



WMS COWBOY CONNECTION

Good Morning WMS Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend. We are looking forward to a great week! Please find updates and reminders below.

Your partner in education,

*J. Brian Bocian
Principal*

Start with Hello Week.

Throughout this week, WMS will be participating in *Start With Hello*, a program from *Sandy Hook Promise* that teaches students how to be more inclusive and connected with each other. The program is designed to help students end social isolation by:

- Seeing someone alone: Learning to recognize signs of loneliness and social isolation
- Reaching out and helping: Finding ways to help others feel included
- Starting hello: Learning how to break the ice and start conversations

There will be special announcements and short activities in homerooms throughout the week. Additionally, in recognition of *Start With Hello*, all students and staff are invited to wear **green** on Friday! More information can be found here: [Start With Hello](#)

PSA Community Movie Night.

The PSA is sponsoring a community movie night at the Village Green. *Kung Fu Panda 4* will be shown on September 21 at 7:30 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be available for sale. To make this event a success, the PSA is seeking help. If you can donate supplies or time, please use the Sign-Up Genius link. [PSA Movie Night Sign Up](#).

Color Guard.

WMS Color Guard will hold recruitment clinics on Sundays, September 22 & 29, from 3:30–5:00 p.m. in the Middle School gym. Please enter through the back gym doors. The purpose of Color Guard is to interpret music through the synchronized work of flags, dance, or non-traditional equipment specific to show themes. It's a team activity where each student plays an important role. Students will learn how to manipulate flags while moving or performing slight dance moves. The Middle School Color Guard will perform with the middle school and high school bands at the football game on Friday, October 25, and will participate in two competitions this winter. Students interested in attending a recruitment clinic should plan on attending and complete this

form: [MS Colorguard recruitment 2024-2025](#). For questions or additional information, please contact: Nicole.DeWitt@sedgwick.com

Chicago Trip Information Meeting.

8th-grade parents are invited to an informational meeting about the Chicago Trip on Wednesday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m. School administrators and a representative from Martin Travel will be available to share information about the trip and answer any questions you may have. The meeting will be held in the WMS Learning Commons.

Written Acceleration Plan Meeting.

Parents of students with Written Acceleration Plans are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday, September 25, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is for parents to submit signed plans and receive information related to their child's plan. Written Acceleration Plans are provided to students who take assessments above their grade level on the Spring Ohio State Tests. For example, students who take Algebra I as 8th graders receive Written Acceleration Plans. Copies of Written Acceleration Plans will be sent home with students prior to the meeting.

[Click here for more Events and Information from around WCS & the community](#), including:

- Finance Friday: WPS Bond Issue #31
- School Tip Line
- Student Assessment Calendar
- Gifted Assessment Opportunity
- Homecoming Parade Participation for Area Youth Programs
- Upcoming Events
- Spirit Wear Shop Hours
- JWC Mum Sale

Cowboy Views.

On a bi-weekly basis, students can redeem PBIS tickets at lunch on Fridays at the Cowboy Corral. Pictured below are some of our 6th Graders who earned tickets for great work related to integrity, community, and engagement!



Tetherball participants at 5th Grade Recess!



Our Football Cheer Squad took a moment for a picture on Thursday evening.

