

WMS Paw Print 2023.11.17

Bringing you the middle school scoop...

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DON'T FORGET THE UPCOMING VOTE ON THE INSTRUCTIONAL BOND ON DECEMBER 12th!

Principal's Message

November 17, 2023

"The more you practice the art of thankfulness, the more you have to be thankful for."

- Norman Vincent Peale

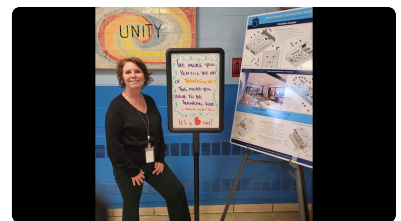
As Thanksgiving approaches I want to express my gratitude to all students, families, faculty, and staff. Each day there are so many shining examples of giving and receiving thanks. Our amazing Greeter Pam has been leading the way all month with daily messages to our students. We're thankful for you Pam!

Thank you to the parents who attended Parent Teacher Conferences. Our team of Ambassadors was on hand to guide parents to their meetings. Check below the upcoming events for more details about this leadership opportunity.

Also check below for some Veterans Day activities and a visit from a famous Author.

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A glance at the upcoming week...

- **Week of 11/20 - 11/24**

Monday - Day D

- 2:15-3:15 pm: Peer Tutoring (Math)
- 2:25-3:15 pm: Spanish Club (All Grades)
- 2:45-4:00 pm: Science Olympiad
- 2:30-3:30 pm: Musical Elf Jr. (Select Group)

Tuesday - Day E

- 2:15-3:15 pm: Peer Tutoring (Chess)
- 2:30-3:15 pm: Meistersingers
- 2:30-3:30 pm: Elf Jr. Dance Rehearsal (Select Group)
- 2:45-4:00 pm: Science Olympiad

Wednesday - Day F

Half Day Schedule - 11:15 am Dismissal

Thursday

Thanksgiving Day - School Closed

Friday

Thanksgiving Recess - School Closed

Upcoming Dates:

- November 27th - Modified Winter Sports Start
- November 29th - Picture Retakes
- December 5th - Modified Meet the Coaches Night
- December 7th - 7th/8th Grade Winter Concert
- December 12th - 6th Grade Winter Concert

Weekly
Bulletin

Important New Information, Upcoming Events, and Reminders

December 7th at 7:00 p.m. - 7th and 8th Grade Concert

Arrival Times/Locations:

- 8th Grade Chorus - 6:15PM, HS Far Cafeteria
- 7th and 8th Grade Band - 6:15PM, HS Band Room
- 7th Grade Chorus -7:15PM, HS Far Cafeteria

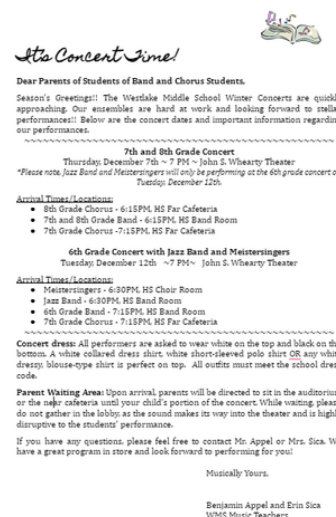


**Please note, Jazz Band and Meistersingers will only be performing at the 6th grade concert on Tuesday, December 12th.*

December 12th at 7:00 p.m. - 6th Grade Concert with Jazz Band and Meistersingers

Arrival Times/Locations:

- Meistersingers - 6:30PM, HS Choir Room
- Jazz Band - 6:30PM, HS Band Room
- 6th Grade Band - 7:15PM, HS Band Room
- 6th Grade Chorus - 7:15PM, HS Far Cafeteria (please note there was an error in last week's Paw Print. This line read "7th Grade Chorus").



December 13th at 6:00 p.m. - PTA Book Study

We had our first PTA Book Study session this week and will be sharing our takeaways with you and encouraging you to join the next session.



Our goal is to provide some concrete strategies for approaching the middle school issues that we all face as parents. It is also very powerful to hear the challenges that others face and build partnerships to meet the challenges and get to all the good stuff that comes with having kids.

American Sign Language Club

We are excited to offer this opportunity to students through the Town of Mount Pleasant.

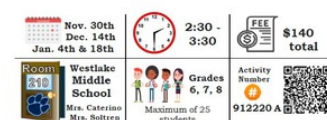
American Sign Language Club



Want to learn a new language and meet friends who share your interests? Join our brand new American Sign Language Club!

We'll start by learning the ASL alphabet, common signs for colors, animals, and other very basic signs. This club is an introduction, so we'll just touch on the basics as we also explore Deaf culture/history. We'll have tons of fun playing games, signing songs, and communicating through this visual language. All skill levels welcome - no experience required.

Bring your curiosity, hands, and smiles as we take our first steps into the world of ASL together!



April 13th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Save the date for the Multicultural Celebration Snacks and Hunt at Columbus Elementary



Sign Up for A Cultural Display Booth

Make a fun booth with your kids to share their culture and heritage.

