



WMS WARRIOR NEWS

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A NOTE FROM MR. KELLER

The school year is officially underway and I hope you had the opportunity to visit us during “Meet the Teacher” and “Open House” nights. Both events were well-attended. October is a busy month at Willoughby Middle as students and teachers are now settled into their schedules and routines. We are also approaching the end of the first nine week grading period and the Fall Academic Award ceremonies on September 26th and 27th provided us with an opportunity to recognize the achievements of last year’s 6th and 7th graders.

The Warrior Fall Sports teams, supported by our Cheerleaders, have been busy competing against other area middle schools with excellent results.

Talent Show tryouts were held in preparation for performances on November 22nd and 23rd. Many of our students, representing different grades with different talents, will be rehearsing tirelessly over the next two months in preparation for the big show. Several of those acts selected by Mrs. Simpson, will perform at the November Board of Education meeting!

On a safety note, our students and staff have successfully completed a High-Security Lock-Down Drill, two Fire Drills and two days of well-executed bus evacuation drills. These exercises insure that

in the event of an emergency, our staff and students are well-prepared and comfortable with the established safety protocols. Speaking of safety, Willoughby Middle School welcomed back School Resource Officer and Willoughby Policeman Bill Bernakis for his first full year as a liaison between our school and the Police Department. Officer Bernakis is in WMS daily from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. We send a big thank you to Willoughby Police Chief Jack Beckwith and school Superintendent Mr. Steve Thompson for their willingness to provide this service for WMS.

Please don’t forget, Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 3rd and 9th from 4-7 PM. No appointments are necessary for most of our teachers. Your participation in your child’s education during the middle years is essential to their success. Current educational research shows that too few students graduating from high school are ready for collegiate level work in English, Math, or Science, or for the workplace, where the same skills are now being expected of those who did not attend college. Preparation for high school begins at the middle level, where the benefit of rigorous core academic classes for all students prepares them for grades 9-12.

As we prepare for the Spring 2014 Ohio Achievement Assessments our staff is focusing on the careful examination of formative and summative assessments, and MAP

data, while implementing special programs to achieve our mission of Students First through quality instruction and Time on Task.

I encourage you to support our students and our schools on November 5th. Our Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools Issue #6 ballot initiative is a renewal, not a tax increase. Your support will help secure the future for all children in the Willoughby-Eastlake school district.

I hope to see you at upcoming events during the month of October. Enjoy the beautiful fall colors and.....Go Warriors!!

24 Hour Attendance Line: 440-283-2182

OCTOBER IMPORTANT DATES

October 3

Parent-Teacher Conferences
4 to 7 p.m.

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

October 5

Fall Fest Small Business, Craft Fair, & Garage Sale
9 am – 3 pm

October 9

Parent-Teacher Conferences
4 to 7 p.m.

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

October 16

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser
4 – 8 p.m.

October 16

PTO Meeting – 7:30 in the WMS Library

October 18

NO SCHOOL – NEOEA DAY

Homework Hotline:
www.weschools.org/willoughby

FALL FEST – GARAGE SALE & CRAFT FAIR

**Saturday, October 5
from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
\$1.00 admission or 10
Box Tops for Education**

Come one, come all to the Fall Fest sponsored by the WMS Math Dept. We will have garage sale tables as well as small business vendors – a wide variety of goods and goodies, and a Chinese Auction. All proceeds will benefit WMS Math Technology.

CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying occurs when someone sends hurtful messages online or by cell phone. It can take many forms, such as writing rude comments, spreading rumors, and posting embarrassing pictures.

Your child can discourage cyberbullying by giving personal information (name, email address, cell phone number) only to friends. If she/he receives nasty emails or text messages, she/he should not respond. Explain that replying just give the person the satisfaction of having upset her/him. A good thing to do is simply to log off the computer or turn off the cell phone.

Let your youngster now she/he should tell an adult if she/he experiences cyberbullying. You can report problems to your

Internet provider, school authorities, or even the police.

PTO MEMBERSHIP

Our PTO always needs volunteers to help with their events. We also encourage you to come to the PTO meetings and give your input on programs at WMS.



PTO MEETING DATES

All meetings are at 7 p.m. in the WMS library

- October 16
- November 20
- December 18
- January 15
- February 19
- March 19
- April 16
- May 21

FROM THE DESK OF ... ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MR. STERNBERG

We are now about twenty days into the 2013 - 2014 school year. Has a healthy homework routines been established in your home? The idea of requiring students to continue the formal process of learning outside of school is vital to them mastering the ideas profiled in the State Curriculum. I would love to change the name, "homework" to "home study", for that is really what the children are to be doing. Please be sure that your student(s) have a quiet place, free from distractions, for home study. You should expect about one hour of Home Study, four nights per week.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW COMMUNITY NEIGHBOR

The former McKinley Elementary School (now the McKinley Community Center), located at 1200 Lost Nation Rd. is now home to many community organization and services. The newest organization to find a home there is the Salvation Army. They have been helping our WMS families for many years and we are pleased that they found a permanent home.

