

WMS Paw Print

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Bringing you the middle school scoop...

Principal's Message

March 22, 2024

Spring has us productively pouring our energy in to performance based learning experiences. Thank you to our faculty and staff for getting students thinking critically and creatively. It is great that you are getting our students up and moving.

The teachers are keeping Ms. Outhouse and Mr. Mungioli up and moving by inviting us to see all of these great opportunities around campus and off campus. We can barely keep up and are so impressed by how the students immerse themselves in their learning.

Also, don't miss out on the opportunity to get your whole family moving with the WMS PTA Color Run. Details below.

KEEP THE PAW PRINT BOOKMARKED!

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A glance at the upcoming week...

Week of 4/1 - 4/5

Monday

- Spring Recess: No School

Tuesday - Day E

- 2:15-3:15 pm: Peer Tutoring (Chess)
- 2:30-3:15 pm: Meistersingers

Wednesday - Day F

- 2:15-3:15 pm: Peer Tutoring (ELA)
- 2:20-3:20 pm: Environmental Club
- 2:30-3:15 pm: Jazz Club

Thursday - Day A

- 2:15-3:15 pm: Peer Tutoring (Social Studies)
- 2:30-3:15 pm: Yearbook

Friday - Day B

- 2:30-3:30 pm: Art Club
- 7:00-9:00 pm: WMS Faculty Fundraiser

Upcoming Dates:

April 18th- 7:30 pm: District Wide Pops Concert

April 22nd-23rd : School Closed for Passover



New York State Testing Dates

State tests will be administered on the following dates:

- Grades 6, 7, and 8 ELA - April 29th and 30th
- Grades 6, 7, and 8 Math - May 6th and 7th
- Grade 8 Science - May 15th
- Algebra Regents - June 4th
- Living Environment Regents - June 14th

More comprehensive information will be shared in a district-wide communication in April.

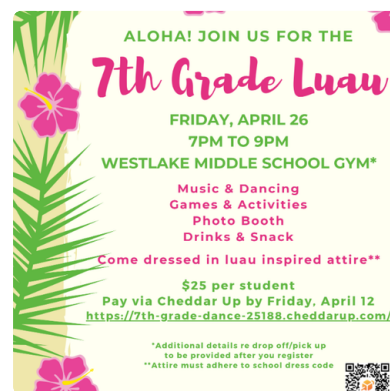
Water Bottles

We need your support and ask that you send students with smaller more manageable water bottles. The larger metal bottles that students are using take up a lot of classroom space, are difficult for students to carry, and because of their size they are inadvertently hitting other students in the halls. This may seem like a minor thing but we appreciate your help.

Important New Information, Upcoming Events, and Reminders

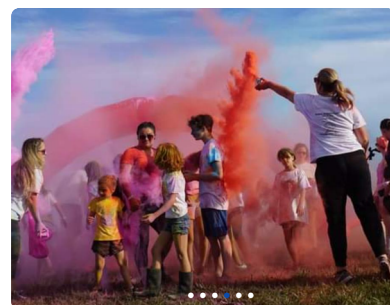
April 26th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - 7th Grade Luau

Music, dancing, games, snacks, drinks, and fun! Please be sure to get your ticket by April 12th.



April 28th at 2:00 p.m. WMS PTA Color Run Fund Raiser

Picture this: participants start off wearing crisp white shirts but as they make their way through the colorful course they'll be doused from head to toe in an array of bright, non-toxic powdered colors. There'll be music pumping, pre-run events and plenty of opportunities for laughter and camaraderie. After the run stick around for the Color Festival, with dance-offs, photo booths and games are just a few of the activities that await.



WMS students will receive a color run package for the event. This includes a t-shirt, drawstring bag, sunglasses, bandana, and entry to the event.

After registering you will create a personalized link with friends and family to start raising funds for the school and a chance to win amazing prizes!

If we meet our goal, we get to slime Mr. Mungioli!

May 17th - WMS PTA Baseball Night

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



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

6th Grade Math - Spring Training

Who says the new track and turf are just for Physical Education and Athletics. For their Equation Unit, students had to choose one exercise (run one lap, sit-ups, or jumping jacks) to complete and were timed. They filled in their information in a chart and had to identify the independent and dependent variables. They had to write an equation to show the relationship between the variables and then graph it. Ms. Ciliberto and Mr. Allen will be displaying student work/graphs to showcase our students great work..



