



# WMS WARRIOR NEWS

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## A NOTE FROM MR. KELLER

Welcome back students and parents! I hope you enjoyed a restful and fun-filled summer vacation.

The WMS staff is looking forward to a year of focusing on improving student achievement with time on task and quality instruction for all students. Education today faces many challenges and our staff is prepared to meet them one student at a time.

WMS is welcoming staff members: Mrs. Danielle Chavez – Spanish, Mr. Chris Culek – 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA, Ms. Vickie Dodich – 6<sup>th</sup> grade science & math, Mr. Brian Godek – Special Education, Mrs. Nikole Godenswager – 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA, Mrs. Michelle Roman – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Special Education, and Mr. Nick Tomba – 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA.

Over the summer we added another computer lab and students were greeted with new carpeting in several areas.

PTO purchased a new public address system amplifier and new 2 way-radios to enhance security and communication in the building.

This November you will see a renewal issue on the ballot – please support the

“Preserving our Past, Securing our Future” initiative.

Best wishes to all our students and staff as we embark on another exciting school year!

### Child Find

Child Find is an activity conducted by state and local education agencies to locate children ages’ birth to 21 that have disabilities. The purpose of the program is to provide special education and related services that are needed. Disabilities may include developmental delays in communication skills, motor skills, or social emotional/behavior functioning. A student is considered disabled if they have one or more of the following conditions: autism, deaf-blindness, hearing impairment, brain injury, learning disabilities, emotional disturbance, or a speech or language impairment. If you know of any child who has or may have special needs, please contact Mrs. Eileen Bowers, Office of Pupil Services, Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools at 440-975-3800. Once notified, the school district will contact the parent/guardian to find out if the child needs to be evaluated. The evaluation will be provided free if charge and if eligible, the child will receive appropriate special education and related services.

### Meet-the-Teacher

*6<sup>th</sup> grade parents are invited to attend on Thurs, Sept 5 from 6:30 – 8:10 p.m.*

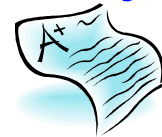
### Open House

*7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents are invited to attend on Wed, Sept 11 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.*

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

### **Homework Hotline:**

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



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### **PTO MEMBERSHIP**

Please return your completed PTO membership form as soon as possible. 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  
August 28  
September 18  
October 16  
November 20  
December 18  
January 15  
February 19  
March 19  
April 16  
May 21



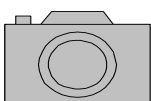
## RECYCLE PLEASE

Why not drop off your newspapers, magazines and other paper recyclables here at Willoughby Middle School's Albiti recycling container? WMS is paid by the pound for the products collected which helps fund the school and various activities of the Student Council. You can drop papers off anytime day or night (no cardboard, please). We could use your help, and you can get rid of your recyclable papers. If you have any questions, please contact Maryann.ricchino@weschools.org or [Katie.reilly@weschools.org](mailto:Katie.reilly@weschools.org) (Student Council Advisors).

### Willoughby Eastlake Safe School Helpline

Please use the Safe School Helpline to report threats of violence, suicide and illegal activity that could harm children in our school. Your call is private, confidential, and anonymous. A toll-free number has been assigned to our school district. You do not include your name or other facts that could identify you. The Safe School Helpline is available 24/7. 1-800-418-6423 ext. 359.

## School Picture Day September 25



## BOOK FAIR

The WMS Library is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Sept. 5 – 13.



## WIG WAM

### School Supplies at a Reasonable Price!!!

“THE WIGWAM” our school supply store is open! The store is a convenient way for students to purchase necessary classroom supplies at a reasonable price. THE WIGWAM will be open every morning the first few weeks of school from 8:15-8:30. After the first few weeks, the store will be opened a few mornings a week. This will enable students to replenish any supplies they may need. Each classroom will have a price list posted. THE WIGWAM will be housed in Room 29 in Area D until further notice. All profits received from THE WIGWAM will benefit the Math Department. We look forward to helping our students be prepared and responsible for their classes!

## FALL FEST – GARAGE SALE & CRAFT FAIR

Crafters and garage salers are invited to reserve your space now at our Fall Fest Garage Sale/Craft Fair which will be held **October 5<sup>th</sup>**. The event is being hosted by the Math Department and all proceeds will benefit the math program and technology here at WMS.

For more information and reservations contact Kelly White at [kelly.white@weschools.org](mailto:kelly.white@weschools.org).

The Athletic Dept Magazine Sale kicks off on Wed., Sept 18. The first turn in day is Sept.25. Funds from this sale not only provide uniforms and sports equipment but support other WMS projects.

## SCHOOL NEWS E-MAIL

The Willoughby-Eastlake School District has created a link which will allow parents/guardians to subscribe and receive school news via e-mail. The district's website must be accessed and then click on “Subscribe to School News”. Fill in the information and then click the “Willoughby” box. Enter the security number in the box at the bottom of the page and click “Sign Me Up”.

