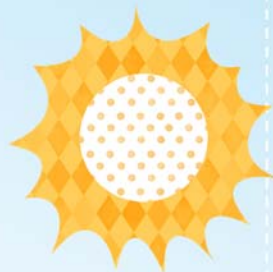
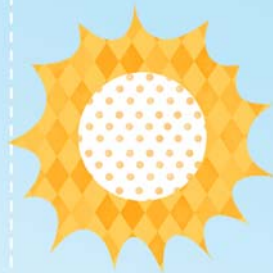


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End of Year Interviews

Written by: Mallory Wade

Can you believe we have been through 180 days of school! The year flew by as we accomplished so much throughout the year! To finish off the year, I interviewed some sixth graders, who are almost seventh graders, about their year. Thank you to all who participated in the interviews. I asked five different questions I thought people might find interesting.

The first question was “What was the funniest thing that happened this school year?”. I heard a lot of great answers such as “looking at pictures in the yearbook” from **Lucy McBride**. Everyone enjoys looking at the hilarious pictures that end up in the yearbook! **Marc Mao** said “**Mr. Kemock** dressing up as the devil for Halloween”. This was an epic costume that I’m sure everyone loved! The next question I asked was “What was the best part of the transition from elementary school to middle school”. There are many parts of middle school that are better than elementary school, but there are downsides. **Dami Ololade** thinks that the lunch food is the best and I agree! We have such a wider variety of foods now that taste a lot better. **Marc Mao** loves that we have more freedom! We do not have to walk in a line, constantly be watched, and can do a lot more than elementary school for sure! **Ashley Ribble** agrees and loves the fact that we can change classes and not sit with the same people all day.

I then asked what the most underrated part of school was and got the same answer. The answer **Maddie Hathhorn**, **Marc Mao**, and **Sadie Fuchs** gave was the lunch. The lunches are a phenomenal part of middle school since there is such a large variety, including burgers, nachos, pizza, salad, fruits, ice cream and much more! But there are some parts of school that should be improved such as the bathrooms, according to **Maddie Hathhorn**. A final question was what the student’s favorite subjects are. **Sura Porter** loves poetry, so ELA is her all time favorite subject. On the other hand, **Ashley Ribble** says “My favorite is social studies because my teacher, Ms. Gibson, makes activities fun. I used to dislike social studies but she makes me love the subject a lot more.”

This concludes the interviews, and I hope this opens your mind to more perspectives of school.

Fun Things to Do Over the Summer

Written by: Sophia Puliaeva

As the school year comes to an end and summer break approaches, many fun activities come into view. From rollercoasters, to going to the lake, summer offers many activities that just aren't the same over other breaks. In this article, several enjoyable activities will be listed for you to do over summer break.

Going to a Theme Park

Theme parks / roller coaster parks are a classic summer activity. Whether you like high rollercoasters with big drops or prefer smaller, faster rollercoasters, you're sure to have enjoy yourself at a theme park. Not only is there good food that just sometimes seems to taste better at an amusement park, you can take your friends or family with you on the rides! Some fun amusement parks near Indiana and Illinois include: Six Flags Great America, Raging Rivers Waterpark, and Tropicana Cove.

Go Camping in Your Backyard

As long as your neighborhood is safe and you have permission, backyard camping with friends or family is fun. To make it feel more like a camping experience, you can set up a tent, make smores, and, if you have one, cook food in a campfire pit (hot dogs, marshmallows, popcorns).

Go Swimming in a Pool

Though this may sound like a pretty basic summer hobby, it can be a lot of fun if you do it with the right people. Munster Community Pool offers slides, a diving board, and some food if you're hungry. If you aren't into public pools, then you can go over to a friend's house to swim in their pool.

Developing a Healthy Habit / Getting into a New Hobby

Finally, during this summer, you can try to develop a habit or start a new hobby. You can try doing more yoga / exercise, getting more sleep, reading every day, etc. Habits like these will not only make your summer more enjoyable, but they can also benefit you. As for hobbies, you can try gardening, trying a new sport or instrument, painting / drawing, etc. These hobbies can also help make your life more enjoyable during the summer.

