

# WMS COWBOY CONNECTION

WMS Families,

*It's our last full week before Thanksgiving Break! I hope it was a good weekend for everyone. Below please find highlights from last week along with updates and reminders.*

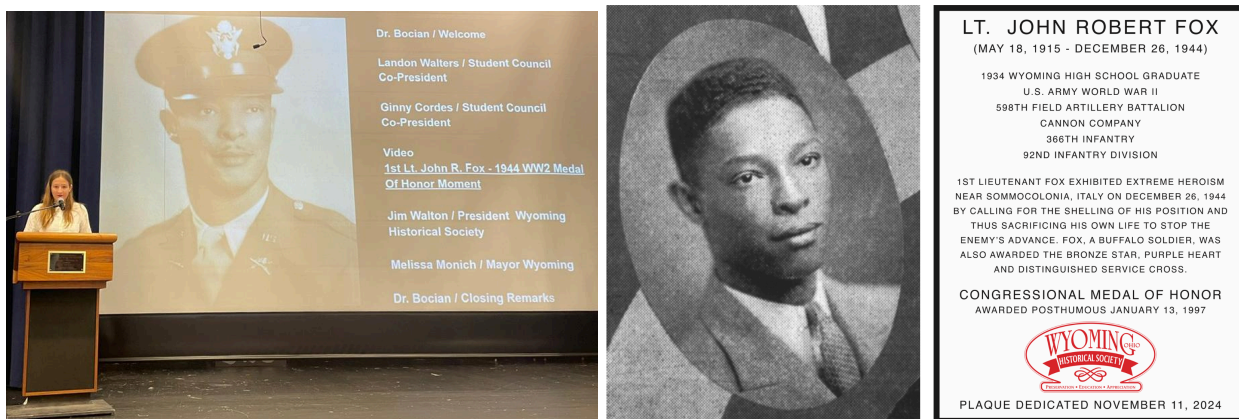
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*Brian Bocian  
Principal*

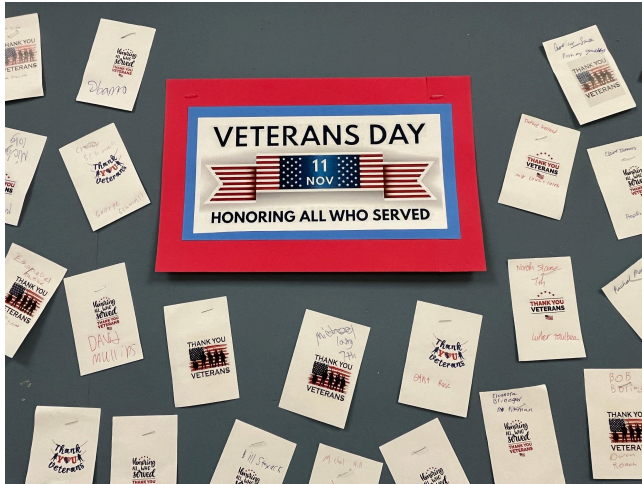
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## **Veterans Day Assembly.**

Last week, WMS held a special presentation for Veteran's Day, joined by Jim Walton, President of the Wyoming Historical Society, and Wyoming Mayor Melissa Monich. Students had the opportunity to learn about the experiences of Wyoming alumnus and WWII Veteran, John Fox. First Lieutenant Fox was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic selflessness and sacrifice to his country. Additionally, the WMS Student Council organized a way for students to recognize Veterans, with a display on the main bulletin board in the cafeteria. For more information about Lieutenant Fox, click here: [John Robert Fox](#). Photos from the day can be found below.



*(Left) Student Council Co-President Ginny Cordes reads a poem honoring all veterans. (Center) yearbook photo of Lt. John R. Fox, (Right) replica of the Lt. John R. Fox Memorial Plaque dedicated on 11/11/24.*



(Above) Students write the names of Veterans to honor on our bulletin board in the cafeteria.  
(Below) Our completed Veterans Day board.



### 7th and 8th Grade Dance!

7th and 8th Graders are invited to join the Student Council for the Candyland Dance this Friday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.! Get ready for a sugar-coated adventure at this year's Candyland-themed event. Step into a world of gumdrop hills, lollipop lanes, and magical treats. It's going to be a night filled with sweet vibes, fun music, and memories that will last forever! Tickets will be on sale during lunch from Tuesday, 11/19 to Thursday, 11/22, for \$7. Tickets will be \$10 at the door.



### **Terrace Metrics Assessment**

School Counselors will begin the Terrace Metrics assessment this week. Terrace Metrics helps schools measure, monitor, and manage students' resiliency and behavioral health.

Mrs. McHenry and Miss Mahoney will follow the schedule below this week.

5th Grade- Monday, 11/18 in Social Studies with Mrs. Young

6th Grade- Wednesday, 11/20 in Science with Mrs. Brockman and Mr. Kunkel

7th Grade- Thursday, 11/21 in Science with Mrs. Brockman and Mr. Kassner

8th Grade- Tuesday, 11/19 in Science with Mrs. Tubbs

### **Welcome Katie Ekins, New Administrative Assistant to the Principal!**

We will have a new face in the main office starting Friday, 11/22. Join me in welcoming Mrs. Katie Ekins to our office team! Katie fills the role of Donna Warmack who retired last quarter.

### **eCard Sale to Support Project Connect.**

Fifth-grade Cowboy Bell will be selling eCards (digital cards sent via email) this week, Monday through Thursday, November 18–21. Proceeds from the sales will go to Project Connect to support students experiencing homelessness in Cincinnati Public Schools. eCards can be purchased for \$1.00. Students and staff can send cards to any student in Wyoming Middle School, or any teacher or staff member throughout the district. To learn more about Project Connect, watch this brief [video](#).

### **Cowboy Views.**

*7th and 8th grade general music classes have been hearing from Wyoming community members about their different careers in music. Thank you to Mary Lawson, Ted Burger, and Joe Auger for sharing with our students!*



### **Thanksgiving Break.**

Reminder that our last day of school prior to Thanksgiving Break is Tuesday, 11/26. School will not be in session Wednesday, 11/27. Classes resume Monday, 12/2.

### **Student Fees.**

As we begin the second 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 Chicago and WMS dances.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:info@wyomingcityschools.org)

### **Cell Phones, Smart Watches, and Earbuds.**

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. Additionally, we ask that SmartWatches and wireless headphones not be worn during school hours.

### **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](http://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](mailto:osbornet@wyomingcityschools.org) if you have any questions.

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

*including:*

- *Finance Friday: WCS Receives Refund from County Auditor's REA Fund*
  - *WPS Bond Issue Passes: Thank You, Wyoming!*
  - *Upcoming Events*
  - *WyoShop Hours*
  - *WSF's Lighted Forest Walk Nov. 19-21*
  - *Wyoming Firefighters Association Turkey Raffle on Nov. 22 & 23*
  - *Travel Opportunity for 7th & 8th Grade Students*
  - *Aikido Classes @ Wyoming Rec Center*
  - *JWC Light Up Wyoming Luminary Sales Events Dec. 4 & 7*
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