



WESTERN HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

WELCOME TO THE MAY/JUNE EDITION AND OUR FINAL UPDATE ON WHMS FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR. MAY WAS FULL OF TESTING, TEACHER APPRECIATION, GRADE LEVEL FIELD TRIPS, END-OF-YEAR PERFORMANCES, AND THE 8TH GRADE CELEBRATION AND DANCE. IT HAS BEEN BUSY AROUND HERE!

EVENTS

UPCOMING DATES TO
REMEMBER

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

STUDENTS OF THE
MONTH FOR APRIL AND
MAY

WHMS STAFF

STAFF MEMBER OF THE
MONTH FOR APRIL AND
MAY

COUNSELING CORNER

A SUMMER MESSAGE

PROGRAMS

INFUSION, TRI-M, AND
ORCHESTRA UPDATES

GRIZZLY CLUB

APRIL AND MAY
POSITIVE REFERRALS

WHMS LIBRARY

YEAR-IN-REVIEW

MAURIELLO'S MESSAGE

BITTERSWEET FAREWELLS

EVENTS



JUNE

JUNE 9 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 2.5 HOUR
EARLY DISMISSAL

AUGUST

AUGUST 25 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER

SEPT 4 - EARLY DISMISSAL
SEPT 7 - LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL
SEPT 28 - EARLY DISMISSAL



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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

8TH GRADERS:

DANIEL MARTINEZ MARTEL
RENNI ELDER

APRIL



6TH GRADERS:

JAYCE PRUNA VEGA
GABBY GARCIA

7TH GRADERS:

MIGUEL HERNANDEZ FLORES
NEVAYLA HAHN

MAY

8TH GRADERS:

PARKER FLOOK
JALAIYAH SHRADER (NOT
PICTURED)



7TH GRADERS:

6TH GRADERS:

WILLIAM FOSTER
LEILA RODRIGUEZ

JORDAN JOHNSON
HARPER CRAMPTON



WHMS STAFF

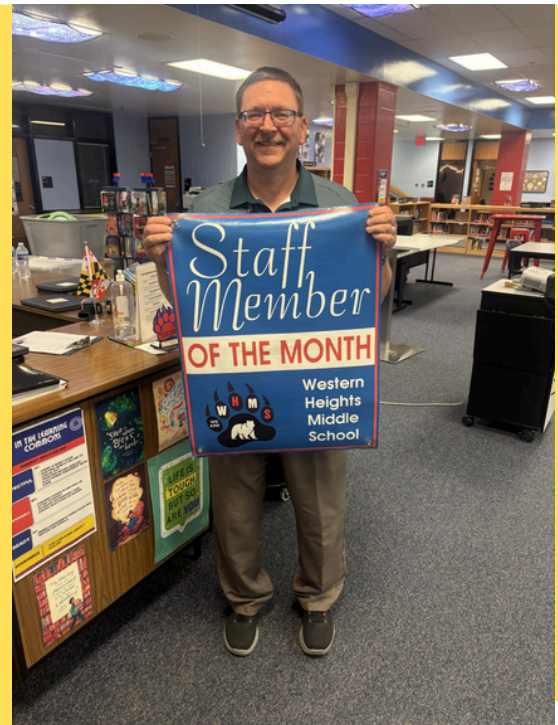
MRS. GAVER

MRS. GAVER IS OUR APRIL
STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH!

LISA GAVER IS OUR
ATTENDANCE SECRETARY AT
WHMS. SHE HAS HELPED SEVERAL
NEW SECRETARIES JOIN THE
WHMS STAFF THIS YEAR,
MAKING THE TRANSITION
EASIER FOR EVERYONE. HER
EIGHT YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
HERE AT WESTERN HEIGHTS HAS
BEEN A STABLE FORCE AND WE
ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE
HER!



MR. BARTHOLOMEW



MR. BARTHOLOMEW IS OUR
MAY STAFF MEMBER OF THE
MONTH!

