



WMS COWBOY CONNECTION

WMS Families,

Please find updates and reminders below. Have a great week!

Your Partner in Education,

Brian Bocian

Principal

Student Council Update

The fundraiser coordinated by the Student Council to support families impacted by Hurricane Helene was a HUGE success! WMS students surpassed the original goal of \$627, raising a total of \$2328.95 for the [All Hands & Hearts](#) organization. Way to go, WMS! We had a great time participating in the friendly homeroom competition. It was a close race, but here are the top contributors:

- 1st place: Sanders' homeroom - \$372 (\$16.91 per student)
- 2nd place: Saadallah's homeroom - \$318.50 (\$16.76 per student)
- 3rd place: Jones' homeroom - \$276 (\$16.23 per student)

Student Council would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who donated to this important cause!

Red Ribbon Week: October 23–31

Red Ribbon Week (RRW) is a national campaign aimed at raising awareness about the dangers of drug abuse and promoting a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. Student Council is planning the following events in recognition of RRW.

National Theme: "Life is a Movie, Film it Drug-Free"

- 10/23: Morning announcement with information about Red Ribbon Week
- 10/24 & 10/25: RED Treat Sale during lunch (prices range from \$0.25 to \$2)

Theme Days:

- 10/28: "Put a Cap on Drugs" Day – Wear your favorite hat

- 10/29: "Be on a Drug-Free Team" Day – Wear a team shirt or jersey
- 10/30: "Shade Out Drugs" Day – Wear sunglasses
- 10/31: "Be Who You Want to Be, as Long as You're Drug-Free" Day – Wear your Halloween costume

Halloween.

Students and staff are invited to wear Halloween costumes to school on October 31. We ask that no face paint or masks be worn. We also ask that no costume props that mimic weapons of any kind be brought to school. As a general reminder, on non-dress up days, costume items such as tails and masks should not be brought to school.

Student Fees.

As we end the first quarter, this is a reminder that instructional fees are now due. These instructional fees play a vital role in supporting the academic programming of our school and the student experience. If you have not had a chance to take care of this yet, we appreciate your attention to this as soon as possible. Fees can be paid online at [Wyoming EzPay](#). As noted in Final Forms, please remember that students must be current on their instructional fees in order to participate in supplemental activities such as Camp Kern, Chicago and WMS dances.

Parent Teacher Conferences.

Conferences will take place on Friday, 11/1, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will again be using Pick-a-Time to schedule conferences. At this time, parents can schedule ten-minute conference slots through Pick-a-Time. Details related to conferences can be found here:

 [WMS Conferences 24-25.docx](#)

6th Grade Camp.

6th Grade students will be visiting Camp Kern on Thursday, 11/7 and Friday, 11/8. Camp information for 6th Grade families including permission slips, cost, what to bring, and transportation can be found here: [Parent Letter Camp Kern 2024](#)

Cell Phones.

Parents, a friendly reminder that students are asked to keep their cell phones off and away during the school day. Cell phones should not be taken into classrooms or used during school hours. If your child needs to access a phone during the day, they may request to make a call using the phone in the main office.

2024-2025 WMS Yearbook Sale.

If you would like to purchase a yearbook, they are available to purchase online beginning 10/14/24 through 12/31/24 for \$30 at www.yearbookforever.com. Once you are on the webpage, search for Wyoming Middle School and where you may select "BUY YEARBOOK". There is also a new feature this year on the website for 8th Grade Parents. It is titled "CREATE AN AD". Here 8th grade parents can create and purchase an ad to be in the yearbook for their child. 8th grade parents, please ask your child for the "8th Grade Yearbook Ad" form that will be sent home on 10/14/24 with guidelines and helpful information. This option is exclusive to the 8th Grade. Ads created for students who are not in the 8th grade will not be published in the yearbook and the ad payment will not be refunded; the purchase will be considered as a donation to the yearbook fund. Please contact Teresa Osborne at osbornet@wyomingcityschools.org if you have any questions.

Lost and Found.

Please encourage your child to check the lost and found. All items found throughout the first quarter are located near the main entrance.

Wyoming PSA.

Check out the PSA flier below for information about the "Invest in Your Child" fundraiser.

