Scholastic Book Fair*** link found on the WMS home page. The website features a sampling of books that will be for sale and their prices. The site also gives information concerning our hours of operation, the “Kids are Authors” program and our goal of selling over 200 books. See you at the Fair!

8th Grade Art Reception

The staff of Willoughby Public Library is pleased to invite the public to join them for the first art reception of the school year. This reception will honor first semester WMS 8th grade art students selected for gallery presentation. The reception will be held at the Willoughby Public Library on Tuesday, February 4 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. The theme of the display is “An Open Book Can Take You Anywhere.”

The juried competition is open to all 8th grade art students. Under the instruction of WMS art teachers, Mrs. Cheryl Palmer and Mrs. Lori Schoeppler, students have been given guidelines for the competition. A total of 16 students and their work will be honored. Two 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place students – one each from both Mrs. Palmer’s and Mrs. Schoeppler’s classes – and 10 honorable mentions will be awarded. Work will continue to be displayed until late May.

And the winners are:

Mrs. Palmer’s Classes:

1st Place: Addison Pretnar

2nd Place: Alana Rakhmanov

3rd Place: Tyler Narusch

Sophia Rodriguez

Collin Falstreau

Cameron Hall

Amir Mitchell

Annalysa Rosa

Mrs. Schoeppler’s Classes:

1st Place: Caroline Seaman

2nd Place: Morgan Carnett

3rd Place: Sophie Pantaleano

Max Brodzinski

Madelynn Conley

Meghann Crowley

Samra Karamustafic

Lauren Vittori

BREAKFAST MENU: February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*All cereal kits come with milk. All other entrees come with juice and milk.						
2	3 Cereal Kit Egg Frittata	4 Cereal Kit Breakfast Pizza	5 Cereal Kit Breakfast Sandwich	6 Cereal Kit Funnel Cake with apple	7 Cereal Kit Cook's Choice	8
9	10 Cereal Kit Breakfast Sandwich	11 Cereal Kit Cinni Minni with Grapes	12 Cereal Kit Breakfast Sandwich	13 Cereal Kit Funnel Cake with apple	14 Cereal Kit Cook's Choice	15
16	17 NO SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S DAY	18 NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day	19 Cereal Kit Breakfast Sandwich	20 Cereal Kit Funnel Cake with apple	21 Cereal Kit Cook's Choice	22
23	24 Cereal Kit Egg Frittata	25 Cereal Kit Cinni Mini with Apple	26 Cereal Kit Breakfast Sandwich	27 Cereal Kit Funnel Cake with apple	28 Cereal Kit Cook's Choice	

Breakfast \$1.85 Reduced Breakfast \$.30

LUNCH MENU: February 2014

** Cook's Choice and secondary menu items are limited!

** All menus are subject to change without notice

Hamburgers are an entrée option every Monday & Wednesday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Chicken Patty Sandwich Cook's Choice	4 Meatball Hoagie Sandwich Cook's Choice	5 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Cook's Choice	6 Tangy Orange Chicken & Rice Bowl Cook's Choice	7 Pepperoni Pizza Cook's Choice	8
9	10 Popcorn Chicken Cook's Choice	11 Burrito Bar Cook's Choice	12 Italian Sub Sandwich Cook's Choice	13 Chili, Cheese Hot Dog Sandwich Cook's Choice	14 Southwestern Pizza Cook's Choice	15
16	17 NO SCHOOL President's Day	18 NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day	19 Spicy Chicken Sandwich Cook's Choice	20 BBQ Pork Sandwich Cook's Choice	21 Pizza Cook's Choice	22
23	24 Spicy Chicken Tender Wrap Cook's Choice	25 Chicken Quesadilla with Salsa Cook's Choice	26 Steak-um Sandwich Cook's Choice	27 Cook's Choice	28 Bosco Sticks Cook's Choice	

Every effort is made to serve all items indicated on the menu.

There are 5 parts to the "Plate Lunch": Meat/Meat Alternative, Grain, Fruit, Vegetable, Milk. All 5 are offered: you must take 3 and one component must be at least ½ cup fruit or vegetable.

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