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WMS PARENT NEWS

Hello and welcome to Westbury Middle School's Parent & Family Newsletter! Please stay subscribed to this newsletter for important information throughout the school year. Spring Break is April 14-April 18!

Educators of the Week

At Westbury Middle School, we are incredibly fortunate to have Ms. Sophie Mason, our dedicated Social Worker and PLT Leader, whose spirit of calm and thoughtfulness is felt throughout our school community. She is a guiding light for our scholars, always engaging with them in a way that is both compassionate and solution-oriented. We see you...thoughtfully resolving issues, home visits, providing a listening ear, and thorough follow-ups, Ms. Mason's commitment to scholar well-being is exceptional. The invaluable work with scholars, is a sign of insightful leadership that garners insight and resourcefulness to elevate our Professional Learning Teams. Ms. Mason; your ideas inspire action, your presence fosters collaboration, and your unwavering dedication strengthens the foundation of our school. Westbury Middle School thrives because of educators like Ms. Mason!

Ms. Udyavara Shrikanth is a valuable member of our school community, demonstrating such dedication, professionalism, and a deep commitment to scholar success. We value your thoughtful reflections and your support with Academic Monitoring with Ms. Root. As a Teacher Assistant, she goes above and beyond to support the teachers and scholars, fostering an inclusive and engaging learning environment. Her passion for education is evident in her ability to build strong relationships, provide meaningful academic and behavioral support, and contribute positively to the school culture. Ms. Udyavara Ganga's commitment to higher education further reflects her commitment for growth and excellence in the field. Given her dedication, reliability, and impact, we highly recommend Ms. Ganga for tenure, as she is an asset to our scholars and the broader school community. Thank you for being so positive and loving with our scholars and colleagues.

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Dr. Hill-Wallace, a leader who brings new energy, focus, and a hands-on approach to the Science Department. Our Science Department is thriving because of her dedication to ensuring systematic meetings and information sharing which has strengthened collaboration and ensured our scholars receive the highest quality instruction. We are also thrilled to congratulate Dr. Hill-Wallace on passing her School Building Leader exams! This remarkable achievement is a profound example of her commitment to growth, excellence, and leadership. Her ability to inspire, organize, and drive meaningful change makes her a true model of leadership within our school community. It has been a pleasure getting to know Dr. Hill-Wallace on a deeper level, and we are excited to see all that lies ahead under her leadership.



WMS MONTHLY EVENTS

Mr. Gray and the Robotic Team truly made us proud! Munchkin was whizzing around "Under the Sea" placing coral on the reefs, moving algae and impressed us all with the final hang! It was truly impressive to see the work and dedication to build, program and operate Munchkin and with such precision. Our scholars are truly representing Westbury with excellence. I also enjoyed watching the camaraderie with Mr. Gray and the other coaches; helping with parts and tools. That camaraderie quickly turned to competition when Munchkin hit the floor. Thank you to Mr. Caliguri, Ms. Santiago, Ms. Sarris and Mr. J. Suozzi for showing your support and for providing our Middle School scholars with such an amazing experience to tour the arena. We also thank Mr. Laser Alert for capturing the most amazing images as we tell our story!



A special thank you to Dr. Hill-Wallace for hosting NYIT Physician Assistants during the after-school program with 19 scholars. The scholars were able to have a hands-on Career Day; learning about the medical field in the classrooms. The scholars had a great experience and were engaged with medical equipment and a career workshop.

Crazy Socks commemorated the National World Down Syndrome Day! We thank Ms. Vlahov and the Special Education Team for creating such a memorable experience for our scholars and staff. By the smiling faces we can see that all had an amazing time!



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We would also like to extend a sincere "Thank You" to our PTSA for an incredible Family Night. Thank you to Ms. Arrascue, Ms. Hiltz, Mrs. Maltez, Dr. Orellana and our Custodial and Security Team for making the evening rather special. It was so nice to play Jenga and Memory with our families, scholars and teachers.

Ms. Stasi joined us on the dance floor and little Jackie is quite the jump roper!



Thank you, Mr. Canalini for 33 years of dedicated service, your commitment to our students and school community has been truly remarkable. Over the years, you have been a pillar of support, mentorship, and guidance for countless students and colleagues. Your SCOPE Award this week is a well-deserved honor, recognizing the impact you have made on so many lives. Thank you for your years of service, leadership, and unwavering dedication. We take so much pride in celebrating you.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Arab American Heritage Month Faculty Mtg.	2 WMS ENL/Bilingual Family Night 6-8PM	3	4	5
6	7	8 BOE Planning/Action Mtg 7:30PM	9	10	11	12
13	14 SCHOOL CLOSED Spring Break	15 SCHOOL CLOSED Spring Break	16 SCHOOL CLOSED Spring Break	17 SCHOOL CLOSED Spring Break	18 SCHOOL CLOSED Spring Break	19
20	21	22	23	24 WMS PTSA Mtg. 6:30PM	25 WMS PTSA Reflection Awards Night 3RD QUARTER ENDS	26 YLI (Young Leaders Institute) 9-11AM
27	28	29	30			



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