

WMS Paw Print 2024.02.02

Bringing you the middle school scoop...

Principal's Message

February 2, 2024

Today our students disconnected from their Chromebooks and devices as much as possible. Although we typically have a lot of hands on learning experiences, they took different vibe today. The feedback from students and teachers was interesting and mixed. Most saw it as a welcome change of pace. Some missed having their Chromebook as a tool. On common example of feedback has generated some inquiry. Several students said the day went faster. One student hypothesized that it had something to do with the blue light. Others said it was just because the day was different. Whatever it may have been, having students reflecting and thinking critically about their learning was welcomed.



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A glance at the upcoming week...

Week of 2/5-2/9

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)
- 2:30-3:15 pm: Meistersingers
- 2:30-4:30 pm: Science Olympiad

Wednesday - Day B

- 2:15-3:15 pm: Peer Tutoring (ELA)
- 2:20-3:20 pm: Environmental Club
- 2:30-3:00 pm: Student Council
- 2:30-3:15 pm: Jazz Club
- 2:45-4:00 pm: Science Olympiad

Thursday - Day C

- 2:15-3:15 pm: Peer Tutoring (Social Studies)

Friday - Day D

Upcoming Dates:

February 19th-23rd: School Closed for Winter Recess

Important New Information, Upcoming Events, and Reminders

May 17th - WMS PTA Baseball Night

The PTA welcomes you to a great fundraiser, featuring The New York Yankees vs. Chicago White Sox!



Winter Food Drive

8th Grader Mikaela and NJHS Students are stepping up to help out a local food panty. Food pantries always get a lot of donations before the holidays, but they need us now, just as much as before. Thank you Mikaela and Ms. Jativa, and all of the NJHS Students.



March 18th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. - Mt. Pleasant Visual Arts Festival

Get ready for one of the greatest events of the year. We look forward to a spectacular display.



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

Naviance is a comprehensive K-12 college and career readiness tool that helps districts and schools align student strengths and interests to postsecondary goals, improving student outcomes, and connecting learning to life. All students in Westlake Middle School will have a Naviance account. That account will follow them to Westlake High School. There are many tools in Naviance that students will use throughout the year, including a Planner to set goals for all aspects of their school experience. The process of regular goal setting and reflection is necessary to begin thinking about high school success, college selection, and career fulfillment. We encourage you to look at Naviance with your child as they move through Middle School and High School. Please contact your child's Counselor with any questions, or assistance with accessing Naviance. See the attachment below for information about Naviance and how to access your child's account.



WMS PPT for Naviance 2024.pdf

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Community Leadership Projects - Murals

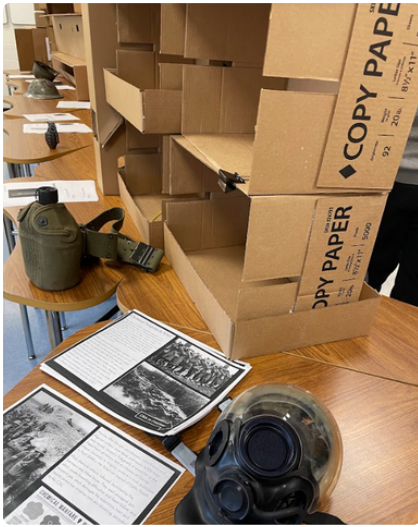
Over the past few years students have been using their artistic talents to give back. As we walk around the building we can see some interesting murals in progress. Thank you to the students who are brightening up our school.



A Day In The Trenches - 8th Grade Social Studies

On Disconnect Day our 8th Grade Social Studies classes participated in a mock trench warfare while discovering authentic items to learn more about life and war in the trenches during WWI. This helped students expand their knowledge while having fun.





Transforming a classroom



Learning from primary sources

Discovering artifacts

Rube Goldberg Machines - 7th Grade Science

7th grade science celebrated Disconnect Day by designing Rube Goldberg machines. They put their knowledge of energy transformations to the test by completing a challenge to create the most interesting method of getting a ball to roll into a cup!