Although it seems early to think about Christmas, the Willoughby Salvation Army is already making plans so this will be a special holiday for families. As of October 1st they should be completely moved into their new home and are willing to show off to the community. You may stop by on the last Saturday morning of the month. Their phone number remains 440-942-5877.

The Salvation Army Christmas Sign-Up will be Saturday, October 26th from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. and Tuesday, October 29th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Sign-up will be at McKinley. This is for Willoughby 44094 households. Parents must bring birth certificates for children, proof of low income, and a current utility bill to prove resident in the 44094 zip code area.

BREAKFAST MENU: OCTOBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	30 Cereal Kit and Milk Breakfast Sandwich with Juice and Milk	1 Cereal Kit and Milk Poptart, Juice & Milk	2 Cereal Kit and Milk Breakfast Sandwich, Juice and Milk	3 Cereal Kit and Milk Funnel Cake, Apple & Milk	4 Cereal Kit and Milk Cook's Choice	5
6	7 Cereal Kit and Milk Breakfast Sandwich with Juice and Milk	8 Cereal Kit and Milk Sausage Breakfast Pizza, Juice & Milk	9 Cereal Kit and Milk Breakfast Sandwich, Juice and Milk	10 Cereal Kit and Milk Funnel Cake, Apple & Milk	11 Cereal Kit and Milk Cook's Choice	12
13	14 Cereal Kit and Milk Breakfast Sandwich with Juice and Milk	15 Cereal Kit and Milk Poptart, Juice & Milk	16 Cereal Kit and Milk Breakfast Sandwich, Juice and Milk	17 Cereal Kit and Milk Mini Pancakes with Juice and Milk	18 NO SCHOOL NEOEA DAY	19
20	21 Cereal Kit and Milk Breakfast Sandwich with Juice and Milk	22 Cereal Kit and Milk Sausage Breakfast Pizza, Juice & Milk	23 Cereal Kit and Milk Breakfast Sandwich, Juice and Milk	24 Cereal Kit and Milk Mini Pancakes with Juice and Milk	25 Cereal Kit and Milk Cook's Choice	26
27	28 Cereal Kit and Milk Breakfast Sandwich with Juice and Milk	29 Cereal Kit and Milk Sausage Breakfast Pizza, Juice & Milk	30 Cereal Kit and Milk Breakfast Sandwich, Juice and Milk	31 Cereal Kit and Milk Mini Pancakes with Juice and Milk		

Breakfast \$1.90 Reduced Breakfast \$.30

LUNCH MENU: OCTOBER 2013

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

** All menus are subject to change without notice

Hamburgers are an entrée option every Monday - Thursday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	30 Chicken Nuggets	1 Meatball Sub Cheese Ravioli	2 Cheeseburger Ham & Cheese Sandwich	3 Teriyaki Chicken & Rice Bowl Pork Patty Sandwich	4 Big Daddy Pizza Cooks Choice	5 FALL FEST WMS Cafeteria 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
6	7 Chicken Patty Sandwich Hamburger	8 Chicken Quesadilla Taco Salad	9 Hamburger Bar	10 Footlong Hot Dog Bosco Sticks	11 Twisted Edge Pizza Cook's Choice	12
13	14 Spicy Chicken Tender Wrap Hamburger	15 Italian Sub Sandwich Pepperoni Roll	16 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Cheeseburger	17 BBQ Chicken Sandwich Macaroni & Cheese	18 NO SCHOOL NEOEA DAY	19
20	21 Popcorn Chicken & Garden Salad Hamburger	22 Burrito Soft Taco	23 Turkey Wrap Cheeseburger	24 California Hot Dog Steak Um Sandwich	25 French Bread Pizza Cook's Choice	26
27	28 Chicken Fingers Hamburger	29 Bosco Sticks Corn Dog	30 Beef Hoagie Sandwich Hamburger Sandwich	31 Tangy Orange Chicken & Rice Bowl Cook's Choice		

Every effort is made to serve all items indicated on the menu, however, there are times when this is not entirely possible. Fruit and vegetables will be available every day – students are required to select at least 1 fruit or vegetable with a plate lunch. **Plate Lunch \$3.10 Reduced Lunch \$.40**