

WMS Paw Print

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Bringing you the middle school scoop...

Principal's Message - Newsletter Naming

March 31th, 2023

Dear Westlake Middle School Families,

For our update, we have a few very important thank yous.

First, welcome to the *WMS Paw Print*. Thank you to the 80+ people who submitted names. Congratulations to our two honorees who provided a great name and tagline.

Thank you to Maria Slippen, who has been supporting us in increasing access to information. Your creativity and expertise are appreciated.

Also, thank you to our building safety team. We want our school community to know that there are over a dozen people dedicated to being prepared for any safety-related issues that arise, and they do it well.

Remember that the *WMS Paw Print* format will include:

- Important new information at the top.
- Followed by upcoming dates and reminders.
- After that some school highlights and interesting stuff.
- And finally, future dates to keep in mind.

Once you have access to the document it will update automatically. But don't worry, we'll send you reminders as well. Keep scrolling as we add information. Share your feedback with us and we'll keep making it better.

Older information will be archived on our <https://wms.mtplcsd.org/>



April 1st to April 10th - Spring Recess

Westlake Middle School is closed from April 1st to April 10th.

Enjoy the break. We will see you on Tuesday, April 11th.

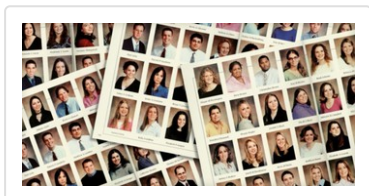
New and Important Information



April 15th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - 4th Annual Multicultural Festival at COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Come travel the continents and celebrate the cultural diversity of our community.

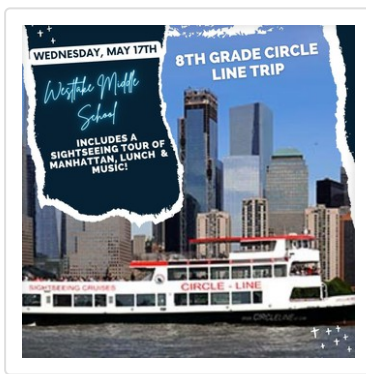
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LOCATION OF THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CHANGED TO COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.



April 1st - Deadline to Order A Yearbook

Purchase Your 2023 WMS Yearbook Today! To purchase a yearbook, please visit the following website:

www.yearbookordercenter.com Our WMS job number is 13406. The deadline to order a yearbook is April 1st. After this date, a very limited amount of books are available to purchase on a first come first serve basis in June. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna Jativa (djativa@mtplcsd.org) or Carolyn Blanchard (cblanchard@mtplcsd.org)



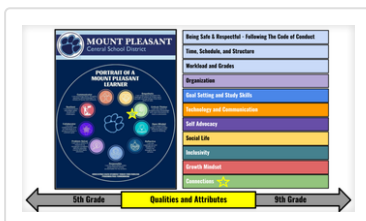
April 21st - Payment and Permission Slip Due for 8th Grade Circle Line Trip

The Date of the trip is May 17th. Permission slips and payment will be due in April. You will receive permission slips and all of the information after the break. Payment is \$95.00. This includes the boat tour, snacks, lunch, and a DJ.



April 21st at 7:00 p.m. - Mount Pleasant Education Foundation Spring Bash

Please RSVP by April 3rd.



April 24th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Parent University for 6th and 7th Grade Parents

Please RSVP by completing this GOOGLE FORM:

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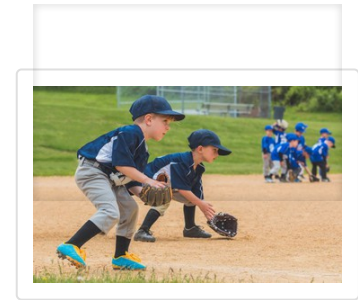


MP Colonials Tryouts

For more information and questions check out the website.



Youth Baseball and Softball



Tryouts in April

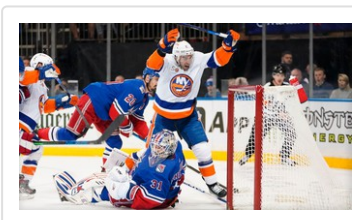
Summer season to follow.

Upcoming Dates



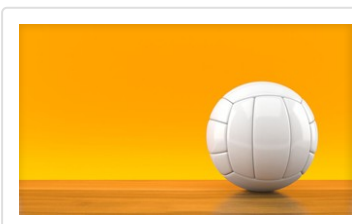
April 13th - 7th Grade Social Studies Assembly

New York State Assemblywoman MaryJane Shimsky will be speaking with students to share the importance of representative government and how she is a part of it.