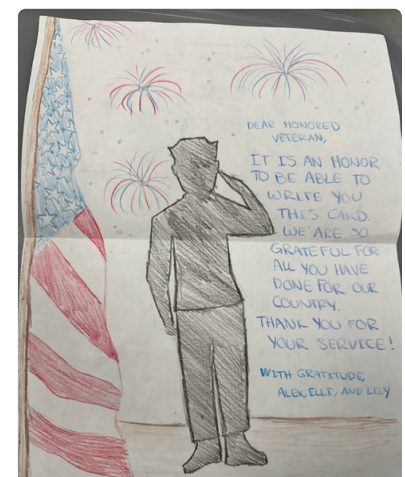


Principals' Leadership Group - Snapshots of What's Happening at WMS

Veterans Day

Our students created over 200 cards and letters to send to Veterans. The cards went to the VA Hospital in Montrose NY, Maryknoll a home to retired Veterans, and a sailor aboard the USS Gerald R. Ford

In the spirit of inquiry, student asked questions such as, "What is your proudest moment in the military?" and "What do you remember most about being in the military?" to learn more about military service.



They also asked the service dog Sage who is also on board the USS Gerald Ford, "What is your favorite doggy treat?"

We hope to get some answers.

PTA Fall Festival

Our amazing PTA hosted the Fall Festival for all students. The weather was great. Students had the opportunity to spend time together as a grade and enjoy cider and doughnuts. Our PTA never stops giving back to our students and our school. Please support them in any way you can.



A Visit From The Author of Red Kayak - Priscilla Cummings

Our 6th Graders had a virtual visit this week from the Author of Red Kayak, Priscilla Cummings. Students were naturally interested in what inspired her to be an author. Her answers were interesting and connected back to all of her interests in writing in Middle School and being aware of all of the skills that went into writing. She shared how this led to her preparation for and career as a journalist eventually providing the opportunity to be an author of fiction books.



Student Ambassadors

Last night we had a great group of volunteers help parents get to their conferences with teachers. We also used the time to make our Student Ambassadors Team official. The team was diligent in creating team expectations, a team roster for attendance, team logos, and a team brochure. Our Ambassadors look forward to welcoming visitors at upcoming events.



Westlake Wildcat Sports

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

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

Athletic Office contacts:

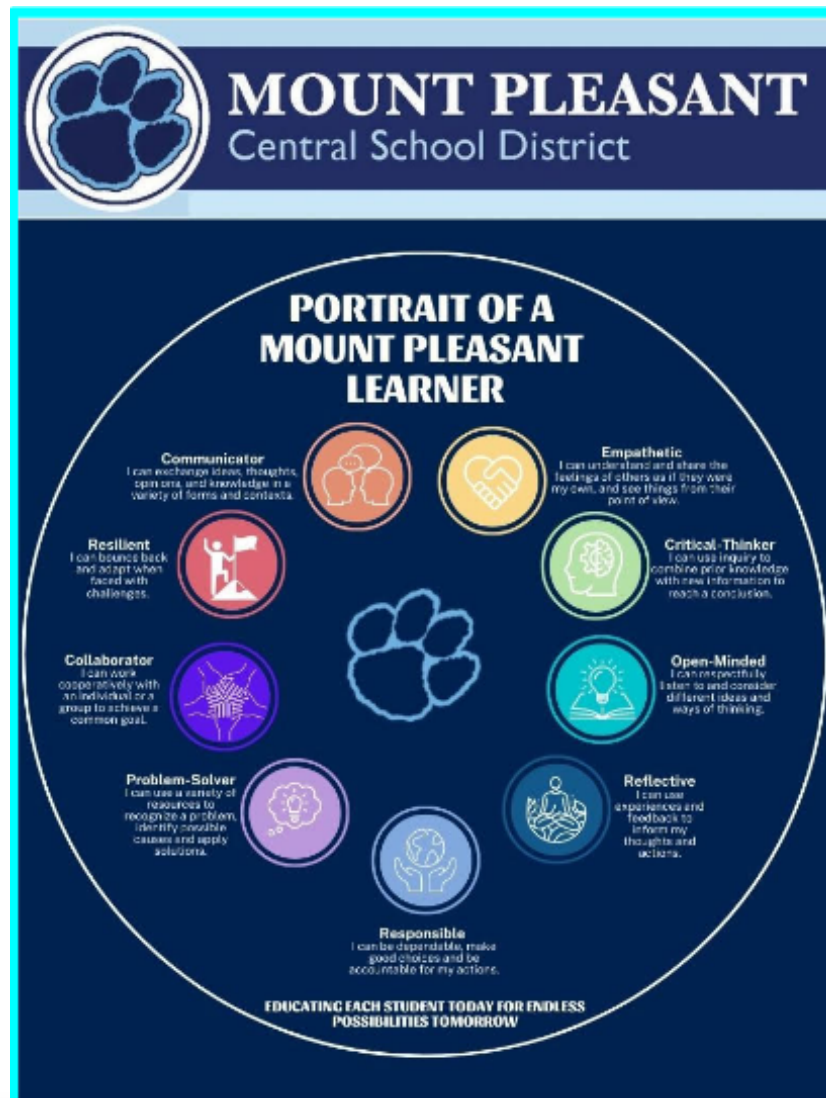
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