

WMS Paw Print 2024.05.10

Bringing you the middle school scoop...

Principal's Message

May 10, 2024

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! Thank you to the PTA for a week of surprises and treats. We really enjoyed lunch today.

Our teachers invest a lot of time and effort into making sure students grow. This includes academics of course, but it goes beyond report card grades into all ensuring that students develop all of the qualities of a successful learner.



This week we had the opportunity celebrate those investments on our 8th Grade overnight trip to Club Getaway. I enjoyed it thoroughly. Seeing an 8th Grade group come together after three years of learning and growing is what it is all about for us at the Middle School level.

One small 15 minute moment summed up the investment in these young learners best. A group of eleven 8th Graders were trying to solve a very difficult puzzle. As an adult, I might have given up, but they didn't. They collaborated and communicated. They turned their frustration into problem solving energy. They failed and tried again. They succeeded.

The BEST part is that after they succeeded, they asked for a new puzzle, a new challenge. They exhibited true resilience, seeing challenges as good things, and wanting to take on new challenges. This leaves me knowing they are ready for high school, college, and career.

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A glance at the upcoming week...

Week of 5/13-5/17

Monday - Day B

- 2:15-3:15 pm: Peer Tutoring (Math)

Tuesday - Day C

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

Wednesday - Day D

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

Thursday - Day E

- 2:15-3:15 pm: Peer Tutoring (Social Studies)
- 7:00-9:00 pm: 6th Grade Spring Concert

Friday - Day F

- 2:30-3:30 pm: Art Club

Upcoming Dates:

May 20th: 6th Grade Trip to The Bronx Zoo

May 24th-27th: Memorial Day Recess: School Closed

May 29th: 7th Grade Trip to The Outsiders

May 30th: 7th Grade Art Trip for current art students

June 4th - 7-9 pm: 7th/8th Grade Spring Concert



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

Celebrate Your 8th Grader With A Law Sign

Link to purchase:

<https://wmspta18-19.memberhub.com/store/items/1021455>



May 13 through May 22 - Scholastic Book Fair

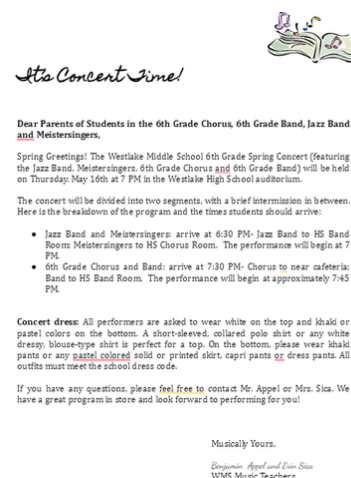
Be on the lookout for more information about the book fair.



May 16th at 7:00 p.m. - 6th Grade Concert Featuring Jazz Band and Meister Singers

The concert will be divided into two segments, with a brief intermission in between. Here is the breakdown of the program and the times students should arrive:

- Jazz Band and Meistersingers: arrive at 6:30 PM- Jazz Band to HS Band Room; Meistersingers to HS Chorus Room. The performance will begin at 7 PM.
- 6th Grade Chorus and Band: arrive at 7:30 PM- Chorus to near cafeteria; Band to HS Band Room. The performance will begin at approximately 7:45 PM.



June 7th - 8th Grade Circle Line Cruise

Information and permission slips were sent home. Be sure to send the permission slip and payment to the Main Office by April 19th - next Friday.



Purchase a Moving Up Stole

Today is the last day to order!

[Cheddar Up Link to purchase](#)

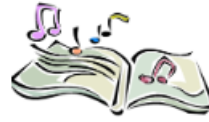


June 25th from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. - 8th Grade Dance

[Cheddar Up Link for tickets](#)



Save The Dates and Flyers



It's Concert Time!

Dear Parents of Students in the 6th Grade Chorus, 6th Grade Band, Jazz Band and Meistersingers,

Spring Greetings! The Westlake Middle School 6th Grade Spring Concert (featuring the Jazz Band, Meistersingers, 6th Grade Chorus and 6th Grade Band) will be held on Thursday, May 16th at 7 PM in the Westlake High School auditorium.

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Concert dress: All performers are asked to wear white on the top and khaki or pastel colors on the bottom. A short-sleeved, collared polo shirt or any white dressy, blouse-type shirt is perfect for a top. On the bottom, please wear khaki pants or any pastel colored solid or printed skirt, capri pants or dress pants. All outfits must meet the school dress code.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Appel or Mrs. Sica. We have a great program in store and look forward to performing for you!

