

The Wantage Times

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Principal's Message

I hope this Newsletter finds everyone well and in good health.

Parents/Guardians who have elected to have your child participate in the remote only option for the first marking period of the 2020-21 school year will have the option to change your child's program to "In Person" instruction for the 2nd Marking Period. All Remote parents should receive an email with a letter and form identifying this option. Please return forms by Monday, November 2, 2020, if you would like your child to return to "In Person" instruction which would start on Thursday, November 12, 2020. If your child returns to school, he/she will be assigned to the A or B cohort and will attend school on their assigned cohort days. All students will still be educated virtually on Wednesdays.

Also, please email me if you would be interested in learning more about joining the WES Pandemic Response Team.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, concerns or any ideas you would like to share. I appreciate your continued support and involvement in the learning process.

Sincerely,

Christopher Gregory
Principal

**Red Ribbon Week: Oct. 26th -
Oct. 30th**

Monday (10/26): Wear RED to

kick off RRW!



**Tuesday (10/27): Wear Team
Jerseys to Team Up Against**

Drugs!



**Wednesday (10/28): Pajama
Day! "Lights Out to Drugs!"**



Thursday (10/29): Say Boo to

Drugs!



Or simple Halloween Costumes

**Friday (10/30): Happy
Halloween!! Say Boo to Drugs!**



**Tie Dye or Peace Signs
Or simple Halloween Costumes**

CAUTION

Drop Off & Pick Up

Please be advised that drop off is in the rear of the building and occurs between 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 am. Please exercise caution when dropping off your children. We respectfully request that children exit the vehicle on the passenger side closest to the building for safety. Temperature checks will be taken prior to entering school.

For pick up, parents and guardians should park on the lower lot or near the playground. **All pick up is located in the cafeteria.** Pick up begins at 3:20 pm. Please have identification available when you pick up your child.

The parking area for pick up will be closed until 3:10 pm. We respectfully request that you do not arrive before then. We appreciate everyone's support with our procedures to ensure the safety of all of our students.

Note: Please wait for the school bus to come to a complete stop with the red lights flashing prior to letting your children approach the bus.



Dates to Remember

- 10/26-10/30- Red Ribbon Week
- 10/28- BOE meeting at SMS @ 7 pm
- 10/31- Halloween
- 11/1- Daylight Savings Time ends
- 11/3- All Virtual Day (Election Day)
- 11/5-11/6- School Closed (NJEA convention)
- 11/11- 1st Marking Period Ends
Veteran's Day
- 11/18-BOE meeting at SMS @ 7 pm



**Free Breakfast (8:10-8:45 AM)
& Lunch available to all
students.**

Parent Portal

www.swregional.org

~Parents

~Realtime Parent Portal

~Enter the Portal Code, Username
and Password

**Sussex-Wantage Regional School
District is launching Ways to
"Enhance Children's Activity &
Nutrition." For more information
and resources please visit the
project's website at:
[http://www.sussexcountywecan
rogram.com/](http://www.sussexcountywecanprogram.com/)**

*Just a reminder that Progress
Reports will NOT be sent home
unless requested through the
Wantage School Central Office.*



We are excited to announce
that we now offer a new
online payment system called
PaySchools Central.
PaySchools Central provides
all parents in our district with
an easy way to manage lunch
and breakfast accounts. This
can all be done in the
convenience of your own
home through an easy-to-use
online portal:

www.payschoolscentral.com

You will need to register at the
link above. Additional
information can be found on
our school website under the
food service tab within the
department section or in the
parent portal.

If you need help along the
way, please contact
PaySchools

pcs_help@payschool.com or
1-877-393-6628



First Marking Period Ends
November 11th



Halloween Costumes

On Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30th our students will be able to dress in “simple” Halloween costumes.

Please be sure the costume is worn to school on the bus. No capes or other materials that may cause tripping are permitted. Our students will not be able to get changed into costumes in our bathrooms nor will our teachers be able to assist them with their costumes so they should be comfortable enough for students to wear throughout the day. As always, for safety purposes, no Halloween masks will be permitted. Also, due to our current protocols, we will not be able to share food items or any other type of handouts from our families. Please do not send any food or any other items in with your child for distribution to his/her classmates.

While the current circumstances are certainly unfortunate, it is our goal to provide our students with Halloween festivities that are fun and memorable. Once again, I thank you for your continued understanding and flexibility.

Halloween Safety Tips

If you choose to permit your child to go trick or treating amidst COVID, please find below some strategies from USA.gov that you may find meaningful. Also, please monitor CDC and/or NJDOH guidance.

S- Swords, knives, and other costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.

A- Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

F- Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

E- Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.

H- Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. WALK and don't run from house to house.

A- Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

L- Look both ways before crossing the street. Use crosswalks wherever possible.

L- Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

O- Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

W- Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

E- Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

E- Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.

N- Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

*USA.gov

Student Spotlight

Brody and his "Landform Project"



"Expansion and Absorption" of a Polymer



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