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## WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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## REMINDERS

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> – End of  
Quarter 3 for all class  
periods except:  
Grade 6-Period 9  
Grade 7 – Period 4  
Grade 8 – Period 6**

**Quarter 3 will officially  
end on April 15<sup>th</sup> for all  
classes.**

**April 19<sup>th</sup> – Remote  
Learning Monday**

**Rotation #4 – 3/31-4/15  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade-Periods 9 & 1  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade-Periods 4 & 1  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade-Periods 1 & 6**

**Rotation #5 – 4/16-5/4  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade-Periods 6 & 2  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade-Periods 5 & 2  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade-Periods 5 & 2**



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### What's New

It's hard to believe it is April! We would like to thank our families who participated in parent/teacher conferences. That communication is important to us, and we appreciate your time.

We are in rotation #4; we will be moving to rotation #5 on April 16th. Students will finish this month in rotation #5. Here is our [April calendar](#).

Earlier this year, our Assistant Principal, Russ Hendrickson, announced his retirement at the end of this school year. Russ has been an incredible asset to WMS for the past three years. He will be greatly missed. Recently, we announced our new Assistant Principal, Kellen Palmer. Mr. Palmer has served as the Principal in Seeley Lake; he has done an incredible job, and we feel fortunate that he will be joining our team. Welcome Mr. Palmer!

Thank you for letting us be a part of this amazing community! Enjoy the sunshine!

Sincerely,  
Kacie Laslovich

### STEM Camp for Girls at the University of Montana

[2021 STEM Camp at UM](#)

### Flagship is back!

The Flagship program is a free after school program for all Washington Middle School families. Programs run each week from April 5th-30th and May 3rd - June 4th. Learn more and sign up online at [flagshipprogram.org](http://flagshipprogram.org) or ask for a brochure at the front office. Flagship also offers a free summer day camp each week in July! Summer camp registration will open mid-April. Contact Lauren Bender, the Flagship Coordinator, with questions: [wmsflagship@mcpsmt.org](mailto:wmsflagship@mcpsmt.org)

Thanks!  
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## Place your WMS 2020-21 Yearbook Order Before They Run Out!

- Cost is \$25
- Order online: [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) (You can also find the link at the bottom of our WMS website).
- If you have any fun photos to share of remote learning for use in the yearbook, please use the following link and the code "WMS" [Walsworth Community Upload](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Dana Olenick at 728-2400 ext. 2653 or at [dolenick@mcpsmt.org](mailto:dolenick@mcpsmt.org)

## Washington PTA

We continue to focus on ideas for the approaching 8th grade promotion, and we would love input from 8th grade parents. Let us know what would make the promotion special to your child. We are forming a subcommittee to help out with organizing, and could really use some extra hands!

Also, the WMS PTA is seeking new members for next year! Our three current officers all will be moving on next year, so we will be in need of a few individuals to fill those positions. Please join us at our next meeting, April 14th, at 6:30 via Zoom. Email us at [wmspta59801@gmail.com](mailto:wmspta59801@gmail.com) and we will send you the link!

Thanks again to parents for your continued support of WMS! Did you know there is an easy way you can support your WMS PTA? Several local and national business have set up generous programs to direct a percentage of your everyday purchases to support schools. The Good Food Store and Fresh Market both donate to us, just say Washington School prior to payment and a donation is automatically made. We also have an account with Amazon Smile, here is the link: [Montana Congress of Parents Teachers - Washington MS PTA](#). A donation is made to us with every purchase!

## Resources

Website: <https://www.mcpsmt.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=4362>

Bus Information: <http://www.infofinderi.com/ifi/?cid=MCPS4CVNG54XW>

Parent Portal: <https://q.mcps.k12.mt.us/ParentPortal/>

Washington Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wmsmissoula/>



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## Virtual Wrestling Season

Coach Ben Sivertsen is offering a virtual wrestling season for any WMS student interested, we take all grades and genders! Using Google Classroom there will be videos showing proper conditioning, workouts, and techniques used at WMS. The "season" will run from 4/5-4/30. Anyone interested may contact coach at [bosivertsen@mcpsmt.org](mailto:bosivertsen@mcpsmt.org) or use the classroom code [ntqffab](#)

## Track Season

We are still finalizing plans for a spring track season but it looks like this will probably happen! The season is scheduled to start on April 6th and runs through May 17th. Practices will be Mon-Thu from 1:30 - 3:00. The two Mondays we are on remote learning during this time will be our two track meets (4/19 and 5/17). More details on the meets will be coming out soon.

