



WMS COWBOY CONNECTION

WMS Families,

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

Your Partner in Education,

Brian Bocian

Principal

Red Ribbon Week: October 28–31.

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.

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.


Congratulations to WMS Teacher Mrs. Beth Smith!

Tremendous work is done across our Wyoming school community to create extraordinary opportunities for students. Wyoming Middle School Teacher Beth Smith exemplifies excellence in her work to empower Wyoming students with the knowledge, perspective, and skills essential for success. Mrs. Smith was recently presented with the WCS Impact Award. The recognition is for staff members who are making a positive impact in the lives of the students, families, and staff of Wyoming City Schools. Read more about Mrs. Smith's impact here below.

 Congratulations Mrs. Beth Smith!

5th Grade Families.

The Cincinnati Children's RISE: Resilience In Student Education project is offering a research opportunity focused on understanding and promoting resilience among 5th grade students with ADHD or who experience difficulties with focusing or hyperactive/impulsive behaviors. Parents and students will complete questionnaires about academics, organization, time management, social support, emotional health, and behaviors including attention. See the links below for additional information. Additional information will be shared soon.

 Cincinnati Children's RISE Study.pdf

<https://www.studentresilience.org/>

Contact: risestudy@cchmc.org / 513-803-6321

Calamity Day Information.


Calamity Days may be called for a number of reasons. Most often, a calamity day is due to hazardous road/sidewalk conditions due to inclement weather. [More information about school closures and delays can be found here](#). Calamity day information is shared with families through the use of our SchoolMessenger notification system. [More information about SchoolMessenger, including how to make changes to your contact information, is available here](#). Our annual Superintendent Thanksgiving Message serves as a test of our SchoolMessenger phone call system. This year's Superintendent Thanksgiving Message is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26. If you do not receive the phone call on November 26 or would like to make changes to the phone number used for the message, please [follow these instructions](#) or send your request by email to info@wyomingcityschools.org

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.

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.

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

- Finance Friday: Annual Audits of Public Organizations
- Wyoming Primary Schools Bond Levy on November Ballot
- Upcoming Events
- Wyoming Firefighters Association Turkey Raffle on Nov. 22 & 23
- Travel Opportunity for 7th & 8th Graders

Cowboy Views.

Sixth grade Cowboy Bell students display their laser-cut bridge designs!



Student Council Candy Sales were a success!



Great job to our Orchestra Students on their performance last week! (Nice costumes too!)



Friday night band performance at the halftime show.

