



# WMS COWBOY CONNECTION

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*WMS Families,*

*I hope everyone enjoys Labor Day weekend! We look forward to seeing students back on Tuesday, September 2.*

*Your partner in education,*

*Brian Bocian  
Principal*

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## **WMS Parent Advisory Committees (PAC) Donations**

The WMS PAC is seeking one time family donations to help support appreciation events through the year. Your donation will help fund luncheons, Teacher Appreciation, and other special tokens of gratitude throughout the year. Please see the flyer below for additional information.

 [WMS Families -PAC Donation Flyer.pdf](#)

## **Club Fair**

Our annual Club Fair was held during lunches today. Students had an opportunity to sign up for a variety of clubs offered at WMS. If your child was not able to sign up, please feel free to reach out to an advisor for details. A list of the clubs being offered this school year can be found in the following link: [📄 Clubs Offered 25-26](#)

## **MAP Testing on Wednesday, 9/3**

Students took the Fall ELA MAP assessments on Thursday of last week and will take the Math MAP assessments on Wednesday next week. MAP assessments are administered three times each school year (Fall, Winter, and Spring). Results are used to identify each student's academic strengths and areas for growth, track progress over time, and adjust instruction to meet individual learning needs. Teachers also use the data to set goals, form small groups, and guide interventions for targeted support.

## **Apply Now for Free & Reduced School Meals**

Free and reduced meal applications are available online in the [Payschools Parent Portal](#). Additionally, paper applications are available in the school front offices. A new application is required each school year to determine eligibility for free or reduced meals; there is only a 30-day grace period from last school year's approval.

*Instructional Fee Waiver:* Prior to electronically signing and submitting the online application, please make sure to "check" the boxes in the disclosure section if you are also requesting an instructional fee waiver. This is an important step, as fees will not be waived without this authorization.

For families who are directly certified for free or reduced meals due to their eligibility through SNAP, TANF or Medicaid, you will receive a Direct Certification Notification from our Nutrition Services Partner, Milford Exempted Village Schools.

Please note that action is required - you must sign and return the Fee Waiver Permission on the bottom of that form - in order for instructional fees to be waived.

For questions or assistance, please contact Milford Nutrition Services at 513-576-2290 or [foodservices@milfordschools.org](mailto:foodservices@milfordschools.org).

### **Advanced Art Great Tape Figure Unit.**

The great tape figure unit is underway in the Advanced Art classes. This unit has it all: teamwork, creativity, skill building, trust, and fun! The sculptures will appear throughout the middle school in the coming weeks!



### **Fall Drama Production.**

Our Drama Club has announced this year's fall show, *The Fearsome Pirate Frank* ! Students in grades 6, 7 or 8 who are interested in being a member of the cast or crew, be sure to complete the [application](#) by next Friday, September 5. Mrs. Coomer has provided audition materials [here](#).

### **Nurse Update.**

Starting in September, we will conduct vision and hearing screenings for all 5th graders and students new to the district, as well as hearing screenings for all 7th graders, in accordance with Ohio law. If you choose not to have your child screened, please complete the [linked waiver](#) and return the form to your child's school.

You are encouraged to have your child's vision and hearing assessed by their health care provider if you choose to not have your child participate in the school screenings. Please take

[this linked form](#) to your child's appointment as you continue routine care for your child through pediatric well-child visits. We request a completed copy of these documents be sent to the school for our records.

### **Student Absence Procedures.**

If your child is out of school due to illness or an appointment, please contact us using one of the following options:

- Email: [WMSattendance@wyoingcityschools.org](mailto:WMSattendance@wyoingcityschools.org)
- Call: Attendance line at (513) 206-7181
- Please note automated attendance calls start Monday 8/25/25

Please remember to send a doctor's note when your child returns to school from an appointment.

### **Student Fees Sept 1**

On September 1 of each school year, fees will go live to parents for that year and payments can start. Fees are payable through [PaySchool accounts](#).

### **Upcoming Events**

- Monday, September 1 - No School, Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 2- Chess Club begins 3-4:30 pm
- Monday, October 13 - Picture Retake Day

### **Go Spirit? Yes we do!**

Our fall athletics season is well underway. Below you will find links for team schedules. Come out to show your spirit and cheer on our student-athletes.

For a full list of all WCS School's Athletic Events, click [here](#).

[Boys Cross Country](#) [Girls Cross Country](#)

[Boys Golf](#) [Girls Golf](#)

[Volleyball 8th Grade](#) [Volleyball 7th Grade](#)

[Football / Cheer](#)

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

including:

- Finance Friday: Primary Construction Project Update
- Homecoming Parade open to area youth programs
- Upcoming Events
- PSA Dine & Donate: Cowboy Cones on Monday - September 1
- PSA presents Pizza & Movie Night - September 27
- Wyoming Fine Arts Center offering after school care
- Wyoming Newcomers Club invite
- JWC Mum Sale
- Heart to Art teen art competition info
- A Class Just for Young Dog Lovers

Cowboy Views from some of last week's athletic events can be found below!