April 14th - Hockey Day

Students can celebrate their favorite team with hockey hats and gear.

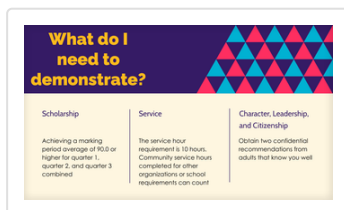


April 14th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - PTA Faculty Fundraiser Volley Ball Game

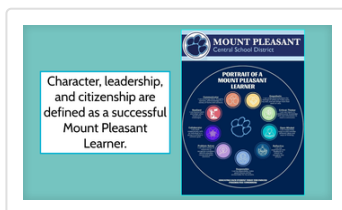


April 17th - National Junior Honor Society Applications Due

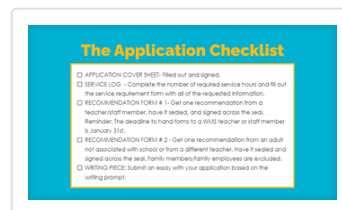
Selections will be made and families will be notified in May. Save the date for the Induction Ceremony on May 31st from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.



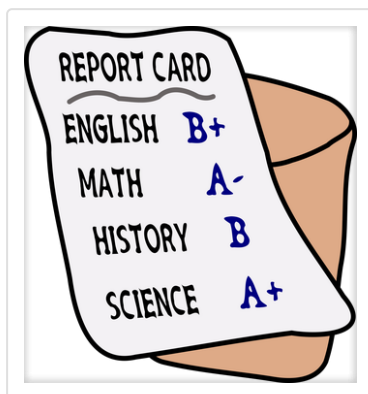
What do I need to demonstrate?



The Mount Pleasant definitions.



The Application Checklist



April 17th - WMS Quarter 3 Ends

Report cards will be available on the portal on Monday, April 24th.

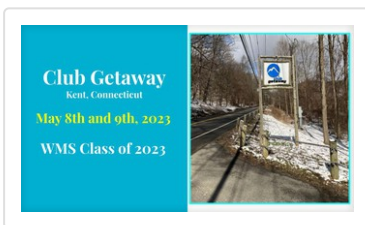
NYS Assessments: Westlake Middle School

EXAM	GRADE	DATES
ELA*	7 & 8	Wed, April 19 Thurs, April 20
	6	Tues, April 25 Wed, April 26
MATHEMATICS*	7 & 8*	Tues, May 2 Wed, May 3
	6	Mon, May 8 Tues, May 9
SCIENCE (Performance)	8*	Tues, May 23
SCIENCE (Written)	8*	Mon, June 5
NYSESLAT (SPEAKING)†	6 - 8	April 17 - May 26
NYSESLAT (LISTENING, READING, WRITING)†	6 - 8	May 16 - May 26

* The NYS ELA/Mathematics Assessments will be administered as Computer Based Tests (CBTs).
† The NYSESLAT Exams are only for those students who are designated as ELL students.
‡ The Math 8 and Science 8 Exams are only for those students currently enrolled in those courses.

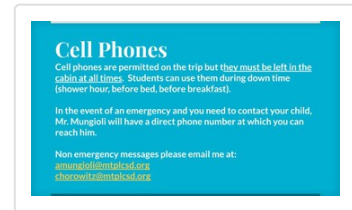
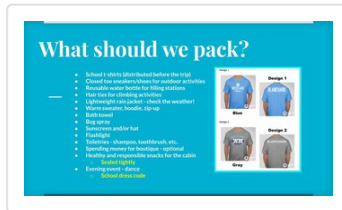
April and May - New York State Assessments

Click on the chart for a full set of dates.



May 8th and 9th - 8th Grade Trip to Club Getaway

See the packing list and other information below.

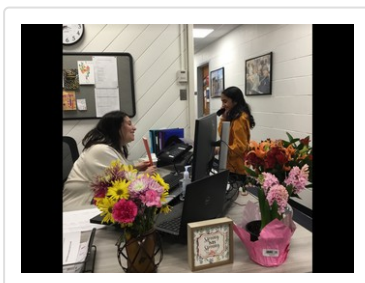


Middle School Magnificence - Celebrating the people who make Westlake Middle School great

From time to time, we think it is important to highlight the people out front and behind the scenes who do a tremendous job building our school culture and community. Who do you think should be recognized? Fill out the form below.

