

WELCOME BACK!

WOODLAND HILLS IS EXCITED TO WELCOME BACK OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR. WE'LL SEE YOU WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24!



SAVE THE DATE!

PARENTS AND PTAS/PTOS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A KICK-OFF MEETING ON MONDAY, AUG. 29 TO DISCUSS THE UPCOMING YEAR. MORE INFO WILL BE SHARED CLOSER TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION



SPECIAL PARENT MEETING TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 29 FOR ALL GRADES

The district would like to invite all parents to attend a special district-wide parent meeting on Monday, August 29. The meeting will be held at 5 p.m. from the district board room at the central administration building. Parents are welcome to join us in person or to join us via Zoom. A Zoom link will be shared closer to the meeting date.

The purpose of this meeting is to have PTAs, the PAC, the CRT, and all other parent groups - as well as individual parents who would like to be involved - get together and talk about the upcoming school year with the administration.

We all understand the importance of communication and want to streamline pathways for parents and community members to stay informed. The hope is this meeting will be a launchpad for effective communication throughout the 2022-2023 school year.

WOODLAND HILLS HIRING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Like a lot of school districts, Woodland Hills is eager to add qualified, ambitious substitute teachers to its roster for the 2022-23 school year. Even as the school year gets underway, our partners at Kelly Services are accepting applications from anyone interested in joining the district as a substitute teacher.

Becoming a substitute is easier than you'd think. Kelly Services will provide all of the training necessary to be successful. Pre-hire training, paid orientation, and ongoing professional

development ensures that substitute teachers are always prepared with the skills needed to thrive in the classroom.

For more information, please reach out to Kelly Services recruiter Milana Kosanovich at 412-643-4168 or via email at milk552@kellyservices.com.

Getting started as a substitute teacher requires just a Bachelor's degree in any subject and the ability to pass Pennsylvania Department of Education clearances. Get started on an application today and join the Woodland Hills School District!



SAVE THE DATE!

Aug. 23 - Kindergarten Orientation
Aug. 24 - First Day of School
Aug. 25 - First Day of Kindergarten
Sept. 27 - High School Open House (6-8)
Sept. 28 - Dickson Open House (6-8)
Sept. 29 - Elementary Open House (6-8)
Nov. 7 - Parent-Teacher Conferences (K-12)
Dec. 5-16 - Keystone Exams (7-12, Wave 1)
Jan. 4-18 - Keystone Exams (7-12, Wave 2)
Feb. 9 - Parent-Teacher Conferences (K-12)
April 24-28 - English PSSAs (3-8)
May 1-12 - Math (3-8), Science (4/8) PSSAs
May 15-26 - Keystone Exams (7-12)
June 1 - High School Graduation

Full calendar - <https://www.whsd.net/our-district/2021-22-approved-school-calendar-clone>

NEWS FROM DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION



WHSD ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY

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- ✓ **BOUNCY HOUSE, FACE PAINTING**
- ✓ **MAGIC SHOW, ENTERTAINMENT**
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**10:00 AM -
2:00 PM**

**DICKSON PREPARATORY STEAM ACADEMY
7301 SCHOYER AVENUE
SWISSVALE, PA 15218**

**COMMUNITY PROVIDERS MAY SIGN UP TO HOST AN
ACTIVITY/INFORMATION TABLE USING THE LINK BELOW**

For more information contact:
Teresa Hawthorne @
hawtte@whsd.net

<https://www.signupgenius.com/qo/5080B4BA5AB28A4F85-whcommunity>

WOODLAND HILLS SETS LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

The structure of the Woodland Hills administration under Superintendent Dr. Daniel Castagna was approved by the Woodland Hills School District Board of School Directors during a special legislative meeting held on Thursday, July 14, 2022.

Angel Boyd has been named Assistant to the Superintendent of Human Resources/Chief of Staff, Dr. Pamela White has been appointed Assistant to the Superintendent of Administrative Services, Eddie Willson has been named Assistant to the

Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and Charmayne Gather has been appointed Coordinator of Administrator Services.

Ms. Boyd, Dr. White, Mr. Willson and Ms. Gather were all previously with the district in various administrative roles. Woodland Hills also announced the hiring of Rosa Valenzuala-Gonzalez as the district's Health Resources and Bilingual School Coordinator. Ms. Valenzuala-Gonzalez comes to Woodland Hills after serving as a contractor in the district with Adagio Health.



NEWS FROM WOODLAND HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

To help the incoming ninth graders make the leap from middle school to high school, the high school administration hosted a 9th Grade Transition Camp that ran the first week of August.

The camp was facilitated by Woodland Hills staff and some community partners. It featured a number of activities, guidance, tips and advice for making the adjustment to high school life. The activities and programming centered on team building, peer-to-peer engagement, peer leadership, career pathways, and STEM.

