



GRIZZLY NEWS

WESTERN HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL



HELLO, MARCH! ARE WE PAST WINTER YET? STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ALIKE ARE STARTING TO SHOW SIGNS OF SPRING FEVER AS THE PRE-SPRING WEATHER SHIFTS BY THE DAY. STILL, FEBRUARY WAS ANOTHER EXCITING MONTH AT WHMS. CHECK OUT OUR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH, STAFF SHOUTOUTS, AND A REVIEW OF THE SCHOOL MUSICAL IN THIS MONTH'S EDITION.

EVENTS

UPCOMING DATES TO
REMEMBER

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

STUDENTS OF THE
MONTH

WHMS STAFF

STAFF MEMBER OF THE
MONTH

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

STAFF JANUARY
PERFECT ATTENDANCE

GRIZZLY CLUB

FEBRUARY POSITIVE
REFERRALS

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
TEAM - ELA GROWTH

MUSICAL REVIEW

SPIRIT WEEK!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



EVENTS

MARCH

MARCH 13 - 2 HOUR EARLY
DISMISSAL

MARCH 18-19 - 8TH GRADE MISA
TESTING

MARCH 30 - BTB SESSION 4
APPLICATIONS DUE

APRIL

APRIL 1 - END OF 3RD MARKING
PERIOD AND 2 HOUR EARLY
DISMISSAL

APRIL 2ND - 6TH - SPRING BREAK

APRIL 7-30 - BTB SESSION 4



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

EVERY MONTH, GRADE LEVEL TEACHERS NOMINATE
TWO STUDENTS OF THE MONTH. BELOW ARE FEBRUARY
WINNERS!

8TH GRADERS:

CAMDEN FERTITTA
MIA SALGADO-RONCHI

7TH GRADERS:

SEBASTIAN MARTIN
CAROLINE BUZZARD

6TH GRADERS:

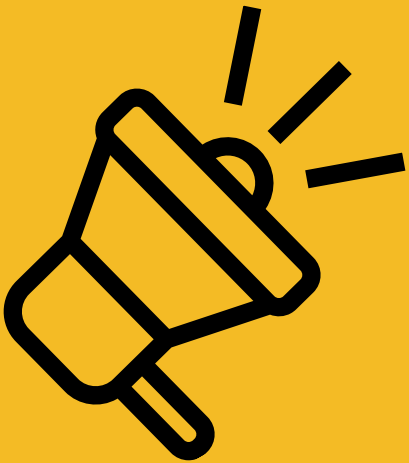
NICK CRENSHAW
ISABELLA FRIAS



WHMS STAFF

JESS KEISTER

CONGRATULATIONS
TO JESS KEISTER,
WHO IS KNOWN FOR
WORKING WITH
KIDS ONE-ON-ONE
IN HER CLASSROOM
AND HER
COLLEAGUES SAY
SHE STEPS UP TO
THE PLATE AS A
LEADER ON THE 6TH
GRADE TEAM.



STAFF PERFECT ATTENDANCE



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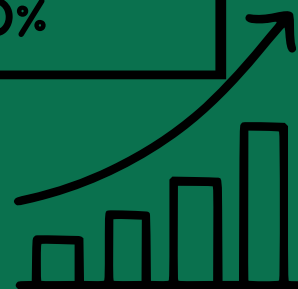
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM



OUR SCHOOLWIDE ELA OBJECTIVE IS FOR THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS MEETING GRADE-LEVEL LEXILE TARGETS TO INCREASE FROM 34.8% TO 45%! OUR GOAL IS TO INCREASE MCAP PROFICIENCY FOR EACH GRADE AS FOLLOWS:

	2024-2025	2025-2026
GRADE 6	44%	50%
GRADE 7	45.5%	50%
GRADE 8	43.3%	50%

HOW CAN I HELP?



CONSISTENCY IS KEY! READING NOVELS, NONFICTION BOOKS, BIOGRAPHIES, MAGAZINES, AND EVEN HIGH-QUALITY ONLINE ARTICLES ALL COUNT. SUSTAINED READING OF APPROPRIATELY CHALLENGING TEXTS PUTS STUDENTS IN A POSITION TO SEE THEMSELVES AS CONFIDENT AND CAPABLE READERS. EVEN 10 MINUTES OF SHARED QUIET READING TIME EACH NIGHT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

MUSICAL REVIEW

LEGALLY BLONDE *The Musical* JR.

