



WMS WARRIOR NEWS

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A Message from Mr. Keller

It doesn't seem possible that May has arrived! It seems like just yesterday we were welcoming students to Willoughby Middle School for the start of the 2013 - 2014 school year. Now, with only 34 days of school left, our thoughts have turned to the carefree days of summer vacation. May is a busy month at Willoughby Middle School, as students prepare to take the Ohio Achievement Assessments and teachers witness the transformation of students academically, physically, emotionally and socially.

Reviewing the 2013-2014 school year allows us to note numerous triumphs and tremendous student progress. Our year was highlighted by student accomplishments, both individual and collective, in academics, art, instrumental and vocal music, sports, drama and leadership activities. We still have many exciting events left this month.

The week of May 5th is National Teacher Appreciation Week. Please be sure to thank a teacher this month for their contributions to your child's education.

The WMS Tennis and Track teams continue to dodge the raindrops and changeable temperatures as they compete in league competition. Supporting our

tennis and track athletes in their spring contests is a great way to spend a spring afternoon.

Final Exams begin on Wednesday, June 4th. The last day of school is Friday, June 6th. Summer School will be held at South High School beginning Tuesday, June 17th. If your child must attend Summer School, the Guidance Counselors will notify you by phone on or before June 10th. You will also receive Summer School information in the mail. There is a fee for each class and no transportation is provided for Summer School. Please call the Willoughby Middle School Guidance Office for more information.

Congratulations to our graduating 8th Graders! We are proud of you and confident that you will do well as you transition to high school.

Thank you for a great school year and best wishes for a safe, productive and relaxing summer. See you in August!

Go Warriors!!!

Attendance Reminder
The attendance line number is:
440-283-2182
All attendance information including late arrival and early release may be left on this line.
THIS IS NOT A HOMEWORK REQUEST NUMBER.

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day" – We hear this all the time – and it's TRUE!

Children who start the day with breakfast do much better on tests. Remember – our cafeteria serves breakfast every day. The price is only \$1.90 and students who qualify for reduced lunch fees pay only \$.30 and children who qualify for free lunch also receive a free breakfast.

Please be sure your child has breakfast on OAA testing days.
Tues, May 6 – Reading – Gr. 6-8
Thurs, May 8 – Math – Gr. 6 – 8
Tues, May 13 – Science – Gr. 8

Coming Events
May 1 – 2 – Final Book Fair
Days – WMS Library
May 14 Spring Band Concert
7:00 – South High gym
May 19 Rocket Club
3:15 – 4:15 – Room 4
May 22 Spring Choir Concert
7:30 – WMS cafeteria
May 26 Memorial Day
No School
June 4 – 6 Final Exams
June 6 – Last Day for Students

OAA TEST TAKING STRATEGIES & TIPS

Does your child suffer from “test taking anxiety”? The Ohio Achievement tests will be administered at Willoughby Middle between April 22 and May 3. Parents can be a big help in preparing their students to participate in these tests.

Acknowledge test-taking anxiety as normal, but stay positive. Here are some test taking tips and strategies that will help your child excel on the OAA's!

1. Encourage your child to think positive thoughts like “I can do this!”
2. Give compliments for effort: “I'm proud of how hard you have studied.”
3. Adequate rest makes a difference! Make sure your child goes to bed at a reasonable time; being active earlier in the day (not right before bed) can help kids get to sleep.
4. Nutrition also influences how well children do on tests; a good breakfast is important, but a large meal right before the test can be distracting. Breakfast is served every morning in the cafeteria. Regular breakfast costs \$1.90; reduced breakfast is 30¢. Students who qualify for a free lunch also qualify for a free breakfast.
5. Help your child learn how to relax. Some find it helps to take a few deep breaths before starting the test; others like to imagine a peaceful place like the beach or a park.
6. Go over the test taking strategies below with your child the night before each test.

The following strategies will help your student do his/her best on a test.

1. Follow test directions exactly.
2. Read the **WHOLE** question before looking at the answer choices.

3. Answer the easy question first; don't spend too much time on any one question. **When skipping a question, remember to SKIP THAT NUMBER on the answer sheet.**

4. Anticipate the answer when you read the question.
5. Read all the answer choices.
6. If your answer is one of the choices, bubble it in and move on.
7. If your answer is not one of the choices, cross out the answers you know are wrong; this will narrow your choices and make it more likely that you will pick the right one.
8. For reading comprehension sections: scan the questions before you read the passage.
9. On standardized test, the number of correct answers, not the number of wrong ones, usually determines the score. Ask if guessing will count against you, then use the narrowing down methods noted above and don't leave any questions blank.
10. Be sure to bubble in answers properly. Multiple-choice tests are often graded by computer; stray marks on the answer sheet will count against you. Bubble in your choice completely while staying within the oval.



BREAKFAST MENU: May/June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*All cereal kits come with milk. All other entrees come with juice or fruit and milk.				1 Cereal Kit Funnel Cake	2 Cereal Kit Cook's Choice	3
4	5 Cereal Kit Breakfast Pizza	6 Cereal Kit Cinni Mini Pastry	7 Cereal Kit Breakfast Sandwich	8 Cereal Kit Funnel Cake	9 Cereal Kit Cook's Choice	10
11	12 Cereal Kit Breakfast Pizza	13 Cereal Kit Cinni Mini Pastry	14 Cereal Kit Breakfast Sandwich	15 Cereal Kit Funnel Cake	16 Cereal Kit Cook's Choice	17
18	19 Cereal Kit Breakfast Pizza	20 Cereal Kit Cinni Mini Pastry	21 Cereal Kit Breakfast Sandwich	22 Cereal Kit Funnel Cake	23 Cereal Kit Cook's Choice	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL	27 Cereal Kit Cinni Mini Pastry	28 Cereal Kit Breakfast Sandwich	29 Cereal Kit Funnel Cake	30 Cereal Kit Cook's Choice	31
1	2 Cereal Kit Breakfast Pizza	3 Cereal Kit Cinni Mini Pastry	4 Cereal Kit Breakfast Sandwich	5 Cereal Kit Breakfast Sandwich	6 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS Cook's Choice	

Breakfast \$1.85 Reduced Breakfast \$.30

LUNCH MENU: May/June 2014

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

** All menus are subject to change without notice

Hamburgers are an entrée option every Wednesday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Tangy Orange Chicken & Rice Bowl	2 Southwestern Pizza	3
4	5 Chicken Tenders	6 Soft Taco	7 Steak Um Sandwich	8 California Hot Dog Sandwich	9 Big Daddy Pizza	10
11	12 Spicy Chicken Sandwich	13 Meatball Sub Sandwich	14 Burger Bar Sandwich	15 BBQ Ribber Sandwich	16 French Bread Pizza	17
18	19 Popcorn Chicken with roll	20 Burrito Bar	21 Grilled Chicken Sandwich	22 Footlong Hot Dog Sandwich	23 Pepperoni Pizza	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY	27 Chicken Parmesan Sandwich	28 Italian Sub Sandwich	29 Teriyaki Chicken & Rice Bown	30 Bosco Sticks	31
1	2 Chicken Patty Sandwich	3 Chicken Quesadilla with Salsa	4 Cheeseburger Sandwich	5 Cook's Choice	6 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Pizza	

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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