

# WMS Paw Print

## 2023.09.29

Bringing you the middle school scoop...



### Principal's Message

September 29, 2023

Dear Westlake Middle School Families,

Thank you to our families for your patience at dismissal today.

As noted at Back-to-School Night and in a recent communication from Dr. Bronstein, we will administer our fall benchmarks in October. These help us gather data about groups and individuals three times a year so that we can adjust instruction.

More importantly, the daily evidence of learning is everywhere, and I have the best seat in the house. I get to hear:

- 6th Graders say, "When we do experiments we learn and remember science facts better."
- 7th Graders say, "When we learn new vocabulary we also become better writers."
- 8th Graders say, "When I have good evidence to support my claim I can write more and make my writing more clear."

When students make these explicit connections between *what*, *how*, and *why*, they are learning, their learning becomes more important to them as learners. Compliments to our students for thinking about the *why*. Compliments to

teachers for including the *why* in their teaching and learning objectives.

## 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>



## A glance at the upcoming week...

Week of 10/2 - 10/6

### Monday - Day A

- 2:25-3:15 pm: Spanish Club (All Grades)
- 2:30-3:30 pm: Talent Show Rehearsals

### Tuesday - Day B

- 2:30-3:30 pm: Science Olympiad
- 2:30-3:15 pm: Meistersingers
- 2:30-3:30 pm: Talent Show Rehearsals

### Wednesday - Day C

- 2:20-3:20 pm: Environmental Club
- 2:30-3:15 pm: Jazz Band
- 2:45-3:15 pm: Student Council

### Thursday - Day D

- 2:30-4:00 pm: Talent Show Dress Rehearsal

### Friday - Day E

- 7:00-8:00 pm: Talent Show in WHS Theater

### Upcoming Dates:

- October 9th - School Closed - Columbus Day
- October 11th - WMS Picture Day
- October 13th - 8th Grade Photo
- October 16-20th - Homecoming Week
- October 21st- Homecoming Football Game

# Important New Information, Upcoming Events, and Reminders



## Celebrate Homecoming

Celebrate homecoming with Westlake color-themed doughnuts from Duck Doughnuts.



## WHS PTA Spirit Week Fundraiser

Show your spirit by decorating the town. More to come about spirit week events.



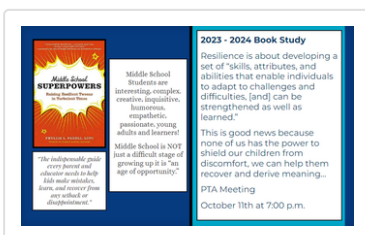
## Lost and Found

Where did that sweatshirt go? We keep lost clothing items on a rack outside the cafeteria. Please ask your child to check if you think we may have something of theirs. We also have bins for lost waterbottles and lunch boxes in the cafeteria.



## October 6th at 7:00 p.m. - Westlake's Got Talent

Come see the amazing performing arts abilities of the Westlake Middle School Students.



## October 11th at 7:00 p.m. - PTA Meeting Book Study Kick Off

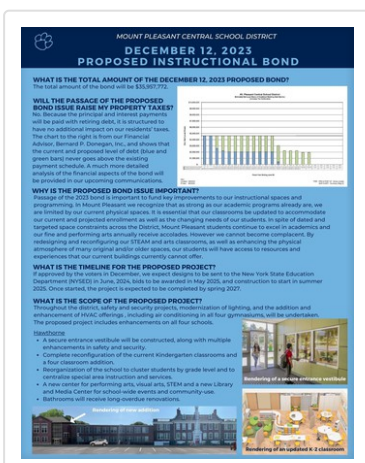
The next PTA Meeting is coming up. We will introduce the book study, expand interest, and develop a focus for us to learn together.



## October 27th at 4:00 p.m. - Trunk or Treat

The WMS Student Council Halloween Event will take place in the WHS Parking Lot.

If you are interested in decorating a car contact Ms. Brianna Iannone: [bianne@mtplcsd.org](mailto:bianne@mtplcsd.org)



## 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/>

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



## Westlake Wildcat Sports

Please check the Westlake Wildcats Sports Calendar for ANY updates or changes.

**CALENDAR:** <http://www.westlakewildcats.org/calendar>

### **Athletic Office contacts:**

Shawn Baumann, Athletic Director at [sbaumann@mtplcsd.org](mailto:sbaumann@mtplcsd.org)

Maria DiNota, Athletic Secretary at [mdinota@mtplcsd.org](mailto:mdinota@mtplcsd.org)

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POSSIBILITIES TOMORROW