

# WMS Paw Print

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Bringing you the middle school scoop...

### Principal's Message

August 18, 2023

Dear Westlake Middle School Families,

It is about time to kick off the school year. The building is looking good and soon teachers will return to begin setting up classrooms. Schedules are available in the portal this afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

At our Incoming 6th Grade Orientation in June, we assigned *summer homework* for parents. *If we all just talk about it* was the phrase we used to title the homework. We asked parents to have conversations closer to the start of school about how we can all contribute to a positive school culture. Whether it is being kind and avoiding name-calling, being inclusive and open to making new friends and trying new things, or making a commitment to being independent, focusing on growth, and asking for help, please take a moment to reinforce the things that are important to you and our school culture.

#### **KEEP THE PAW PRINT BOOKMARKED!**

Once you have access to the newsletter it will update automatically, so go back at any time to see the latest version.

Older versions will be archived on our <https://wms.mtplcsd.org/parent-resources/httpsmtplcsdorgfinalsitecomfsadminsitempages1574>

### Important New Information, Upcoming Dates, and Reminders

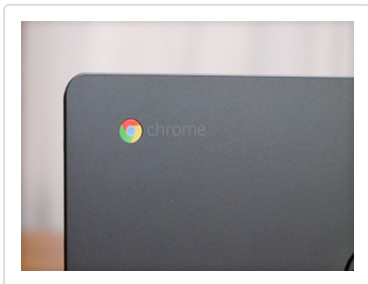


## Required Health Forms

It is important that you make sure that required health forms are submitted before the start of school. The linked document contains information and access to all of the forms that you will need. If you have any questions you can reach out to our school nurse Cheryl Horowitz:

[chorowitz@mtplcsd.org](mailto:chorowitz@mtplcsd.org)

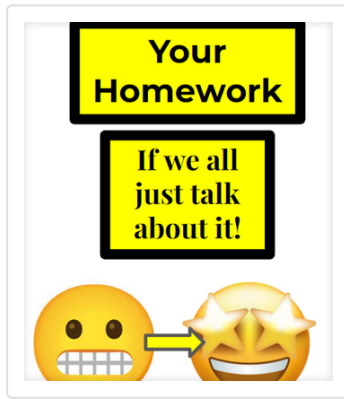
Health Forms: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-t0AjrCzJKq8Y4HVIgeD9ASIXu3JLMrExpGmTCafFUA/edit>



## Chromebooks

Chromebooks will be distributed to each grade as follows:

- **Grade 6 Students** can pick up their Chromebook during Bagels and Locks on August 31st from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Students who are unable to pick them up will receive them the first week of school.
- **Grade 7 Students** will use the Chromebooks issued to them last year and taken home at the end of 6th Grade.
- **Grade 8 Students** will turn in the Chromebooks issued to them last year and taken home at the end of the year, and receive a new Chromebook during the first week of school.



## Positive School Culture

The start of a new year can make us anxious. Take a moment to reinforce the things that are important to our school culture and help us eliminate some of that anxiety.



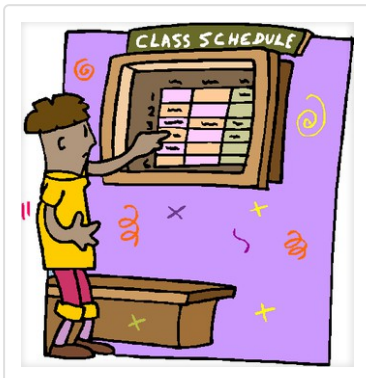
## Resilient

The PTA Book Study this year will focus on "Raising Resilient Tweens." What do our students do when they make a mistake?



## Friendships

A common theme that arises in middle school is shifting friendships. This resource might spark some conversation.



## August 18th - Student Schedules

We are engaged in the scheduling process and anticipate that **schedules will be available online at 3:30 p.m.** If you have any questions about scheduling you can reach out to the school counselors.

Mr. Keogh - [wkeogh@mtplcsd.org](mailto:wkeogh@mtplcsd.org)

Ms. Greco - [tgrec@mtplcsd.org](mailto:tgrec@mtplcsd.org)



## August 31st - School Supplies Pick-Up

**Families that ordered school supplies can pick them up on August 31st at the back circle.**

**Grade 6:** Pick-up is between 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. during Bagels and Locks.

**Grades 7 and 8:** Pick-up will begin at 5:00 p.m.

If you are unable to pick them up they will be distributed to students on the first day of school.

You can find the supply list on the parent resource page of our website:

<https://wms.mtplcsd.org/parent-resources/family-update>

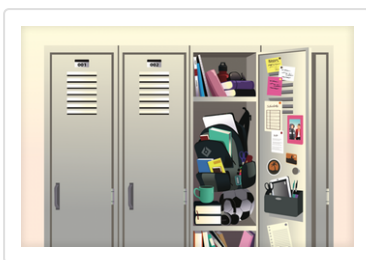


## August 31st - PTA Bagels and Locks

Our PTA is sponsoring a welcome event for our 6th Graders. 6th Graders and their parents are welcome to come in, set up their lockers, and map out their schedule of classes on:

**August 31st from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.**

If any 7th and 8th Graders wish to earn community service hours by giving tours and advice to 6th Graders, please email Mr. Mungioli [amungioli@mtplcsd.org](mailto:amungioli@mtplcsd.org) or report to the Main Office between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. on August 31st.



## September 1st - 7th and 8th Grade Locker Set-Up

Our expert independent 7th and 8th Graders are welcome to get a jump start on the year on the morning of:

**September 1st from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.**

Students will have access to the building to set up their lockers.

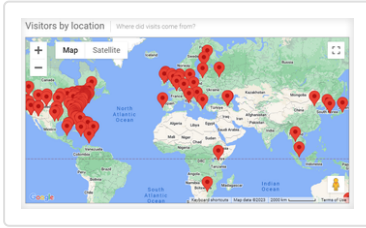
## Principals' Leadership Group - Snapshots of What's Happening at WMS



## Community Leadership - Civics Service and Careers

Each year our 8th Graders conduct research and engage in a Community Leadership Project. To expand on these learning opportunities we will be encouraging students to make connections between their projects and future career pathways and introducing them to the *career clusters*.

In addition to uncovering career pathways through academics in WMS and WHS, we encourage and provide other opportunities for students to begin thinking about how the knowledge and skills they are acquiring connect to a future career.



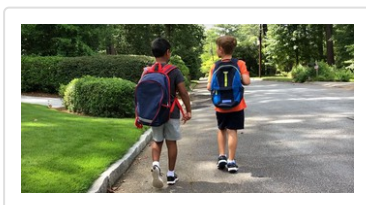
## WMS Around The Globe?

The platform that we use to send our newsletter provides some interesting analytics. We can not only see how many people are viewing the newsletter but from where there are viewing it. It looks like WMS families are experiencing cultures from around the world, including Italy, Armenia, Montenegro, Hawaii, Thailand, China, Japan, Korea, Australia, South Africa, Portugal, Mexico, Canada, The Caribbean, and all over the amazing U.S.A. We'd love to hear from students about their exploration of the globe, cultures, and rich histories. Safe travels!

## Upcoming Dates - Looking Ahead - Save The Dates



September 4th - Labor Day



September 5th - 1st Day of School for Students



## September 11th Remembrance



Each year we invite students to visit the September 11th Memorial in the rear of the building for a moment of silence and remembrance on the morning of September 11th. We ask you to join us in honoring those that lost their lives and all of our nation's military and first responders who stand ready to keep us safe.

## September 12th at 7:00 p.m. - 6th Grade Parent Woo Hoo Welcome



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