WHMS ONCE AGAIN PACKED THE HOUSE IN FEBRUARY FOR TWO STELLAR PERFORMANCES OF *LEGALLY BLONDE, THE MUSICAL JR.* PIPER TANNER OWNED HER LEAD ROLE AS ELLE WOODS AND THE SUPPORTING CAST ROSE TO THE CHALLENGE TO MATCH HER ENERGY. THE COMIC SIDE-ROMANCE BETWEEN PAULETTE AND KYLE (PLAYED BY JOURNEE COLLINS AND CAMILLO KLINE, RESPECTIVELY) QUICKLY BECAME FAN-FAVORITE SCENES WITH THE AUDIENCE, WHILE LARGE DANCE NUMBERS FILLED THE STAGE AND AISLES WITH UP-BEAT SORORITY AND BEAUTY PARLOR FUN.



March

Spirit Week

Monday
3/16

Adam Sandler Day
(Dress in oversized comfy gym clothes)



Tuesday
3/17

Wear Green Day
(Dress in green for St. Patty's Day)



Wednesday
3/18

Western Wednesday
(Dress like you're from the wild west, the west coast, or the Western Heights!)



Thursday
3/19

Throwback Day
(Dress in an outfit that represents a different decade)



Friday
3/20

Future Pathways Day
(Wear college, career, or military-based attire to represent your future pathways)



CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

WHMS HELD AN ARTS AND WRITING CONTEST TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH. PARTICIPANTS WERE INVITED TO A CELEBRATION WHERE THEY TALKED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND SHARED WHAT IT MEANS TO THEM. STUDENTS SNACKED ON PIZZA PROVIDED BY PRIMANTI BROTHERS AND DONUTS PROVIDED BY KRISPY KREME DONUTS.

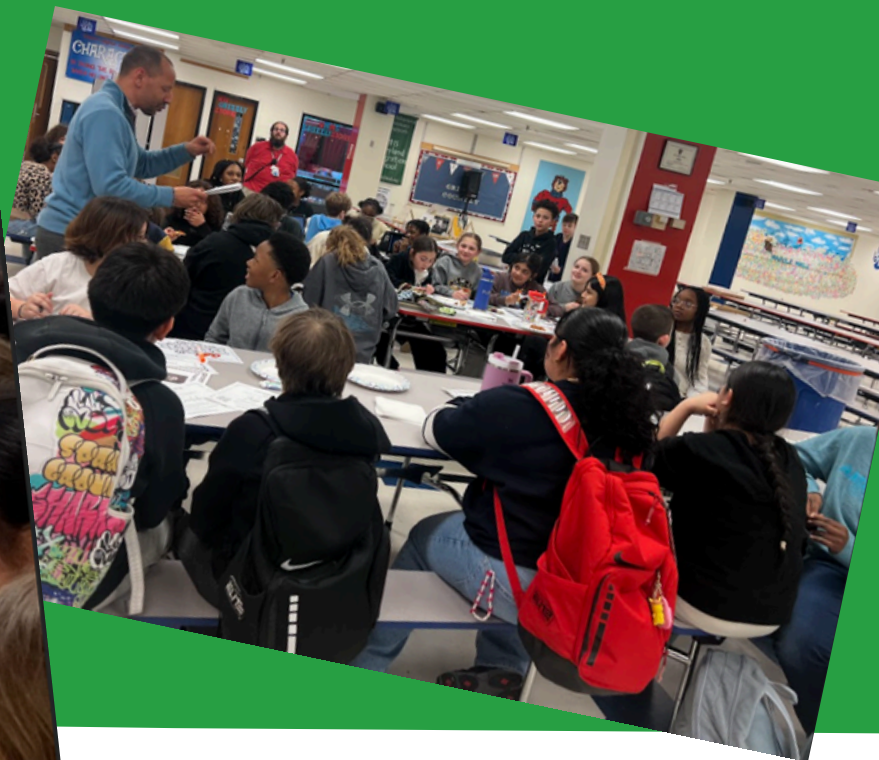
FIVE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS WERE SELECTED TO WIN GIFT CARDS:

WALKER BONDS (ESSAY)

JACOB PACE (POETRY)

EMMY DIAZ CASTRO (HISTORY)

BROOKELYN MAY + HARLOW SMITH (ART)



SOME STUDENTS CHOSE TO READ THEIR POETRY OR WRITING TO THE GROUP, WHILE OTHER STUDENTS CREATED ARTWORK WITH KENTE CLOTH!