## PAYFORIT.net – ONLINE SCHOOL PAYMENT!

Willoughby-Eastlake Schools has implemented a new online lunch and student fee payment system called Pay For It. Pay For It gives parents the ability to see their child's cafeteria account balance, what their child has purchased for the last 30 days and set up low balance email reminders at no charge to the parent. The parents can put money in their child's account online using credit cards or electronic check which can be used to pay school fees, lunch fees, activity fees and fundraisers. Information on how to sign up for this service is found on the WE Schools home page WEschools.org There is a convenience fee for the use of this program.

## WMS CLUB & SPORT INFORMATION

A big part of Middle School life is making new friends and learning new skills. We encourage participation in the various clubs, sports and activities offered. All of the clubs listed here are open to students in grades 6 – 8.

**Art Club** is open to all students in grades 6 – 8. They usually meet the first and third Thursdays of the month after school. Students should listen to announcements for information on applications the second week of school.

**Student Council** will hold elections in September and hold their first official meeting in October. All homerooms elect representatives to serve on Student Council. Meetings are usually held the second Monday of the month before school (7:45 a.m.)

**Talent Show** auditions will be held the end of September (listen for announcements); rehearsals are 4 or 5 days a week during October and November. The show will be presented Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>! All students are welcome to audition.

**Drama Club** will start the year with a September meeting open to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who were previously involved in Drama or the Talent Show. 6<sup>th</sup> grader students interested in joining will be included during the second grading period (listen for announcements). Auditions for this year's musical (title TBA

this fall) will be just prior to winter break. Show dates are March 14 & 15. Drama Club meets every other month during non-production months.

The **Library/Media Club** gives students experience producing the morning announcements. This club also explores various genre of print materials and offers students the opportunity to review and recommend books to others. The first meeting will be at 8:20 a.m. on the first day of school. Announcement team members meet in the library!

**Power of the Pen** is a competition writing team open to aspiring writers in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. They meet every Wednesday starting Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. Listen to announcements for details on trying out!

**Yearbook** members work on page layouts and learn the publication process. Applications will be available beginning Sept 3 on the door of Mrs. Schoeppler's Art room 17. Deadline for turning in applications is 9/13/13.

**Rocket Club** is open to all students in grades 6 – 8. The first meeting will be Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. Rocket Club meets in Room 4.

Club meeting announcements are posted on our Daily Announcements on the WMS school website.

Athletic programs are open to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. **The Fall Sports** have already started practice. Students who do not participate in the sport are welcome to attend games and cheer on the team. Fall sports

at WMS include: Football, Football Cheerleading, Volleyball and both Boys and Girls Cross Country.

**Winter Sports** are Boys and Girls Basketball, Basketball Cheerleading, and Wrestling.

In the **Spring** we have Boys and Girls Track and Boys and Girls Tennis.

If you have questions about the athletic program please contact Athletic Director Mike Franczek.

# BREAKFAST MENU: August-September 2013

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

**Breakfast \$1.90    Reduced Breakfast \$ .40**

# LUNCH MENU: August - September 2013

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

**Hamburgers are an entrée option every day Monday - Thursday**

\*\* All menus are subject to change without notice

| Sunday | Monday                               | Tuesday                            | Wednesday                     | Thursday                         | Friday  | Saturday |
|--------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------|
|        |                                      | 27<br>Chicken Quesadilla           | 28<br>Chicken Patty Sandwich  | 29<br>Footlong Hot Dog           | 30<br>Pizza<br><br>Cook's Choice              | 31       |
| 1      | 2<br>Labor Day<br><br>No School      | 3<br>Meatball Sub                  | 4<br>Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap | 5<br>Tangy Orange Chicken & Rice | 6<br>Big Daddy Pizza<br><br>Cook's Choice     | 7        |
| 8      | 9<br>Chicken Fingers                 | 10<br>Chicken Fajita & Rice        | 11<br>Turkey Wrap             | 12<br>Corn Dog                   | 13<br>French Bread Pizza<br><br>Cook's Choice | 14       |
| 15     | 16<br>Popcorn Chicken & Garden Salad | 17<br>Rotini & Meat Sauce          | 18<br>Steak-um Sandwich       | 19<br>BBQ Ribber Sandwich        | 20<br>Pepperoni Pizza<br><br>Cook's Choice    | 21       |
| 22     | 23<br>Spicy Chicken Sandwich         | 24<br>Teriyaki Chicken & Rice Bowl | 25<br>Beef Hoagie Sandwich    | 26<br>California Hot Dog         | 27<br>Bosco Sticks<br><br>Cook's Choice       | 28       |
| 29     | 30<br>Chicken Nuggets                |                                    |                               |                                  |   |          |

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** \*\*\*\*\*A choice of milk is offered as are a variety of fruit and vegetables. Chicken, egg, and tuna salad sandwiches as well as a variety of salads are offered every day.