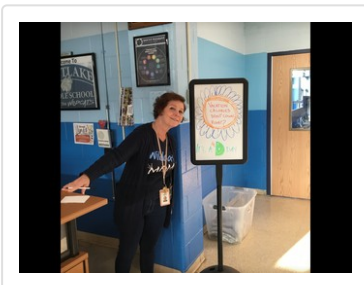
GOOGLE FORM:

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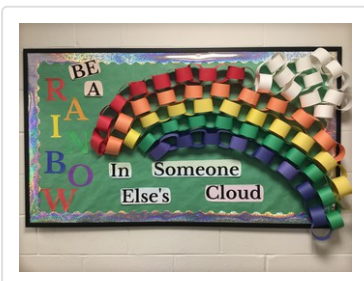
Celebrating Our Student Council Leaders

Each morning a Student Council Representative conducts our Pledge of Allegiance and announcements. Each one of them has demonstrated positive and professional leadership abilities.



Great Greetings

Thank you to Pam our Greeter for her great personalized greetings each morning.



Main Office Inspiration

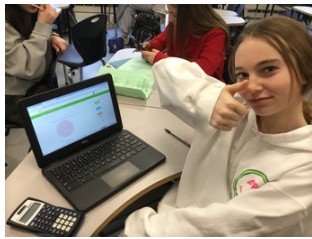
Thank you to Lorrie and Toni students are welcomed to many inspirational messages and creative decorations in the main office.



Ms. Brianna Iannone and The Student Council

Student leadership, creativity, citizenship, service, and many other qualities are always on display with our student council. In February they delivered positive messages and sweet treats to their classmates. In April they will raise some funds and celebrate their teachers with a Student Council Cafe for Faculty and Staff on Wednesdays. Thank you Ms. Iannone.

Principals' Leadership Group - Snapshots of What's Happening at WMS



Thumbs Up!

A large portion of learning at WMS is about becoming a reflective and responsible learner. Students learn to use the resources and tools available to them to monitor their own progress.



Meeting The Objective...

Through a formative assessment process, students learn to know their learning objectives and the criteria for being successful. The most successful students know what their next steps are and can put them into action.



Through The Eyes of Student.

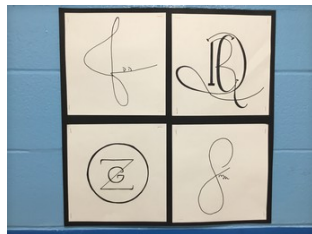
These images and others shared here will continue to be through the eyes of our students. The Principals' Leadership Group perfectly captured students finding a quiet place to check their work. Reflective learning at its finest.

Art and Design



8th Grade Monogram Designs

Students learned about monograms, what they are used for, and the types of designs that are typically seen.



Simple But Elegant Designs

Designs intertwine to create a personalized name initial. Design thinking and clarity of the visual product were emphasized.



Unique Cyclical Design

Students follow the design cycle in many areas of their thinking in Middle School. The uniqueness of each design is a testament to the creativity and imagination of each student's approach to the assignment.



The Design Cycle

Ask your child how they apply the design cycle in their learning.



The Mount Pleasant Art Show

Thank you to our student artists, art teachers, and all who attended a spectacular show and celebration of the arts.



Inspirational Flight - Science Olympiads

Founded in 1984, Science Olympiad is the premier team STEM competition in the nation, providing [standards-based challenges](#) to 6,000 teams at 425 tournaments in all 50 states.



Coming soon...

Be on the look out for the hatch date of our feathery friends.

Looking Ahead - Save The Dates



May 1st - 6th Grade Art Trip to
Manhattan

<https://www.halldeslumieres.com/>



May 13th - Music In The Parks Trip



May 15th - Incoming 6th Grade
Parent Orientation



May 18th - 6th Grade Trip to The
Bronx Zoo



May 23rd from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - 7th
and 8th Grade Spring Concert



May 24th from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. -
6th Grade Steam Symposium



May 26th through May 29th -
Memorial Day Weekend



May 30th - Spring NWEA MAP
Reading Assessments for Grades 6 - 8



May 31st at 7:00 p.m. - National
Junior Honor Society Induction
Ceremony



June 1st from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - 6th
Grade Spring Concert