Leaving WWMS

Written by: Rachel Setunge

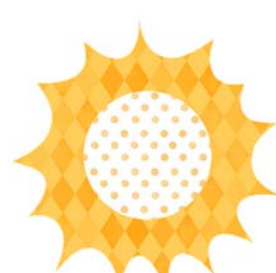
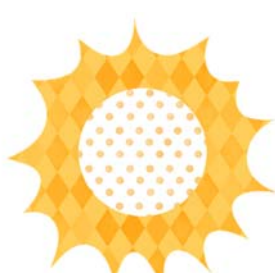
We will certainly be missing all the eighth graders that are leaving for high school and many of them feel bittersweet about this transition.

Many eighth graders feel nervous for high school and have prepared for it immensely. At Wilbur Wright we have a block schedule, however, the high school has a traditional schedule which many are nervous for. On the other hand, an eighth grader who has asked to remain anonymous says, "I think the schedule difference is a big change, but it's a good one. I feel the schedule we have currently at WWMS allows for procrastination". Many students agree about this statement and even though feel comfortable in it, think that traditional will help them become more responsible.

There are many classes to take to be prepared for high school or get high school credit. This eighth grader says, "I'm planning on taking summer classes to have more room for electives in high school". He said that he is very excited to take theater classes since that didn't exist in middle school. He also said that he is not very scared or nervous for this transition because the people will mainly be the same, just more responsibility.

He has said, "I'm definitely going to miss the free time. I know there's just going to be so much more to do in high school, and much less time to do it all." But he says that he is eager to learn new things which many feel will happen because there are so many more clubs and classes. With that being said, he feels nervous about going to the wrong building with all seriousness. He feels like it sounds silly but it would make sense since he has been going to the same place for three years!

To the 7th graders having anxiety about the transition, he says, "A piece of advice I'd like to give to the 7th graders going into 8th grade is just not to sweat it too much. You're going to get things wrong and make mistakes, but it isn't the end of the world. The only big change will be the teachers, and as long as you do your homework and take care of yourself regularly, you'll make it."

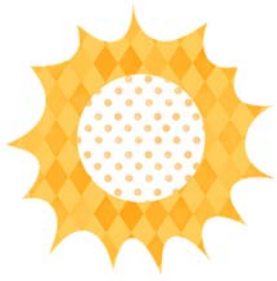


Top 10 Things to Do Over Summer Break

within 2 hours of Munster

Written by: Brandon Wade

1. 6 Flags Great America	A thrilling amusement park with lots of rollercoasters and water rides.	\$44.99 Single Day	1 Great America Parkway, Gurnee, IL	Go early on a weekday early in summer for shorter ride lines
2. Whoa Zone	A beach with a floating obstacle course in the middle of the water.	\$55.00 – All day \$23.00 – 50 mins	1561 Park Rd, Whiting, IN	Check out website for deals including BOGO Tuesdays and discounted Wednesdays.
3. Indiana Dunes	Offers lots of hiking trails and a beach for kids to play at.	\$7.00 – Entry fee	1600 N 25 E, Chesterton, IN	Saturdays are crowded! Try the weekdays or early on weekends.
4. Shedd Aquarium	Where you can view and discover different water animals and learn about them.	Adult - \$41	1200 S DuSable LSD, Chicago, IL	Family membership is worth it for a family of 4!
5. Museum of Science and Industry	A museum filled with hands-on science and cool things to learn.	\$14.95 – Kids \$25.95 – Adults	5700 S DuSable LSD, Chicago, IL	Family membership is worth it and includes free parking.
6. Fair Oaks Farm	A farm with tours, games, and places to learn about the farm. You can even watch a cow being born!	\$22.00 – 1 day	856 N 600 E, Fair Oaks, IN	Be sure to try the grilled cheese and homemade ice cream!
7. Gary Railcats Baseball Game	A fun baseball game with kid activities to participate in during the game.	\$14.00 – regular tickets start	1 Stadium Plaza, Gary, IN	Check out their website for daily deals!
8. Brookfield Zoo	A family fun place to see and learn about lots of interesting animals.	\$29.95 – Adults \$24.95 – Seniors 65+ \$20.95 – Children 3-11	8400 W 31st St, Brookfield, IL	If prices seem too high, remember Lincoln Park Zoo is free <u>year round!</u>
9. Deep River Water Park	NW Indiana's largest water park with lots of fun.	\$29.95 – 1 day \$99.95 Season Pass	9001 E Lincoln Hwy, Crown Point, IN	Parking is free and you can take your own coolers in!
10. WillowThorne Blueberry Farm	A beautiful family owned farm to pick blueberries then go home and make a pie!	Prices depending on pounds of blueberries picked	2701 Glenwood Dyer Rd. Lynwood, IL	Blueberry season starts near 4 th of July – check website for hours.



