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Bringing you the middle school scoop...

Principal's Message

May 25, 2023

Dear Westlake Middle School Families,

This week was great. Be sure to scroll past the upcoming dates to see trips, concerts, enrichment, and extensions of learning.

A special thank you to all of the faculty and staff who are hard at work focusing on strong, engaging, educational, and yes fun events for May and June.

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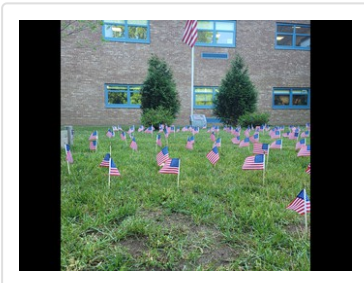
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Important New Information



May 29th - Memorial Day

Take some time to remember those who sacrificed their lives so that we can live with liberty and pursue happiness. And thank you to all of our veterans who served with those who gave all.



Remembering, Honoring, and Giving Back

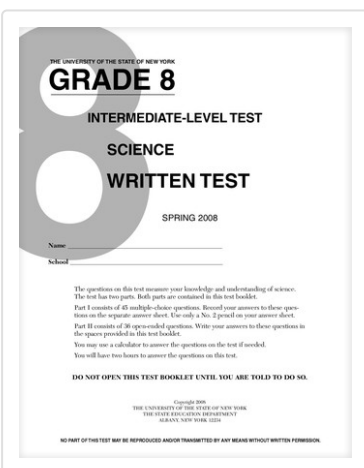
Led by our Social Studies Department, students placed hundreds of flags at our September 11th Memorial to honor those who died in military service. We are also very proud to share that a WHS student and former WHS student has started refurbishing the memorial as part of her Girl Scouts Gold Award Project.



NOTE CHANGE OF DATE - June 12th - Community Leader Project Celebration Night

8th Graders have completed their Community Leader Project and are in the process of presenting their projects to their supervisor and classmates. As a culminating activity for the hard work your son/daughter has put into their project, there will be a Celebration Night on **June 12th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** in the middle school. All CLP students are required to attend the Celebration Night.

Upcoming Dates



May 23rd and June 5th - 8th Grade Science Exam

Students not taking the Living Environment Regents will take the 8th Grade New York State Science Exam.

- May 23rd - Performance Component
- June 5th - Written Component



May 25th and May 30th - Spring NWEA MAP Assessments for Grades 6 - 8

These benchmark assessments are given in school in the morning. They are computer-based and take about an hour to complete.

- May 25th - Reading Assessment
- May 30th - Math Assessment



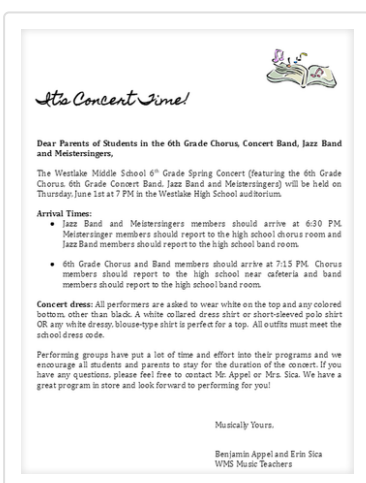
May 26th through May 29th - Memorial Day Weekend



May 31st - National Junior Honor Society Ceremony

Appropriate Dress Required

Collared Shirt/Tie, Slacks, Dress Shoes or Dress/Skirt/Blouse, Dress Shoes



June 1st - The Westlake Middle School 6th Grade Spring Concert

The Westlake Middle School 6th Grade Spring Concert (featuring the 6th Grade Chorus, 6th Grade Concert Band, Jazz Band and Meistersingers) will be held on Thursday, June 1st at 7 PM in the Westlake High School auditorium.

Arrival Times:

- Jazz Band and Meistersingers arrive at 6:30 PM.
- 6th Grade Chorus and Band arrive at 7:15 PM.



June - End of Year Schedule

June 14th - June 22nd are early dismissal days for all students.

Students are dismissed at 11:15 a.m.

June 14th:

- 7th Grade Field Day
- Living Environment Regents in the afternoon

June 15th:

- 6th Grade Field Day
- Algebra Regents in the afternoon.