📄 WPS Flyer 10_2_24.pdf

Pupil Services News & Updates

As demonstrated in our core values and strategic plan, Wyoming is committed to educating the "whole child", that is, to teach academic and life skills that prepare students for college, career, and beyond. These life skills include working through adversity, being a critical thinker, accepting responsibility for one's own actions, and getting along with others.

New this year, WCS is administering to students in kindergarten through grade 12 a developmentally-appropriate resiliency screener, called Terrace Metrics. Resiliency means that an individual has personal strengths that allow them to overcome or work through adversity. Resiliency is a key factor in positive school and learning experiences. Therefore, high resiliency contributes to better academic performance.

What Should I Know as a Parent/Guardian about the Terrace Metrics Screener?

- Only students who have parent permission will participate. If you do not wish to have your student participate in the Terrace Metrics Screener, please complete this [form](#). The form must be completed by October 29.
- Only designated members of our school team (e.g., counselors, administrators) will have access to your child's individual report.
- The assessment is not a diagnostic tool, and no information will be placed into your child's education file. The purpose of this system is to inform us of how each student is functioning within specific resiliency indicators.
- This screener is administered electronically to students and takes an average of 15 to 20 minutes to complete.
- You can view the screener items by contacting the director of pupil services, Dr. Tracy Wurtzler at wurtzlert@wyomingcityschools.org or 513.207.7022 by October 24, 2024.

- The Terrace Metrics screener replaces the ABRE screener that was administered to students in grades 5-12 during the past 2 school years.

Between November 4 and December 4, your child will have the opportunity to participate in the fall administration of the Terrace Metrics screener. The following indicators will be assessed at the middle school levels:

- Global Life Satisfaction: Overall assessment of feelings and attitudes about one's life at a particular point in time, ranging from negative to positive.
- Positive School Experiences: Assessment of a student's experiences with their learning, as well as their overall interactions with school personnel.
- Social Ostracism: Items reflect the degree of perceived social isolation. The scale measures two forms of ostracism: ignoring (paying no attention to the student) or excluding (acknowledging the student but choosing not to interact with them).
- Grit: Assesses the level of commitment (and tenacity) to achieve a long-term goal.
- Generalized Anxiety: 7 item, self-reported questionnaire for screening and severity of general forms anxiety (not tied to any one source).
- Hope: Assesses goal-directed thinking in which the student has the perceived capacity to find routes to goals (pathways thinking), and the motivation to use those routes (agency thinking).
- Resiliency (Grades 6-8): This scale assesses the degree to which individuals possessed both the intrapersonal and interpersonal resources needed to overcome adversity.
- Leadership (Grades 6-8): This scale assesses students' perceptions of their ability to influence others.
- Personal Standards (Grades 6-8): This scale assesses the expectations that a student has about their personal abilities.
- Self-Criticism: This scale assesses difficulties accepting mistakes and overly focusing on one's perceived faults.

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

- FAQ: State Funding & the WPS Facilities Project
- Wyoming City Schools 2024 Quality Profile
- JWC Light Up kits discounted until Oct. 20

Cowboy Views.

Congratulations to our Girls XC Team on their league Championship!



Cayden Walters earned All League XC recognition.



Sam Mecoli and Luca Smith earned All League 2nd Team recognition.



Congratulations to our Football Team on their impressive win over Indian Hill last week.