Summer Fun

Written by: Delilah Klausner

Are you looking for something fun to do this summer? If you need something fun to do for the day or a weekend trip, you can find that here! From indoor to outdoor activities, there is something for everyone!

Whoa Zone:

Where: Whiting, IN (Whihala Beach)

How far: 10 miles (25 minutes)

Ages: minimum of 45 inches

Description: A fun floating obstacle course on water; it has trampolines, climbs, and slides

Open: Based on weather and availability

Extras: Has a concession stand and bathrooms

Lynwood Skating:

Where: Lynwood, IL

How Far: 8 miles (18 minutes)

Ages: All (no skating experience)

Description: A huge skating rink with music

Open: Varies

Extras: Has a snack bar, arcade, private parties, and special events

Mascot Hall of Fame

Where: Whiting, IN

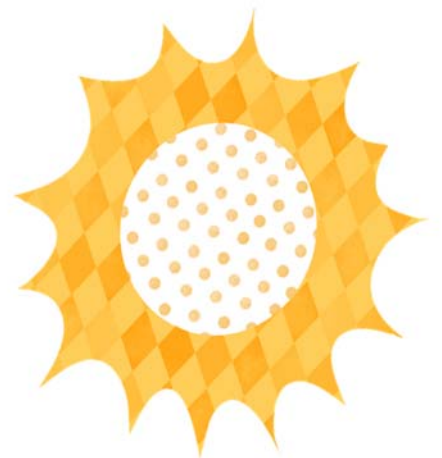
How Far: 10 miles (25 minutes)

Ages: All ages

Description: Sport mascots from now and the past

Open: Wednesday - Saturday from 10 am -5 pm

Extras: Different activities throughout the year



Brookfield Zoo

Where: Brookfield, IL

How Far: 37 miles (45 minutes)

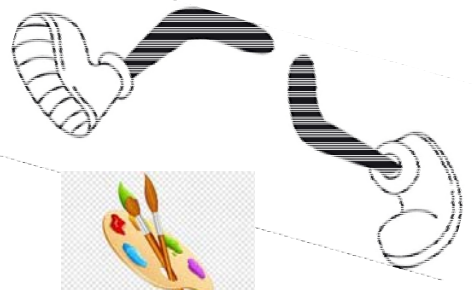
Ages: All ages

Description: A zoo with many types of animals

Open: Every day 10 am - 5 pm

Extras: Have many parks, food vendors, and more

Wilbur Wright



is on A Roll

Written by: Sadie Fuchs

Throughout this year, Wilbur Wright students and staff have accomplished much and worked hard in all fields. We have achieved significant accomplishments academically, in sports, and in every club or program in between. Because of that, this article will recognize many people who have put in their best effort and made Wilbur Wright Middle School proud.

Track- The Track team had a great season this year! Both the boys' and girls' teams placed 4th at their recent conference meet. Many athletes beat their personal records. **Ethan Reyna** and **Jasmina Hamilton** were the conference champions in discus. They were also the conference runner-ups in shot-put., **Zion Richards** was the runner-up in discus, and **Vincent Glombicki** was runner-up in the 400m dash. The team is preparing for their end-of-season party. Great job to everyone on the team!

