

WMS Paw Print 2024.01.05

Bringing you the middle school scoop...

Principal's Message

January 5, 2024

Happy New Year!

The new year is always an opportune time to set good intentions. Next week we will be gathering each grade separately to review positive behavior expectations and behaviors that promote learning. We will focus on being reflective, setting goals, meeting challenges, and bouncing back when we don't succeed. Please support us in setting both high academic expectations for 2024 and high school community standards. Shared messages of hard work, celebrating growth and achievement, contributing positively, being kind and empathetic, being open minded, and treating everyone with respect are best when they are heard by students in multiple places. These assemblies will be interactive, so I will share some of the ideas and input that students have at each grade level so that you can use them as learning opportunities at home.

Congratulations to all many participants and winners in the Sora Reading Challenge. They reviewed books with the following titles: *Spy School*, *Red Kayak*, *Such a Good Liar*, *Unwind*, *We All Fall Down*, and *Diary of A Wimpy Kid*, among others. We will leave the link to the Sora app below for access to independent reading.

KEEP THE PAW PRINT BOOKMARKED!

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

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A glance at the upcoming week...

Week of 1/8-1/12

Monday - Day F

- 2:15-3:15 pm: Peer Tutoring (Math)
- 2:25-3:15 pm: Spanish Club
- 2:45-4:00 pm: Science Olympiad

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Tuesday - Day A

- 2:15-3:15 pm: Peer Tutoring (Chess)
- 2:30-3:30 pm: Crew Meeting Elf Jr.
- 2:30-4:00 pm: Elf Jr. Rehearsal (Full Cast)
- 2:45-4:00 pm: Science Olympiad

Wednesday - Day B

- 2:15-3:15 pm: Peer Tutoring (ELA)
- 2:20-3:20 pm: Environmental Club
- 2:45-3:15 pm: Student Council
- 2:45-4:00 pm: Science Olympiad
- 3:00-5:30 pm: Elf Jr. Rehearsal Red Cast

Thursday - Day C

- 2:15-3:15 pm: Peer Tutoring (Social Studies)
- 2:30-3:30 pm: Crew Meeting Elf Jr.
- 3:00-5:30 pm: Elf Jr. Rehearsal Green Cast

Friday - Day D

- 2:30-3:30 pm: Art Club
- 3:00-5:30 pm: Elf Jr. Rehearsal Red Cast

Upcoming Dates:

- January 15th: Martin Luther King Day - School Closed
 - January 25-28th: WMS Musical Elf Jr.
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Our Language Teachers will be guiding students in making a selection. Students should be thinking about what language and culture motivates them to want to learn another language. Selections

should be based on interest. All languages are difficult to learn so motivation and interest should be factors in the decision.

Principal's Leadership Group - Snapshots of What's Happening

Being Involved and Giving Back

At the last Board of Education Meeting, Dr. Giarrizzo remarked at how appreciative we are of the spirit of being involved and giving back. This winter break, Chase Anderson volunteered to read to Pre-Kindergarten Students in their classroom. Being involved is not only great for the community it is a valuable way for students to explore careers and begin to answer that age old question, "what do you wan to be when you grow up?"



Save The Dates



Registration is now open for the following:

Tee-Ball 5 & 6 (Co-Ed)

Baseball AA/AAA 7 & 8

Minors Baseball 9 & 10

Majors Baseball 11 & 12

Softball 8U, 10U & 12U

Please visit Shermanparkll.com to register

Early Bird discount ends 1/15/24

Registration closes 2/24/24

Westlake Middle School

CLASS OF
2024

Save the Date

8th Grade Moving Up Dance

Sponsored by the WMS PTA

Club Infinity

404 Irvington Street
Pleasantville

June 25th

7:00-10:00

Full Buffet Dinner

&

DJ



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

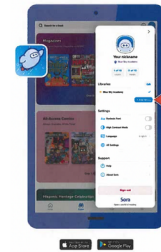
Maria DiNota, Athletic Secretary at mdinota@mtplcsd.org



Sora Access

Keep reading! Sora is a digital reading option that all students have. Students can access Sora through Classlink or by following these instructions. Thank you Ms. Rotanelli.

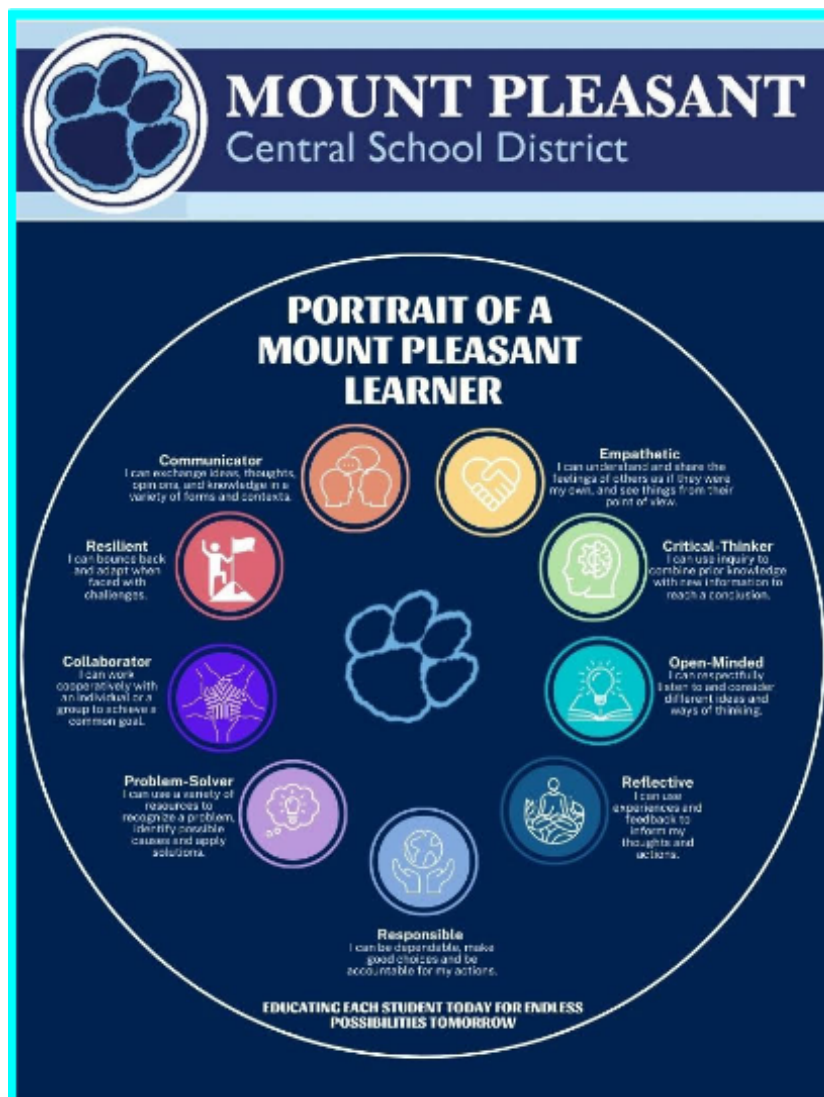
Sora offers the ability for students to explore age-appropriate digital books from NY Reads



- Here's how to access titles from this State-wide collection through Sora:
1. In Sora, sign into Southern Westchester BOCES with your school district credentials.
 2. Click or tap menu icon and select Add library.
 3. Use the search box to find and select NY Reads.
 4. Find and select your school district to continue.
 5. Sign in with your school credentials.
 6. Now when you search for books, it will look in both collections. When browsing, you can choose which collection to look at.

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Anthony Mungioli

Anthony is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

