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# Governor Wentworth Regional School District

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*Helping Each Child Create the Future*

February 24, 2023

Dear Governor Wentworth Regional School District & Middleton Families,

Thank you to those of you who participated in the GWRSD and Middleton Deliberative sessions on February 4th and 11th respectively. On Tuesday, March 14th, 2023, community members will have the opportunity to vote for School Board candidates and articles of the Governor Wentworth School District warrant and Middleton District warrant. A sample ballot that includes candidates and warrant articles among other informational documents such as the annual report and District report card are posted on the GWRSD website on this page: [Annual Meeting - Governor Wentworth Regional School District](#). Election day and additional information for Middleton can be found on the [Middleton District website](#).

As part of my first-year entry plan as superintendent of schools, I have committed to holding listening sessions with stakeholders. I have completed sessions with employees at every school as well as various student groups over the past several weeks. I'd like to invite parents and caregivers to logon to a virtual meeting at 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm on Wednesday, March 15th. I will ask attendees what aspects of our school system makes them proud as well as what we should focus on next. Joining information can be found below.

Have a safe and joyful February break.

Sincerely,

[Click here](#) to join the Listening Session for Parents/ Caregivers with Dr. Caroline Arakelian, Superintendent of Schools

**Wed, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.**

Share: What are you proud of? What should we focus on next?



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## Teaching & Learning Update: Crescent Lake School

Students have been busy at Crescent Lake School this month! In addition to finishing up the Winter Sports program, students in the Drama Club have been rehearsing for their April performance of *The Legend of Polar Mountain*, which features singing and acting set under the Northern Lights. Fourth graders have been researching famous New Hampshire citizens; their study culminates in the creation of a soda bottle representation of each citizen to accompany their written reports. Sixth grade students recently held their annual Invention Convention, during which students designed and built an invention and presented it to an audience of their peers and adults. Additionally, sixth graders dedicated many hours of research and work to create their projects, exhibits, and performances for this year's National History Day project. This year's theme was Frontiers in History, and students did a marvelous job!

Respectfully submitted by Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Katey Hills, EdD

## 2023-2024 GWRSD & Middleton School Calendars

The Middleton School Board approved the School Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year. The calendar can be found on the [Middleton School District website](#). The calendar mirrors the GWRSD calendar with one difference. Middleton Elementary School will be in session during the Presidential Primary on February 6th, 2024 which also moves the last day of school back one day.

The Governor Wentworth Regional School District School Board previously approved the School Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year. The calendar can be found on this page of the GWRSD website: <https://www.gwrsd.org/calendar>.

## Upcoming Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>2/27 to 3/3</b>	February Recess - No School GWRSD and Middleton School District
<b>3/8</b>	Middleton School Board Meeting @ Middleton Elementary 6:00pm
<b>3/10 and 3/11</b>	Kingswood Theater Presents "Star Crossed Lovers" @ KAC 7:00pm
<b>3/12</b>	Daylight Savings Time Begins
<b>3/13</b>	GWRSD School Board Meeting @ Ossipee Central School 7:00pm
<b>3/14</b>	District Voting Day - No School GWRSD and Middleton School District

3/16	Arts Knight @ Kingswood Arts Center 5:30 - 8:00pm
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### Previously Shared Information

The information below has been shared with families in previously issued communication but may still be of interest.

### Resources for Families

**Summer Camp Assistance:** The New Hampshire Department of Education is partnering with New Hampshire camps and school-age summer programs across the state to offer students the unique opportunity to move beyond COVID-19 and be a kid again. Students of all ages, backgrounds and abilities benefit from exposure to short-term summer enrichment programs, including in the areas of challenge, friend-making, positivity, and emotional safety. Details regarding eligibility for assistance and participating camps in our communities can be found here: [ReKindling Curiosity](#)

### Wolfeboro Public Library Community Survey

The Wolfeboro Public Library and Trustees are looking for input on library operations and programming. Input from surrounding communities is welcome. The more input the better!

The Wolfeboro Public Library is grateful for your time and effort to provide valuable input!

[WPL Community Survey - Click Here](#)

### Inclement Weather Procedures

**Please read carefully the procedures we use to make the decision to either hold or cancel school. On 1/9/23, the GWRSD School Board voted to eliminate remote learning during school closures due to inclement weather. On 2/8/23, the Middleton School Board voted to eliminate remote learning during school closures due to inclement weather.**

**When a weather event is anticipated, the GWRSD Transportation Supervisor monitors both the Maine and New Hampshire weather forecasts beginning at 4:00 a.m. The Transportation Supervisor is in touch with the road agents in all of our communities for road conditions as well as plans for plowing, salting and sanding. The Strafford and Carroll County Dispatch also provide information regarding road conditions based on police calls and any other concerning road activity. Communication with bus drivers for conditions in their areas is ongoing throughout the morning.**

**Additionally, we utilize Precision Weather which targets weather and road conditions in the region. It is not uncommon for WMUR to be reporting conditions that may be true for much of the state but not targeted or accurate for our specific region. The decision whether to hold school or not is based on all of the gathered information. School is only held if the total assessment indicates that buses can safely pass over the roadways. Safety is the number one priority in making the decision.**

If the roads are not expected to be in good condition and buses cannot pass safely by the time routes normally begin but they are expected to improve to an acceptable standard within two hours, the policy is to delay school for two hours. If it is determined that road conditions will not be safe by 7:15 a.m., school will be canceled. Every effort is made to get a message to families between 5:15 a.m. and 5:35 a.m. through your chosen option(s) of voicemail, text or email.

These messages are for your convenience; however, even with the most reliable system we are still dependent on satellite technology, electricity, and the internet to successfully communicate with families. If you do not receive a message please check Channel 9/ WMUR or Channel 6/ WSCH which lists the information about school closings. WOKQ also lists closings on their website, and several radio stations still broadcast the names of schools that are closed.

As always, the final decision as to whether or not children come to school is up to parents. We are geographically the largest district in the state which makes it impossible for us to know the conditions on every road. Students will be allowed to make up any work that has been missed if the parent determines their child(ren) will stay home from school and the absence will be excused.

### School Meals: Application Required for Free/ Reduced Lunch

The federal government allowed schools to offer free meals to all students during the pandemic, however Congress did not extend this benefit for next school year. Families that are eligible for free or reduced price meals must apply to receive them, and all other students must pay full price for their meals. The application process for free and reduced price meals opens on July 1, families can go online at [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com) or fill out an application at any school within the district. Visit our Food Service web page for more information: [www.gwrstdfoodservice.org](http://www.gwrstdfoodservice.org).

### We're Hiring!

Please help us spread the word about our open positions! We are looking for caring individuals to work with our incredible students and staff. Prospective candidates can reach out to principals if they have questions about flexible hours. GWRSD and Middleton are hiring for the following open positions: paraprofessional, substitute, long-term substitute, lunch/recess proctor, reading assistant (Title 1), food service, office assistant, hall monitor, high school coach, bus driver and more.

Click the "[Employment](#)" link at the top of the district website for all GWRSD & Middleton employment information including locations & the application process.

### NH Education Department Information

[New Hampshire expands access to free online tutoring for students grades 6-12](#). Continuing with its efforts to close gaps and recover from missed learning, the New Hampshire Department of Education has selected Tutor.com to provide 24/7 online tutoring for every middle and high school student in the state. Through this partnership, more than 100,000 middle and high school students will gain unlimited access to Tutor.com – anytime, anywhere, from any internet-connected device. Please contact your school administrator to learn how KRMS & KRHS students can take advantage of this service through the "Clever" application