Sun



Fun



Math

Professora Iannone's 8th-grade classes are having a party to experience tradition in Spanish culture. Having a Quincenera in class helps students apply vocabulary, learn grammar, the students learn about different Spanish words that would be said at a party.



Special Guest

The 8th Grade Spanish Students invited Joe Tanzi (the crossing guard) to our quinceañera. This teachable moment allowed him to speak about his life. He immigrated here from Italy when he was 14 and shared with the kids his life story, including his time in Vietnam.



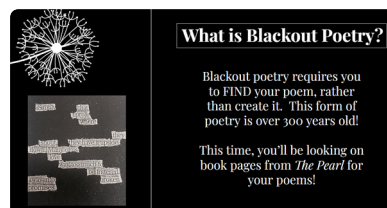
Young Author's Colloquium

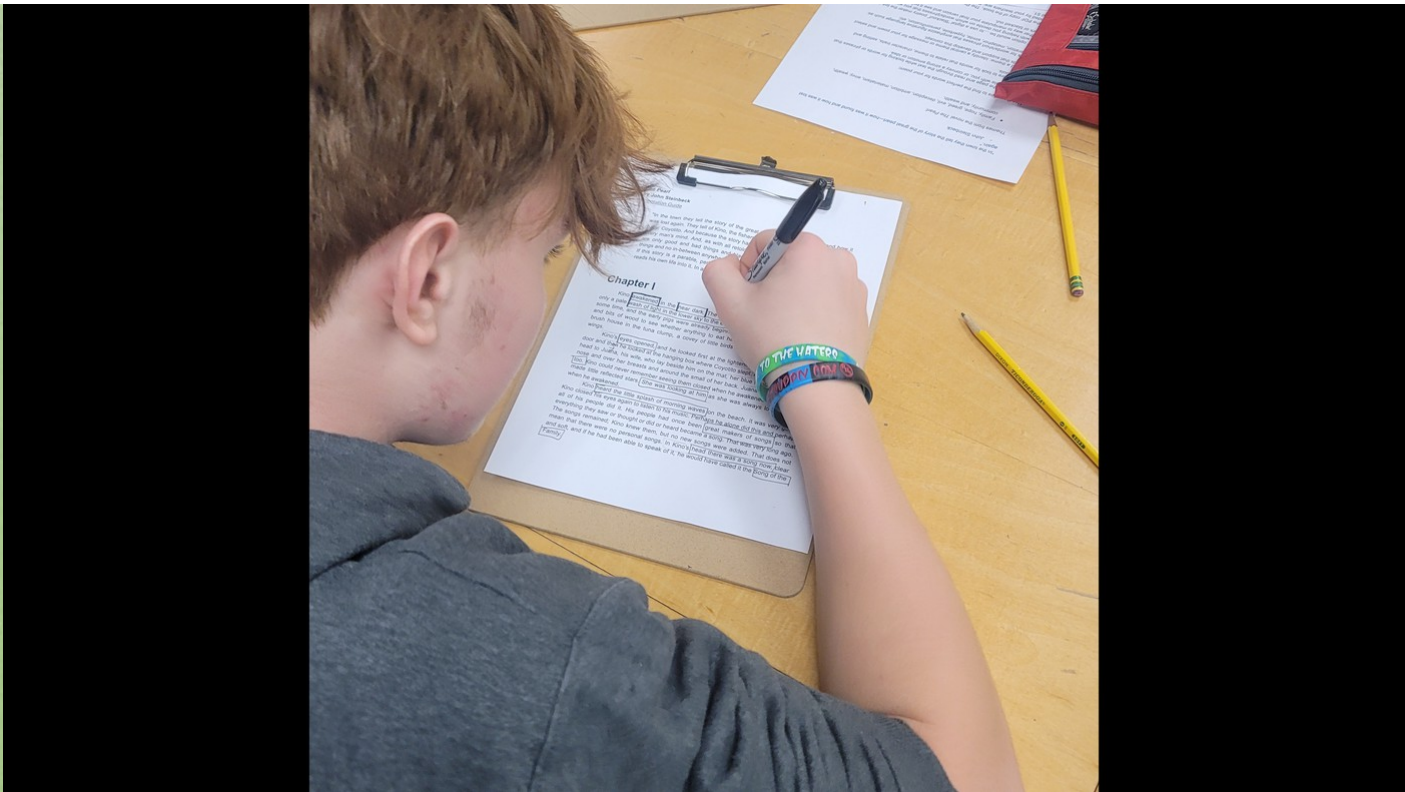
On Tuesday, March 19th, eight students from Westlake Middle School participated in the Young Author's Colloquium at Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES. Students chose two learning sessions, during which they interacted with other young writers from five other districts in the county and explored a topic related to creative writing. At the end of the event, each student was given the opportunity to share a writing piece during an Open Mic event.



