

# CMS NEWSLETTER



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## Monthly Emergency Drills

CMS will practice monthly safety drills. Today students practiced the Evacuation/Fire Drill. Other drills will include: Secure the School, Shelter in Place, and Lockdown.

**Welcome  
Back  
22-23**



# September is Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month is annually celebrated from September 15 to October 15 in the United States for recognizing the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United State.



The observation began in 1968 as **Hispanic Heritage Week** under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988.



## CMS Webpage

<https://cms.westportps.org/>

Parents and students are encouraged to check out the CMS Webpage. It's a great place to find information.

## School Hours

Students 8:30-3:15  
Office 7:30-4:00

Students may enter the building at 8:00 a.m.

Reminder to charge **Chromebooks** each night and keep the protective cover on the device. Also, students are expected to follow the Acceptable Use Guidelines.

# Safe School Climate & Bullying Prevention Policies



At the start of school, on CTV, we reviewed the Safe School Climate and Bullying Prevention Policies. We connected these expectations to the WPS Guiding Principles. Below find a brief description of each policy and links to our BOE policies for both.

We reviewed the four **Guiding Principles**: *Emotionally & Socially Aware, Kind with Sincerity, Principled in Thought & Action, and Learning Always*. We provided a few examples of what this means and connected it to the work we will do as a school. See the link below for more information.

The **Safe School Climate Policy** states that each and every school community member should be treated with dignity and should have the opportunity to learn, work, interact, and socialize in physically, emotionally, and intellectually safe respectful, and positive school environments as well as the opportunity to experience high-quality relationships. We work together with staff, students, and community members to promote conditions designed to create, maintain, and nurture a positive school climate.

The **Bullying Intervention and Prevention Policy** states that we are responsible for creating and maintaining an educational environment that is physically, emotionally, and intellectually safe

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and thus free from bullying, teen dating violence, harassment, and discrimination. In accordance with state law and the Board's Safe School Climate Plan, the Board expressly prohibits any form of bullying behavior on school grounds; at a school-sponsored or school-related activity, function, or program, whether on or off school grounds; at a school bus stop; on a school bus or other vehicle owned, leased, or used by a local or regional board of education; or through the use of an electronic device or an electronic mobile device owned, leased, or used by the Board of Education.

Please review these policies and discuss them with your children. Contact us if you have any questions regarding this information.

## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS



CMS Back to School Nights for PARENTS only.

Grades 7 & 8 Back to School Night, Sept. 20th

Grade 6 Back to School Night, Sept. 21st

Refer to emails for details regarding each night.