WWMS Tennis- The Wilbur Wright tennis team had a spectacular season this year. They defeated many teams and did a great job! At the end of their season, they won the conference tournament. They defeated Lowell, Pierce, and Hanover Central. The team worked very hard and deserved this win! Congratulations to all tennis players.

Wilbur Wright Theater Company- In the fall, the Wilbur Wright Theater Company (WWTC) attended the regional conference where they competed against other high schools performing their show *Afflicted*. Being the youngest and only middle school there, they placed fourth beating two schools! They were also the first middle school to ever receive the best ensemble award at a high school regional. **Angel Savic** was recognized for the STO All-Star award for theatrical excellence for her performance as Mary Warren. **Savic** said, "I wasn't really sure if it would be a good fit for me in the beginning, there were a lot of more experienced people than me there and I was a bit intimidated, but before I was able to second-guess myself, my mom signed me up anyway. Even if I didn't know it at the time, she could see my love for musical theater and she was the one who supported me through every step of the way... The Wilbur Wright Theater Company is such an amazing place to be, and everyone is so supportive and kind." Congratulations to **Savic** and all other cast and crew members of *Afflicted* and the company's most recent production *Life With Mother Superior*.

Art- Wilbur Wright is also home to many extraordinary artists! **Rory Peterson** won first place in media at the Tri-County art show! **Olive Hill** won the Juror's Award, and **Renee Flanagan-Seels** and **Christopher Kalwasinski** won Awards of Distinction. Wilbur Wright is lucky to have so many talented artists! Congratulations to all who worked so hard.

There were so many accomplishments made this year, and all of them deserved to be mentioned. Every single student at this school contributed to making Wilbur Wright proud. Congratulations to everyone who participated in these extracurriculars. Without you, Wilbur Wright would not be the way it is now. Wilbur Wright is really on a roll!!

Interview with Officer Cooley

Interview by: Emilia Glombicki

Why did you join the Munster Police Department?

"I joined the police to protect people who can't protect themselves, and in general, I don't like bullies."

Did you have any previous jobs before becoming a police officer?

"Yes, my previous job was a mailman."

How long have you been on the police force?

"I have been on police force for over 25 years."

Have you arrested someone, and if so, about how many people have you arrested?

"Yes, I have arrested about 1,875 people, somewhere around a 100 a year."

What is your favorite thing to do as a police officer?

"My favorite thing to do as a police officer is to serve and protect innocent people."

What is your favorite color?

"My favorite color is green camouflage."

What is your favorite food?

"My favorite food is fried shrimp."

Who is your favorite superhero?

"My favorite superhero is Black Panther."

Who is your favorite villain?

"The Joker is my favorite villain."

What is your favorite sport?

"My favorite sport is basketball."

What is your favorite subject?

"My favorite subject in school was P.E."

What is your favorite animal?

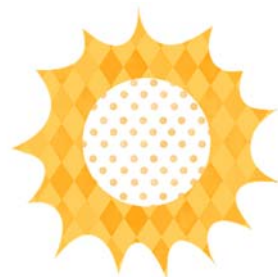
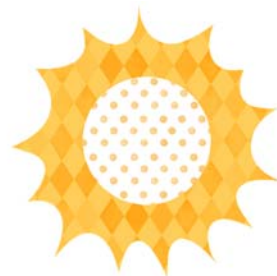
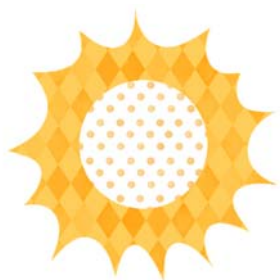
"My favorite animal is a sea turtle."

Do you have any pets?

"No, but I did have a leopard gecko, and a dog. The name of the leopard gecko was, Spots, and the dog was named, Baby Bo."