Musically Yours,

Benjamin Appel and Erin Sica
WMS Music Teachers

WESTLAKE MIDDLE
SCHOOL PTA INVITES YOU
TO THE



WESTLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
8TH GRADE
MOVING UP DANCE

WMS CLASS OF 2024

DJ, ENTERTAINMENT AND DINNER

JUNE 25, 2024

7:30PM - 10:00 PM

CLUB INFINITY
404 IRVINGTON STREET
PLEASANTVILLE, NY 10570

LINK TO PURCHASE TICKET:



**There's no book fair
like a Scholastic Book Fair!**



**SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR**

**May 13 through May 22
at the Westlake Library**



CONGRATULATIONS WMS CLASS OF 2024

We are so excited for graduation!
To commemorate the occasion, the PTA is offering Westlake Middle School Stoles. Order your graduation stole today!

**\$18 ORDER VIA
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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

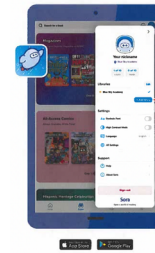
Maria DiNota, Athletic Secretary at mdinota@mtplcsd.org



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.

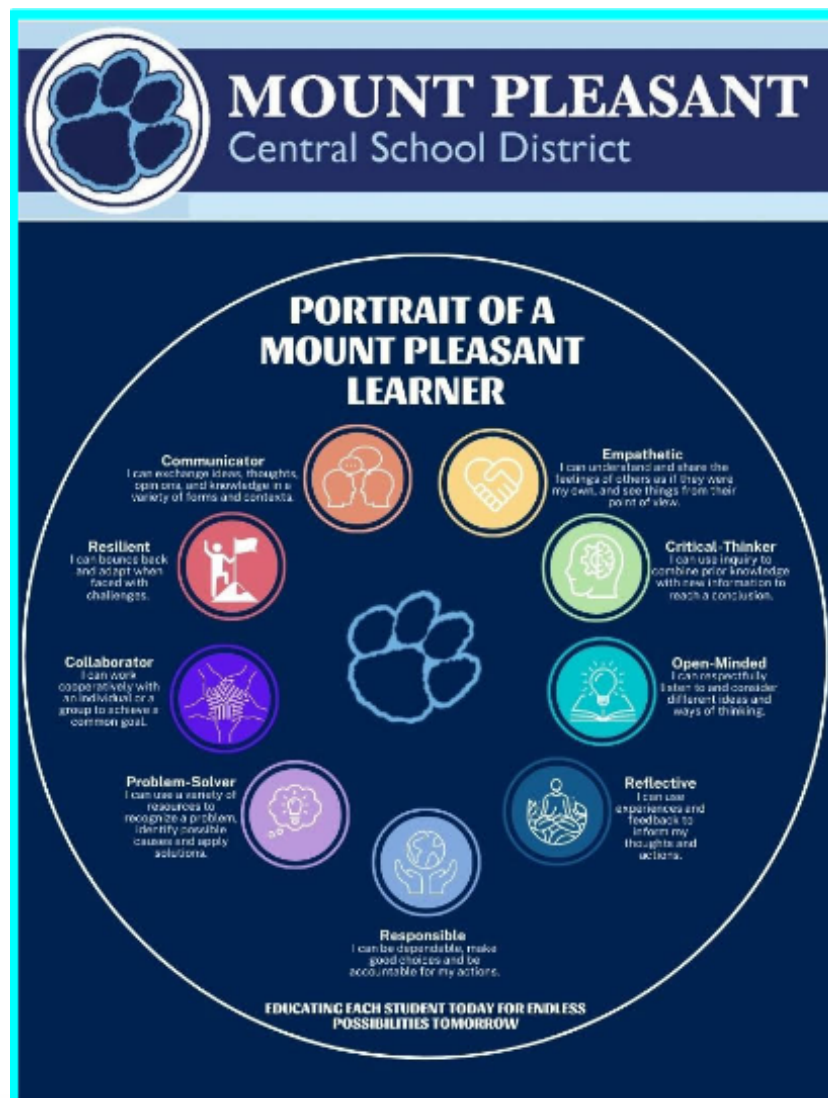
Sora offers the ability for students to explore age-appropriate digital books from NY Reads



- 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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