It also featured special guest speakers and presentations to help round out the experience for our incoming scholars. The district and the high school admin team are both grateful for all who helped make this transition camp a possibility.



HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERS WITH PENN STATE FOR STUDENT SUMMIT BOOT CAMP

The Woodland Hills Student Summit has become an integral part of the district's effort to provide a platform for students to be engaged with their community and peers regarding important issues. It's progressed from a virtual summit consisting of just Woodland Hills students to a multi-district in-person summit held this past March.

On July 29, students had the opportunity to take part in a Student Summit Summer Boot Camp, hosted by Penn State Center. They engaged with peers and leaders in their chosen topics for this year which include: Mental Health, Animal Welfare, Climate Change, LGBTQ, Racial Injustice, and Women's Rights. Students engaged in a mental health model led by alumni Meghan Reichert and Ramera Powell. Thanks to Penn State for partnering with us on this event!



MEET THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TEAM

The Woodland Hills School District is excited to introduce the high school administration team for the 2022-23 school year.

Shelly Manns and Berchman Grinage, Jr. have been hired as co-principals at Woodland Hills High School. Ms. Manns served as the interim high school principal for the 2021-22 school year and will have a concentrated focus on 11th and 12th grade. Mr. Grinage comes to Woodland Hills from Pittsburgh Public Schools and will have a focus on 9th and 10th grade.

Rounding out the high school administration will be Assistant Principal Marisa Bragg, Assistant Principal Michelle Collins, Assistant to the Director of Pupil Personnel Marlon Youngblood, and Dean of Students Timothy Brown. Mr. Brown comes to Woodland Hills from the McKeesport Area School District while Ms. Bragg, Ms. Collins and Mr. Youngblood were part of the high school team last year.

Woodland Hills High School

Principals: Ms. Shelly Manns (11/12), Mr. Berchman Grinage (9/10)

Email: mannsh@whsd.net, grinbe@whsd.net

Main Office Phone: 412-244-1100

School Facebook: facebook.com/WoodlandHillsHighSchool

School Twitter: @WoodlandHillsHS

NEWS FROM DICKSON PREPARATORY STEAM ACADEMY



GET IN TOUCH WITH THE STAFF AT DICKSON PREPARATORY STEAM ACADEMY

Schoology gives parents access to their students' work and their teachers' contact information. But if you need to reach out to the Dickson administration or want to follow along on social media, here's how you can stay connected.

Dickson Preparatory STEAM Academy

Principals: Ms. Kristin Scott

Email: scotkr@whsd.net

Main Office Phone: 412-731-5816

School Facebook: facebook.com/DicksonSTEAMAcademy



Dickson Preparatory STEAM Academy has new leadership for the 2022-23 school year. The Woodland Hills School District has hired Kristin Scott as the new principal at Dickson. Ms. Scott comes to Woodland Hills from Propel McKeesport, where she had tremendous success as the principal.

Joining her will be Assistant Principal Joshua Manning and Dean of Instruction Allyson Teti, both of whom were part of Ms. Scott's team at Propel McKeesport.

There will be an opportunity to meet the new team on Monday, August 22. Sixth graders and their families are welcome to stop by at 1 p.m., seventh graders should visit at 2 p.m., and eighth graders should come by at 3 p.m.

Along with meeting the new administrators, there will be food trucks, live music from D.J. Oz, and much more. The entire staff at Dickson is excited for the 2022-23 school year!

BE PART OF A TEAM AT DICKSON!

Seventh and eighth graders at Dickson Preparatory STEAM Academy have the opportunity to play organized sports. Dickson sponsors teams throughout the school year, giving students an opportunity to learn, compete, and enhance their skills on the field, on the court, and on the track. Reach out to athletic director Angela Franke at franan@whsd.net for information.

Fall sports currently offered at Dickson include: Volleyball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, and Swimming.

Winter sports currently offered at Dickson include: 7th Grade Boys Basketball, 8th Grade Boys Basketball, 7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball, and Middle School Cheer.

Spring sports currently offered at Dickson include: Baseball, Softball, and Track and Field.

Also, while the season is rapidly approach, any 7th or 8th grade students interested in playing Middle School Football are asked to reach out to Tim Bostard. Coach Tim can be reached via email at bostti@whsd.net or by phone at (412) 244-1100 Ext 5152.

NEWS FROM EDGEWOOD, TURTLE CREEK AND WILKINS ELEMENTARY STEAM ACADEMIES



HOW TO GET IN CONTACT WITH THE ELEMENTARY BUILDINGS

With the start of a new school year, here's a refresher on how to get in touch with your child's school. Most of your communication with your child's teachers should be done through Schoology. If you're not already signed up, please access the Schoology sign-up page via <https://www.whsd.net/quick-links/parent-schoology>

If you need to reach out to the school principal or main office, use the contact information below.