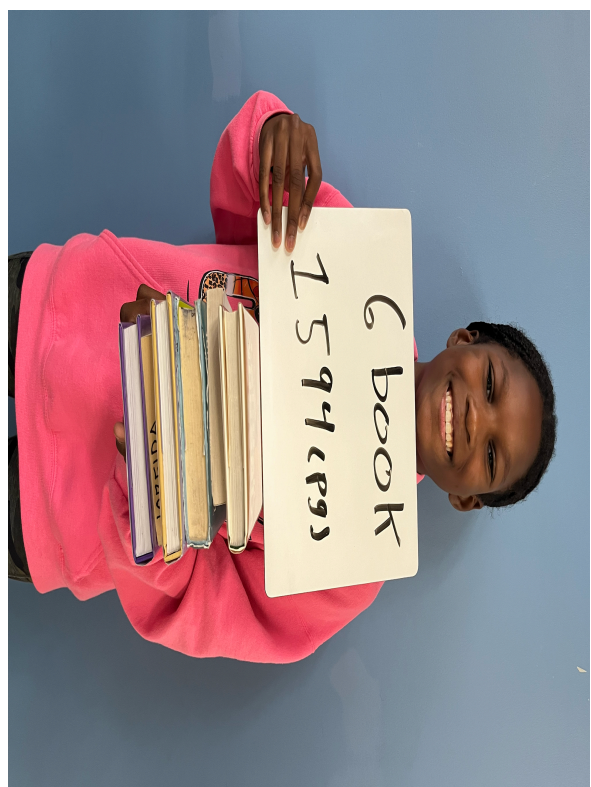
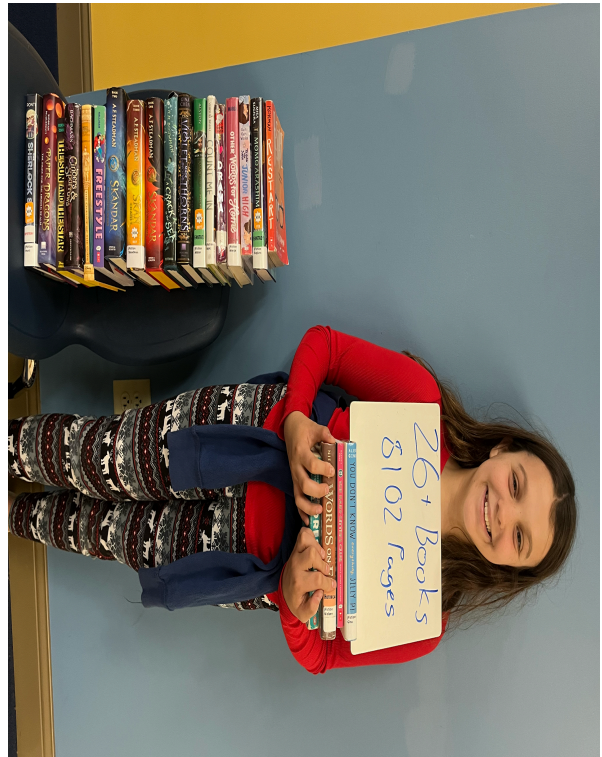
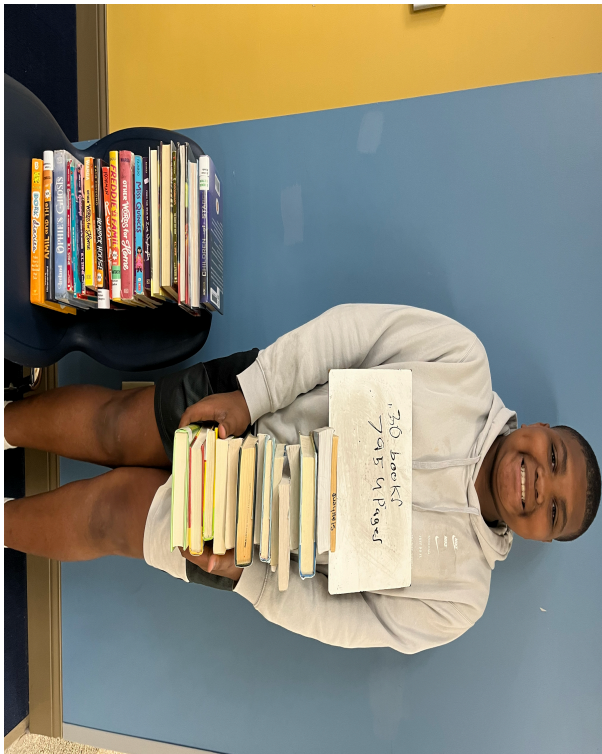
6th Grade ELA Students engaged in a Hexagonal Thinking activity in Mrs. Griley's class.





Mr. Allen's students impressed with their debate skills!

Throughout the 1st Quarter, the four 6th Grade students pictured below read a combined total 94 books for a



combined total of 30,770 pages! Absolutely fantastic!
