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Bringing you the middle school scoop...

Principal's Message

June 9, 2023

Dear Westlake Middle School Families,

Slow down!

As always, there are so many great things going on. The end of the year always seems to speed up. Slow down and take a moment to reflect on all of the great learning and growth that occurred, and take a moment to enjoy the last few weeks of school.

WMS Calendar Link: <https://wms.mtplcsd.org/quicklinks/calendar>

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Important New Information



8th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony

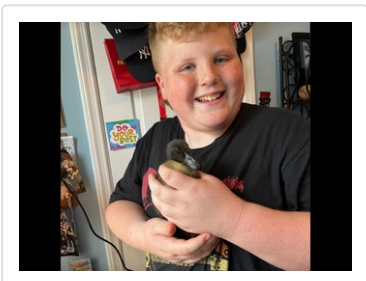
We are getting ready for our Moving-Up Ceremony. We are on track to have our celebration on the new turf Main Athletic Field.

To be fully prepared, the 8th Grade will rehearse next Friday in lieu of Field Day. The 8th Grade will have Field Day on June 21st (the scheduled rain date).

Early next week we will send out information about parking and accessing the bleachers and the field. This will include access for people with mobility concerns. If you have any specific questions or needs you can call the main office.

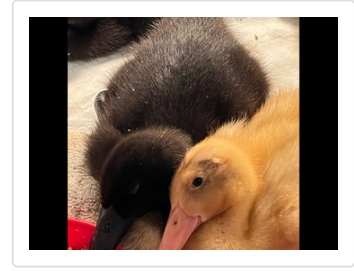
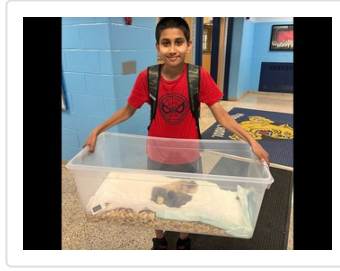
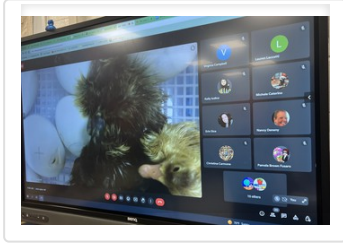
As a reminder, for the integrity of the new turf field - ***no pointed heels please.***

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



Friendly Fowl

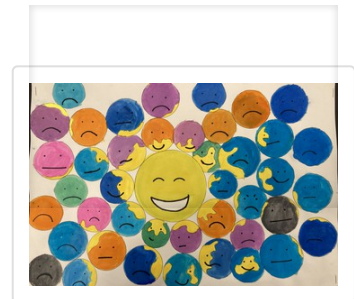
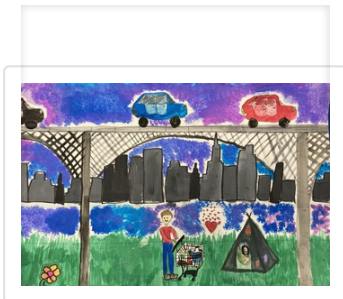
Hatching of baby ducklings brought opportunities of in depth learning and in depth loving at the middle school this spring season. Through the incubation period, the students had the learning experiences, of maintaining temperature and humidity, calculating the percent weight loss of the eggs, and monitoring the growth inside each egg through candling. We were lucky enough to be in school for the actual hatching of 12 of the ducklings which was broadcast via livestream. Upon hatching, students had the learning experiences of creating an appropriate habitat for these new hatchlings, learning first hand about adaptations that connect to survival, and giving love and care to these new little lives.



Peace Poster Contest Winners

"For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity."

Students and their families will be invited to attend a dinner at Casa Rina on June 22nd where they will be honored for their achievements.



8th Grade Photo Scavenger Hunt Contest Winners

Congratulations to our winners and their friends. Two 8th Graders found almost all of the NYC landmarks on our sightseeing cruise.

Upcoming Dates



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.



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 Moving-Up Ceremony Rehearsal - **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF FIELD DAY DATE**
- 8th Grade Yearbooks Distributed

June 19th: Juneteenth - School Closed

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

June 21st: **8th Grade Field Day**

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 was sent to families.

Looking Ahead - Save The Dates



Summer!