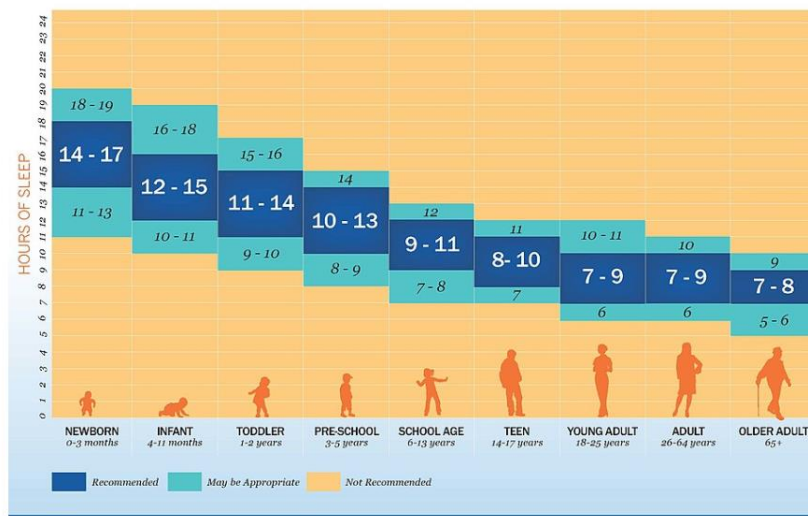
Students will be placed in pods of 20 athletes to help with social distancing requirements at all practices. Sign-ups for track will be on March 30th and 31st during lunch. Mr. Hendrickson & Mr. Nederhoed will visit each classroom to hand out paperwork and answer questions. All paperwork is due in the office by April 2nd. MOA students can download forms for the website below and drop them off in the office.

Our track website (<https://www.mcpsmt.org/Page/7346>) has been updated and will be the central point of communication. All updates will be posted to the website in a timely manner.

Thank you,  
Russ Hendrickson  
Assistant Principal - Washington Middle School

## NATIONAL SLEEP FOUNDATION

### SLEEP DURATION RECOMMENDATIONS





## **MathCounts**

Like everything in our world, Washington Mathcounts looked different this year. We held virtual and in-person meetings for students who wanted to participate in WMS Mathcounts. All of the Mathcounts competitions were virtual and the progression from one competition level was different than what we had ever previously experienced. All of our WMS Mathcounts participants took a chapter qualifier virtual test in early February. From this test, the top 20% in our region qualified to participate in the official Western Montana Chapter competition on February 25th. Four Washington Middle school students placed in the top 20% in our chapter invitational: Brendan Cowie (8th grade), Jake Peng (8th grade), Brynn Allred (7th grade), and Isaac Lukacs (6th grade).

These four students competed in the official chapter competition on February 25th. From this competition, the top 10 in the state plus the top 20% in each region were invited to compete in the state Mathcounts competition.

### **2021 WMS Chapter MathCounts Results:**

**Brendan Cowie placed 1st**

**Jake Peng placed 4th**

**Brynn Allred placed 10th**

**Isaac Lukacs placed 11th.**

With these chapter results (Brendan and Jake placed in the top 10 in the state, and Brynn and Isaac placed in the top 20% of our region) all four WMS students advanced to the State Mathcounts competition, held virtually on March 25th. We won't learn the results of that competition until April 2nd. If any of the students place in the top four in the state, they will move on to a virtual National Mathcounts competition in May.

Congratulations to Brendan, Jake, Brynn, and Isaac for their 2021 Mathcounts success this year. Your dedication and hard work is admirable. We are very proud of each of you.

**\*\*\*I would also like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Kari Boucher and Jon Graham for coaching these students this season! We could not do it without you! ~Kacie Laslovich**







## **Families in Transition (FIT)**

The Family Resource Center (FRC) is located in the main office area and is available to all Washington students. It is stocked with snacks, school supplies, clothes, shoes, coats, toiletries and more. If your student is in need of any of these items, they are welcome to visit the FRC confidentially any time. The FRC can be a resource for parents as well. Please don't hesitate to contact Shannon Ortt in the Family Resource Center at 728-2400, ext. 2616 with any needs or questions.



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