8th Grade ELA - Black Out Poetry

Ms. Rotanelli, Ms. Heis, and Ms. Blanchard led our students in the creation of some interesting poems.





CanAm Challenge

Some of our Middle Schoolers and members of the Westchester Vipers hockey team won the bronze medal at the CanAm Challenge Cup tournament in Lake Placid, NY playing on both 1932 and 1980 Olympic rinks.



Save The Dates and Flyers

WESTLAKE
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PTA PRESENTS

2024



Color Run

APRIL 28TH 2024
2PM CHECK IN
AT THE WESTLAKE CAMPUS



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)



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

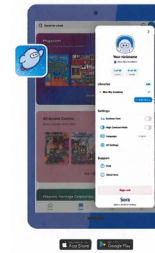
Maria DiNota, Athletic Secretary at mdinota@mtplcsd.org



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.

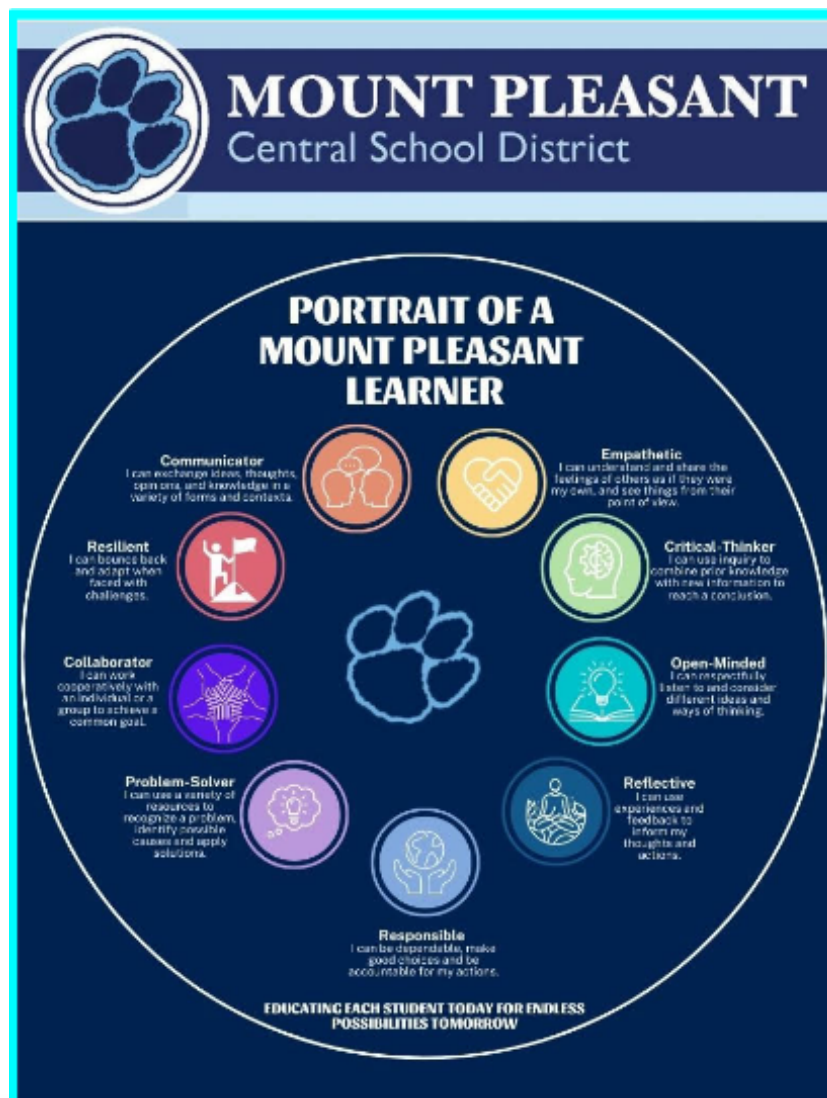
Sora offers the ability for students to explore age-appropriate digital books from NY Reads



- 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

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