When is your birthday?

"My birthday is August 20th."



Cooling Off This Summer

Contributed by: Jacklyn Bonczalski

Summer is an amazing season off of school, but sometimes, the weather is too hot. These two amazing recipes can cool down your summer!

How to make creamy popsicles: Whole milk plain Greek yogurt is great for making homemade popsicles. It has a lower water content than regular yogurt, meaning less water crystals to make your popsicles icy! Full-fat coconut milk from a can is another great basis for making healthy creamy popsicles. The result is a soft, melt-in-your-mouth texture. Which ever you choose, Greek yogurt or coconut milk, you'll want to sweeten it with something, like honey, agave, or maple syrup, then mix it with your favorite popsicle flavors.

How to mold: You've got your perfectly flavored mixture, and you're ready to mold it! If you don't have a popsicle mold, shot glasses, yogurt containers, muffin tins, and ice cube trays work as well. The mixture will naturally expand as it freezes, so make sure to leave a little space in the top of your mold when you add the mixture.

How to add the sticks: The lid of your mold should help them to stand straight, but if you have issues with them going crooked, tightly wrap the top of the mold with aluminum foil. Try to prevent the stick from touching the sides of your popsicle tray. Then just poke your popsicle sticks through the foil and they will stand upright!

How long to freeze your pops: Next comes the freezing. Depending on how thick your popsicles are, it should take anywhere between 4 and 8 hours to freeze solid. For even more perfect pops, turn your freezer as cold as it will go. The quicker your popsicles freeze, the softer they will be in the end.

How to unmold: The fastest and most efficient way of unmolding popsicles is by simply running the mold under warm water. Hold the bottoms of the mold under running water, moving it around to evenly warm each mold. After about 10 seconds your popsicles should come out easily!

After that recipe, your summer can be cooled off any time you like. But, how about an early morning drink? Here is a recipe for a smoothie!

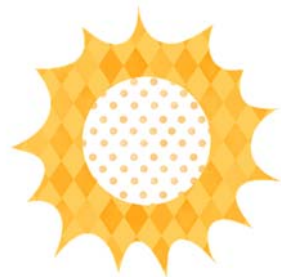
Here are the ingredients you need to make a fruit smoothie:

One frozen banana, peeled and sliced, 2 cups of frozen strawberries, raspberries, or cherries, 1 cup milk, ½ cup of plain or vanilla yogurt, ½ cup of freshly squeezed orange juice, and lastly, 2 to 3 tablespoons of honey .

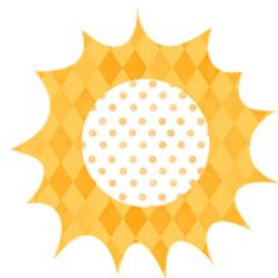
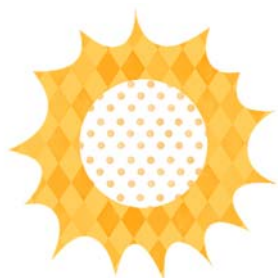
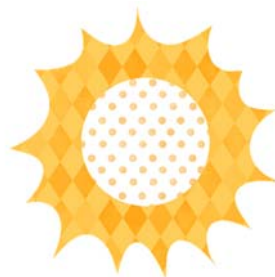
After you get all of your ingredients, put them in a blender. Keep it mixing until smooth. Then, get your glasses and serve your new fruit smoothie!

(Source: Food Network.com)

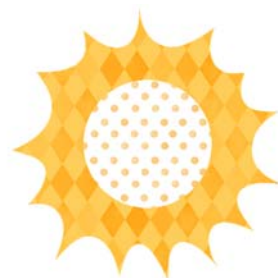
After those two delicious recipes, your summer should be as cool as a cucumber! Have an amazing summer WWMS!!



**Congratulations
Wilbur Wright!
You made it!**



**Good luck to all
of our 8th grade
students as you head to
HIGH SCHOOL!!**



**Have a fun, relaxing summer!
See you in August!**