June 16th:

- 8th Grade Field Day
- 8th Grade Yearbooks Distributed

June 19th: Juneteenth - School Closed

June 20th: 8th Grade Moving Up Rehearsal and Breakfast

June 21st: 8th Grade Field Day - Rain Date

June 22nd: 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony at 9:30 a.m.

June 23rd: 8th Grade Moving Up - Rain Date at 9:30 a.m.



June 22nd - 8th Grade Moving Up Dance

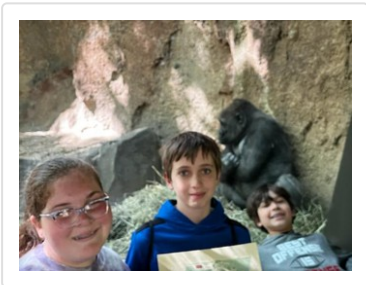
The PTA is hosting a dance for 8th Graders. Ticket information will be sent soon.

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



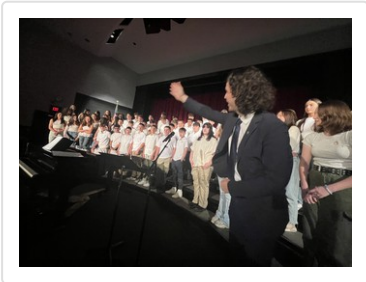
The Meistersingers Perform

Mr. Appel and The Meistersingers kicked off an evening of celebration at the May Board of Education Meeting by performing *The Never Ending Story*.



6th Grade Visit to The Bronx Zoo

Gorillas are among our closest relatives in the wild and that's pretty clear watching ours. From cautious to playful to nurturing, each has a unique personality. It's always a thrill to see them interact.



Spring Concerts

The 7th Grade and 8th Grade gave a great performance. Thank you Mr. Appel and Mrs. Sica



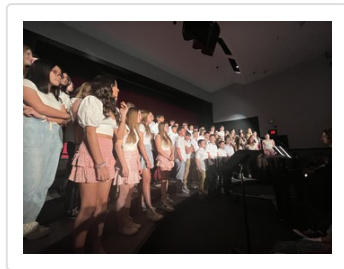
7th & 8th Grade Band

Superior!



8th Grade Chorus

Viva La Vida!



7th Grade Chorus

Amazing!

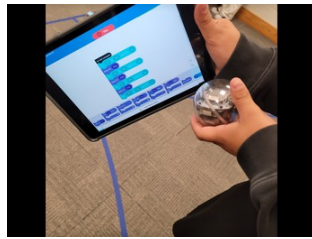


Steam Symposium Field Day

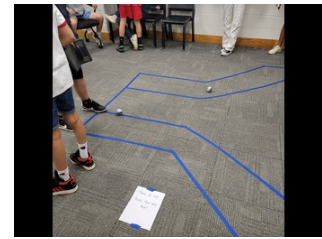
All 6th graders participated in the first STEAM Symposium Field Day. This in-school event featured over 15 presentations from experts in the field on topics such as Artificial Intelligence, Cryptology, Edible Gardening, and Veterinary Science, to name a few. The goal is to inspire and empower students about opportunities in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM).



6th Grade Extensions of Learning



Coding

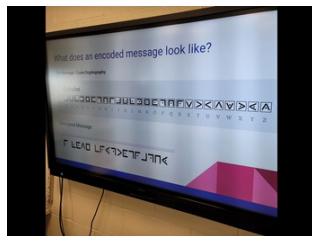


Robotics

Thank you to Janet Matthews
and Mary Knopp, our
Symposium Leaders.



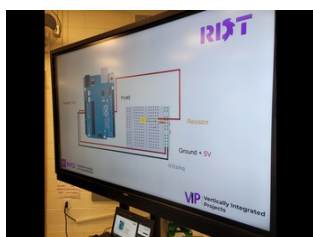
Sensory Perception



Cryptography



Hydroponics and Aquaponics



Electrical Engineering



Biology



Climatology

...and much more

Looking Ahead - Save The Dates



Coming soon...

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



Summer!