Save The Dates and Flyers



WMS BASEBALL NIGHT

NEW YORK YANKEES VS CHICAGO WHITE SOX

YANKEES



VS

WHITE SOX



\$70 PER TICKET

TICKET PURCHASE INCLUDES A FOOD & DRINK VOUCHER AND A YANKEE BACKPACK

**FRIDAY, MAY 17TH 7 PM
YANKEE STADIUM**

TICKET AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://WMS-PTA-YANKEES-FUNDRAISER-COPY.CHEDDARUP.COM](https://wms-pta-yankees-fundraiser-copy.cheddarup.com)



THE CAVE

Located in Bethel, CT

For Grades 6, 7, and 8

FEBRUARY
21st

Join us for mini-golf, laser tag, ropes course, bumper cars! Each participant will receive a \$10 game card!

The bus will leave the Mt. Pleasant Community Center at 10am and return at 4pm

Resident Fee: \$60

Non Resident Fee: \$72

Activity #: 911234 A

Scan to register!



Register with the Mt. Pleasant Recreation Department!



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

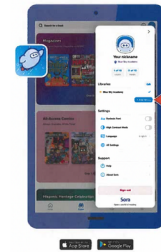
Maria DiNota, Athletic Secretary at mdinota@mtplcsd.org



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.

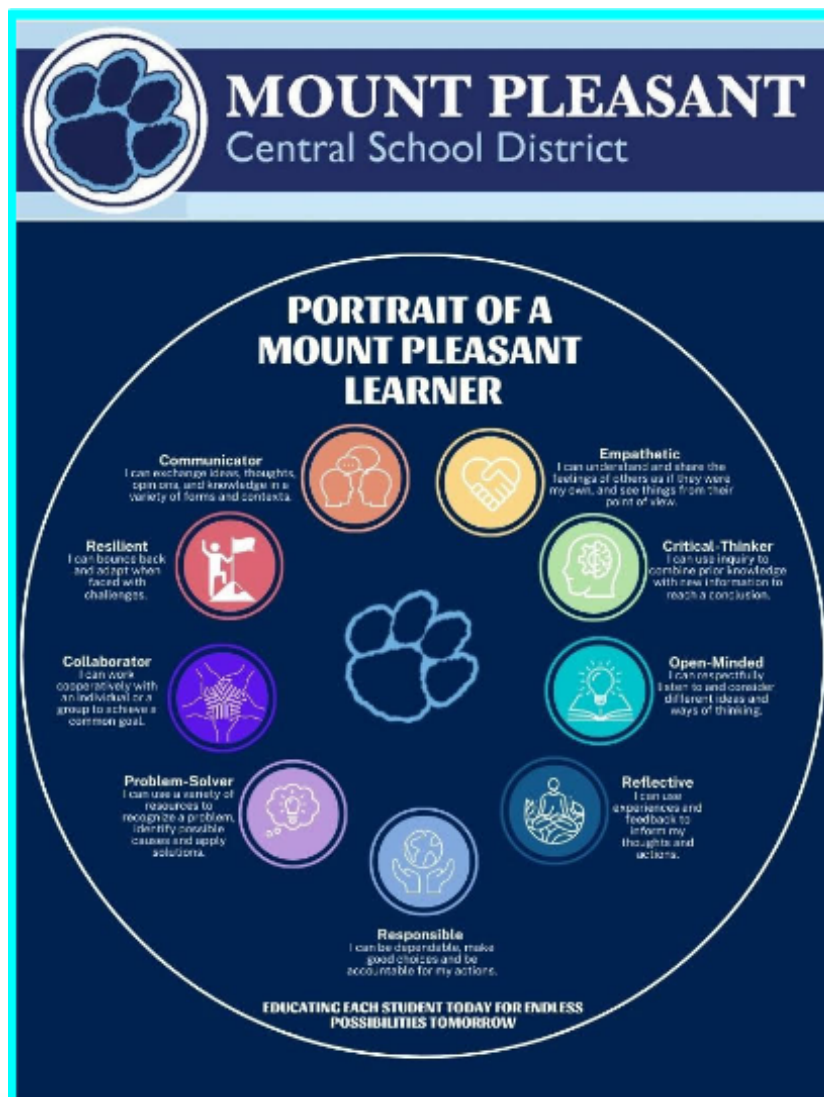
Sora offers the ability for students to explore age-appropriate digital books from NY Reads



- 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 Mungoli

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