WMS Paw Print 2024.04.05

Bringing you the middle school scoop...

Principal's Message

April 5, 2024

What a great week for Science Lessons!

After unexpected shaking and quaking today, we will experience an *almost* total eclipse on Monday. We are glad that all were safe today and we'll have safety measures for the eclipse next week. Experiencing these scientific phenomena first hand will certainly spark more interest in science.

Mount Pleasant CSD will operate on a regular schedule on Monday, April 8. All athletic events and activities will be held, but schedules will be slightly modified. Practices will be inside until 4:30 p.m. and competitions will not start until 5 p.m.

On Monday, we will distribute solar glasses to all students for safe viewing of the eclipse. Please encourage your children to wear them when looking directly at the sun during the eclipse at dismissal and when the get home.

(And of course, don't forget about the slime ... ③ ... see below)

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.

We received this amazing message that was so big it had to make its way to the top of the Paw Print.

"Congratulations!

The WMS Environmental Club has been selected as a winner for their outstanding art entry submitted to the New York City Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) 38th annual Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest. The entry was beautifully executed and shows a genuine understanding of, and appreciation for, New York's water resources. We received more than 1,700 exceptional pieces of artwork and poetry from watershed and New York City students this year, making our selection process very challenging!"

We are proud of our students and grateful to Mr. Hall and Ms. K. Sullivan for their leadership.

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A glance at the upcoming week...

Week of 4/8-4/12

Monday - Day C

• 2:15-3:15 pm: Peer Tutoring (Math)

Tuesday - Day D

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

Wednesday - Day E

- 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

Thursday - Day F

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

Friday - Day A

• 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 April 26th - 7:00-9:00 pm: 7th Grade Luau

April 28th - 2:00 pm: WMS PTA Color Run Fundraiser

New York State Testing Dates

If you have any questions about the State Tests please email Ms. Outhouse and your child's counselor - Mr. Keough or Ms. Greco.

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.

Important New Information, Upcoming Events, and Reminders

April 10th - The Mount Pleasant Education Foundation's Silent Auction

Sign up to bid online from home.

The Mount Pleasant Education Foundation's Annual Silent Auction will be online on April 10!



Sign up to bid online from home and buy raffle tickets for this cute bag.

www.mtpef.org





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

We are very excited about the Multicultural event fast approaching for April 13th! Check out the updated flyer.

Currently we have over 25 families representing their cultural heritages! We look forward to seeing you there.





Hawthorne Pack 1 Cub Scout's Fundraiser

Over 40 prizes from local vendors!



April 20th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - MP Colonials 12U Baseball Team Fundraiser

Come play bingo for a good cause.



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

Our Color Run Fundraiser is off to a great start.

Remember, that our goal is \$15,000. If we hit that goal, Mr. Mungioli gets slimed! We're getting there but we need more participants.



As of today the 6th grade is in lead for fundraising, followed by 7th grade and then 8th grade. We are announcing the students who are in the lead for sliming Mr. Mungioli are each week. Will you be one of them?

The Color Run is going to be a fun filled event with a DJ, photo booth and an epic color party! Sign up today. Thank you!

To participate in the event, students will need to be registered through The PTA website

(https://app.memberhub.gives/wms-color-run/Campaign/Details). Once registered, your child(ren) will have the opportunity to raise money by asking for pledges. Each child is assigned their own fundraising page that they can customize. You and your child(ren) can then send out the information via text message and email. The information can also be posted on social media. It's that easy!

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

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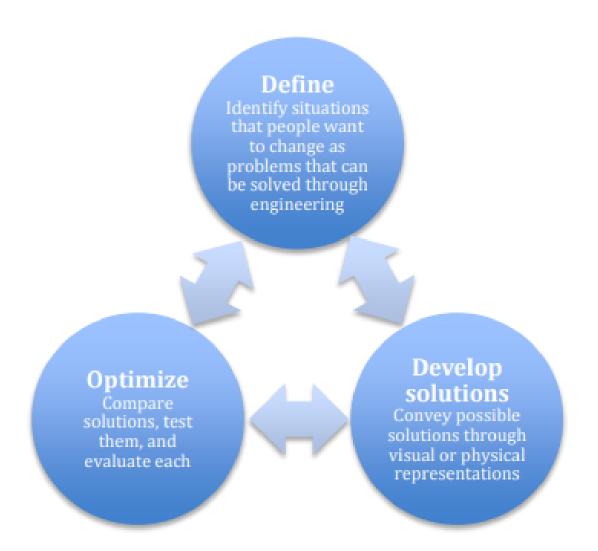
This week, Science 7 studied eclipses and were challenged to create a pinhole camera to view an image. They followed the steps of the NGSS Engineering Design Process to research, test, and improve their designs.



"From a teaching and learning point of view, the process is the iterative cycle of design that offers the greatest potential for applying science knowledge in the classroom and engaging in engineering practices"

"In some ways, children are natural engineers. They spontaneously build sand castles, dollhouses, and hamster enclosures, and they use a variety of tools and materials for their own playful purposes. ...Children's capabilities to design structures can then be enhanced by having them pay attention to points of failure and asking them to create and test redesigns of the bridge so that it is stronger."

They are well prepared to safely view our solar eclipse this Monday and well prepared for the future as critical thinkers.



Save The Dates and Flyers





Westlake Middle School

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8th Grade Moving Up Dance

Sponsored by the WMS PTA

Club Infinity

404 Irvington Street Pleasantville

June 25th 7:00-10:00

Pull Buffet Dinner

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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:

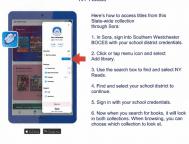
Shawn Baumann, Athletic Director at sbaumann@mtplcsd.org

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.



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