Edgewood Elementary STEAM Academy

Principal: Ms. Kelly Mann

Email: mannke@whsd.net

Main Office Phone: 412-731-2238

School Facebook: facebook.com/EdgewoodSTEAMAcademy/

Turtle Creek Elementary STEAM Academy

Principal: Dr. Jean Livingston

Email: mcatje@whsd.net

Main Office Phone: 412-824-2450

School Facebook: facebook.com/TurtleCreekSTEAMAcademy/

Wilkins Elementary STEAM Academy

Principal: Ms. Allison Kline

Email: klinal@whsd.net

Main Office Phone: 412-824-3231

School Facebook: facebook.com/WilkinsSTEAMAcademy/

WELCOME BACK FROM THE PRINCIPALS AT EDGEWOOD, TURTLE CREEK, AND WILKINS!

Edgewood, Turtle Creek, and Wilkins are all STEAM Academies and the district is investing in materials and professional development to enhance this aspect of our educational offerings.

The district has partnered with VEX Robotics to provide hands-on, exploratory learning with our students. The VEX Robotics will be a daily offering for all students. We can't wait for this opportunity!

Edgewood, Turtle Creek and Wilkins Elementary STEAM Academies are excited to open our doors for the 2022-2023 school year on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 for our students in 1st through 5th grades!

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten's first full day of school will be Thursday, August 25, 2022.

Each school will have a Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Orientation. The times are listed below:

Tuesday, August 23, 2022 Pre-Kindergarten Orientation:

- Edgewood: 10:30 a.m.
- Turtle Creek: 10:30 a.m.
- Wilkins: 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 23, 2022 Kindergarten Orientation:

- Edgewood: 9:30 a.m.
- Turtle Creek: 9:30 a.m.
- Wilkins: 9:30 a.m.

Our school day begins at 8:55 and dismissal begins at 3:45. Please remember the students in the 3 elementary schools wear uniforms; any solid color shirt with a collar and black, khaki or blue pants, shorts, skirts or jumpers.

Make sure to stop by and visit our tables at Community Day on Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Also make sure to mark your calendar for September 29, 2022 when each of the elementary schools host Open House.

We are looking forward to an amazing school year and working together to ensure each student has an amazing academic year!

NEWS FROM EDGEWOOD, TURTLE CREEK AND WILKINS ELEMENTARY STEAM ACADEMIES



WOODLAND HILLS OPPORTUNITY CAMP A HIT WITH K-5 STUDENTS

The second year of Opportunity Camp was a rousing success. This year's camp was offered to students in kindergarten through fifth grade and served as a way to help them work on their reading and math skills in a fun yet educational environment.

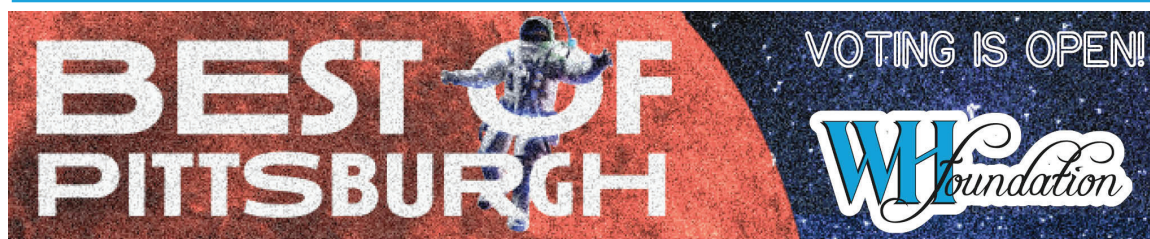
Students rotated between classroom sessions dedicated toward enhancing their math and reading toolkits and hands-on learning experiences brought to the camp by our community partners.

These partnerships enabled our students to enjoy plenty of new experiences, foster their creativity, and make some new friends! Each Friday also featured a field trip for students, with trips to museums, the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium, and much more.

Thanks to everyone who made Year Two of Opportunity Camp a huge success!



NEWS FROM THE WOODLAND HILLS FOUNDATION



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SATURDAY OCT. 15th

2PM - 4PM WOODLAND HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

The poster features a large, light purple full moon in the background. In the foreground, there is a red car with its trunk open, filled with colorful candy. Four small white skulls are hanging from the trunk. To the left of the car are two cartoon monsters: a red one with horns and a green one with a single eye. To the right of the car are two more cartoon monsters: a blue one and a yellow one. Several small black bats are flying around the moon.