KEVIN BATHOLOMEW IS
RETIRING AFTER TEACHING
SCIENCE FOR 31 YEARS HERE
IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.
HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS
OUR 8TH GRADE TEAM LEAD
AT WHMS AND IS A
FAVORITE AMONG THE
STUDENTS AS "THE
ORIGINAL" MR. B!

COUNSELING CORNER

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE FINISHING ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR! STUDENTS HAVE SELECTED PREFERENCES FOR THEIR UARA CLASSES FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR. SCHOOL COUNSELORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND LEAD TEACHERS WORK ON STUDENT SCHEDULES OVER THE SUMMER. THEY ARE TYPICALLY RELEASED IN STUDENT VUE APPROXIMATELY 2 WEEKS BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS. SCHOOL COUNSELORS HAVE LIMITED HOURS DURING THE SUMMER.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO US WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

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PROGRAMS

INFUSION: COSMOS

IT WAS ANOTHER GRAND PRODUCTION PACKED FULL OF LOCAL TALENT FROM THE STUDENT-WRITTEN SCRIPT TO THE PLAYBILL GRAPHICS AND ACROSS THE MUSICAL, THEATRICAL AND DANCING STAGE!



TRI-M

TRI-M PARTICIPATED IN BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE ON APRIL 26TH.



8TH GRADE ORCHESTRA

8TH GRADERS PERFORMED WITH THE NORTH HIGH ORCHESTRA AT THEIR CONCERT ON APRIL 30. WE PERFORMED "SWEET CHILD OF MINE" WITH THEM.



GRIZZLY CLUB



Western Heights Middle School

Learning Commons

25-26 YEAR IN REVIEW

Reading Rankings!

Grade Level	ELA Classes
1. 6 th (860)	1. Jones (351)
2. 7 th (664)	2. Elliott (227)
3. 8 th (370)	3. Laboue (207)

2,119

Books Checked Out

Items in the Collection

7,556

250

New Books Added

Books Per Student

8.6

332

Class Visits

Top 10 Books (and number of checkouts)



14



14



10



9



9



9



8



8



8



8

Book Fair

Total Sales: \$8,417.15

Money Raised: \$2,456.54

This money helps buy books for students and the library!

MR. MAURIELLO

WESTERN HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

IT HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO SERVE THE STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY OF WHMS AS PRINCIPAL FOR THE PAST 11 YEARS. I AM INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY I WAS GIVEN SO MANY YEARS AGO. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO ALL OF THE STAKEHOLDERS I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH THROUGHOUT THIS JOURNEY.

FIRST, TO OUR AMAZING STUDENTS: THANK YOU FOR BEING YOURSELVES, FOR CHALLENGING ME AS AN EDUCATOR AND FOR HELPING ME GROW INTO THE LEADER I AM TODAY. YOUR RESILIENCE, TALENT, AND SPIRIT HAVE INSPIRED ME EACH AND EVERY DAY.

TO OUR SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY: THANK YOU FOR ADVOCATING FOR YOUR CHILDREN, FOR CONSISTENTLY SHOWING UP AND FOR YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS.

AND FINALLY, TO THE INCREDIBLE GRIZZLY STAFF OF WHMS: THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST, EVEN WHEN THE WORK WAS DIFFICULT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION, YOUR PERSEVERANCE, AND YOUR BELIEF IN THE POTENTIAL, TALENTS AND FUTURES OF OUR STUDENTS.

SERVING AS PRINCIPAL OF THIS GREAT SCHOOL HAS TRULY BEEN THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY PROFESSIONAL CAREER. AS WESTERN HEIGHTS APPROACHES NEARLY 50 YEARS OF EDUCATING STUDENTS, I LEAVE WITH A FULL HEART AND DEEP APPRECIATION, HONORED TO HAVE SERVED AS THE LONGEST TENURED PRINCIPAL IN OUR SCHOOL'S HISTORY.



MY TIME AT WHMS WILL FOREVER REMAIN A PART OF WHO I AM AND WILL CONTINUE TO INFLUENCE ALL THAT I DO MOVING FORWARD.
GO GRIZZLIES!

MATT