

WMS Paw Print

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Bringing you the middle school scoop...

Principal's Message

September 8, 2023

Dear Westlake Middle School Families,

We are off to a good start! Our 6th Graders did a great job of getting acclimated to their new school, while our 7th and 8th Graders returned with enthusiasm ready to go.

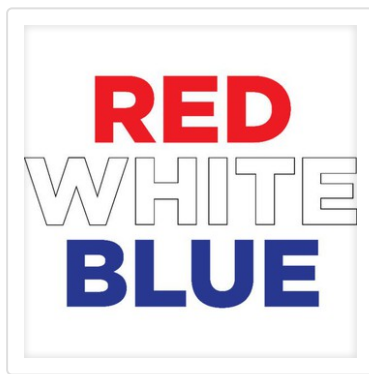
We look forward to seeing our 6th Grade Parents next Tuesday for The 6th Grade Parent Woo Hoo Welcome.

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/httpsmtplcsdorgfinalsitecomfsadminsitepages1574>

Important New Information, Upcoming Dates, and Reminders



September 11th Remembrance

Students are encouraged to wear RED, WHITE, and BLUE!

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

We will meet in the Westlake Middle School Cafeteria. The Cafeteria is nearest to the Back Circle Entrance. We hope to see you there.

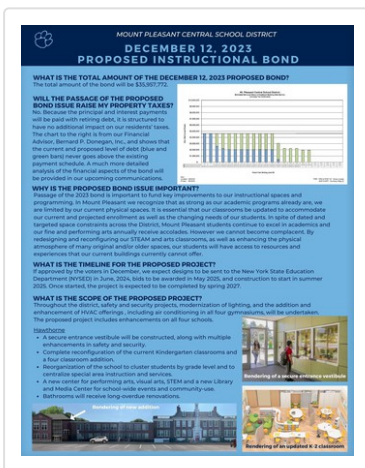
PTA year at a glance 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR		
AUG Bagel & "Lucky" Incoming 8th graders! Summer Fundraiser (Spirit Wear!)	SEP Back to School Food Truck Night 8th Grade Woo Hoo Welcome Welcome back Breakfast (staff)	OCT New Student Council Reception Spirit Week The Haunting at WMS
NOV Fall Fundraiser Fall Festival	DEC Holiday Boutique Winter Festival	JAN Winter Fundraiser WMS Skate night Fundraiser
FEB 8th Grade Dance	MAR Faculty Fundraiser Volleyball game 8th Grade Glow Party Pi Day St. Patrick's Day Multicultural Celebration	APR 7th Grade Spring Fling Spring Fundraiser
MAY 8th Grade Trip Teacher Appreciation Week Cider Run Cinco De Mayo	JUN 8th Grade Circle Line Trip 8th Grade Yearbook & T-Shirt Party 8th Grade Graduation/Dance Field Days	JUL Enjoy your Summer break!

PTA Membership

Please be sure to support our PTA by signing up to be a member using this link:

<https://wmspta18-19.memberhub.com/store?limit=21&live=true&category=Memberships>

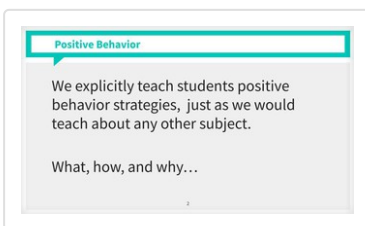
Check out the monthly event calendar for a glance at all of the great work that our PTA does for the students of WMS.



Announcing the 2023 Proposed Instructional Bond

Please be sure to read about the proposed bond to improve our teaching and learning facilities on the district website:

<https://www.mtplcsd.org/>



Beginning of Year Activities

Each year we review the code of conduct and frame the discussion in various ways. We emphasize that students should focus on the discussion with the goal of making one important change. Even though your child may be hesitant, I encourage you to ask them to share an important takeaway from our yearly discussion.

We've seen a lot of positive behavior this week. Let's keep the momentum so we can dive deep into learning.



Riding The Bus

Students are only permitted to ride on the bus that they are assigned to. We will remind students of this and monitor bus ridership. Please remind your child at home and ask them to do their part.

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

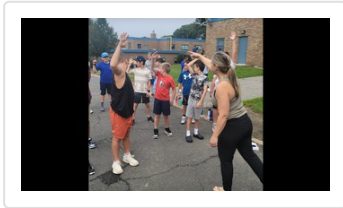


6th Grade University

Each year we get our 6th Graders ready for a new school year in a new school with a week of fun, engaging, and purposeful activities. Students take building tours, practice drafting emails, discuss behaviors that contribute to learning, build homework and study habits, and engage in team building. At

the end of the week, we have some fun outdoor activities to emphasize the message that all are included and we are a team. Thank you to our PTA for providing some delicious ice pops.

This year the 6th Grade really shined! Bell schedules, lockers, and changing classes can be challenging, but the smiles tell a story of meeting those challenges.



Simon Says...

Listen carefully and think fast.
Know when you are out
because we're on the honor
system.



Kindness...

Encouraging students to build
positive and new friendships



Getting to Know Each other...

With "Two Truths and a Lie"



The Importance of Reading and Literacy

As part of our 6th Grade University, we have a whole grade "Read-In" at the end of the week. This has become a favorite of the faculty and staff. We get to slow down and enjoy a book with the students.

Please encourage your child to slow down and enjoy a good book regularly.

Upcoming Dates - Looking Ahead - Save The Dates



September 21st from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Back To School Night

Back to School Night is from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Parents follow their student's schedule and visit classrooms from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. We are working with our PTA to plan the Pre-Classroom visits. We'll keep you posted!

Westlake Middle School Website

Mount Pleasant Central School District Website

