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WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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## REMINDERS

**August 31<sup>st</sup> – No School – PIR Day**

**September 7<sup>th</sup> – No School – Labor Day**

**September 14<sup>th</sup> – No School – PIR Day**

**August 26<sup>th</sup>-September 17<sup>th</sup> – Rotation #1**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade-Periods 1 & 6  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade-Periods 1 & 5  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade-Periods 1 & 5**

**Thank you for using the Attendance Hotline: 728-2400 ext. 2667**



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### Welcome Back!

We are excited to welcome our Washington community back to school for the 2020-21 school year! We hope you enjoyed your summer! We understand there are many unknowns during this time, but we can assure you that we have put the safety of our students, staff and community as our top priority.

We have created protocols to ensure surfaces are frequently cleaned, students are socially distanced and transition/break times are spread out to keep group sizes down. Our amazing custodial staff has spent endless hours this summer creating a beautiful, clean space for our students and staff.

Students are starting in Rotation #1, and this will end on September 17<sup>th</sup>. During this time, students will have one class period from 8 am to 10:30 am, lunch from 10:30 am to 11 am and a second class period from 11 am to 1:30 pm. These cohorts are set up to help with the number of contacts students and staff have in one day. Students will also get an outdoor break during each class period. Our playground has been divided into sections and each class will have a designated time and location to ensure they are with their cohort.

Our *Teamed for Success* approach to education allows our staff to work together to support academic, behavioral, social and emotional needs of our students. Our teamed approach ensures that each student has a supportive adult to get his/her needs met.

Communication is important to us. These newsletters will be sent out through email each month; in addition, they will be posted on our website under the Resources tab. Each staff member at Washington has a webpage where you can access contact information and other school news. The Washington webpage is regularly updated, and our Facebook page is a great place to keep you informed.

We are grateful for the flexibility and patience you have given us through these challenging times. We look forward to the future and all it has to offer. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions.

Sincerely,  
Kacie Laslovich  
Principal  
Washington Middle School  
*"Teamed for Success"*



## Hybrid Model

During Phase I, students will spend half of their time in face-to-face instruction and half of it online. During the online setting, students can expect a continuation of the curriculum taught during face-to-face instruction. Teams of teachers in each content will work together to deliver an instructional video, activities and virtual office hours. Students can expect to have approximately 1-2 hours of work per class period.

Every staff has a Remote Learning 2020-21 button on his/her homepage. This is where Remote Learning information will be posted by teachers. You can access the homepages here:

<https://www.mcpsmt.org/site/Default.aspx?PageType=1&SiteID=1386&ChannelID=1510&DirectoryType=6>

If a student does not have access to a computer at home, he/she will be able to check one out from school on Thursday (8/27) or Friday (8/28) when they attend school in their designated group (A-K, L-Z).

## Drop-off/Pick-up/Bus

Students must be dropped off and picked up on Central Ave or Bancroft. Students must use the crosswalk when they are crossing the street. The bus zone is on Sussex; it is important that there is no pick-up or drop-off on the south side of the building (Sussex). Safety is a top priority!

## Resources

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

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

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

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





## WMS PTA Volunteer Job Positions for the 2020 – 2021 School Year

The WMS PTA is recruiting parents to join us for an exciting opportunity to make a difference in our school and our community as we roll up our sleeves to take on the challenging year ahead of us in a new world impacted by COVID-19. Our goal is to make every student's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all students. Working together, we can ensure that there is smooth communication between parents, students, and staff as we navigate through decision making, adhere to mandatory and recommended guidelines, while also keeping communication and connectivity a priority to support our middle schoolers to thrive academically and socially.

WMS PTA Meetings will take place on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30-7:30pm. Currently we are holding the meetings via Zoom video chat until further notice due to COVID-19 precautions.

**Our next virtual PTA meeting is coming up on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**

**For complete information on open positions and how to join, please visit our WMS PTA webpage on the school website: <https://www.mcpsmt.org/domain/3267> and send an email to [wmspta59801@gmail.com](mailto:wmspta59801@gmail.com) with your thoughts, questions, or request for the Zoom link.**

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**Here are the positions we are looking to fill:**

### SECRETARY

- Takes minutes at PTA meetings, types and distributes minutes to PTA members;
- Co-signs formal papers with PTA president: authorizations for payment, resolutions and formal letters;
- Handles PTA correspondence as directed by the PTA president;
- Maintains and preserves PTA records and important documents to pass on at the end of the term;
- Manages and monitors PTA email correspondence for [wmspta59801@gmail.com](mailto:wmspta59801@gmail.com)

### TEAM/COHORT COORDINATORS (1 per team for A-K & 1 per team for L-Z)

- Manages communication between parents, teachers, and staff for updates, deadlines, changes, or alerts for Team/Cohort;
- Communicates with team/cohort teaching staff prior to the monthly PTA meeting to provide a report with updates, questions, and suggestions related to academics, school-related activities and social events (virtual or social distanced).





## SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

- Manages the WMS PTA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/wmspta.missoula>) along with its contents – WMS PTA does not (currently) have a Twitter or Instagram account;
- Monitors current events and announcements of the PTA and the school daily (does not have to post daily);
- Promotes events, volunteer opportunities, donation requests, school milestones, emergency alerts, weather delays, school closings, COVID-related updates, etc.
- Engages followers with "welcome" notices, reminders of special events, etc.
- Works closely with the PTA president to encourage followers to join the PTA and with the individual Cohort Coordinators to promote activities and social events (virtual or social distanced);
- Cross-posts from the official WMS Facebook page where appropriate (<https://www.facebook.com/wmsmissoula>) this page is operated by Kacie L. Laslovich <[kllaslovich@mcps.k12.mt.us](mailto:kllaslovich@mcps.k12.mt.us)>.
- Monitors and cross-posts pertinent announcements from the Missoula County Public Schools Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/missoulacountypublicschools>)
- Adheres to all school policies and procedures when answering questions about the school and refer any questions to the school administration when necessary.

## MCPS ONLINE ACADEMY COHORT COORDINATOR

- Manages communication between parents, teachers, and staff for updates, deadlines, changes, or alerts for WMS 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the MCPS Online Academy;
- Online Academy Learning (separate from Remote Learning connected to In-Class Learning) for Middle School students is in session each day (M-F) from 8:00am - 1:30pm;
- 18% of WMS students are participating in the MCPS Online Academy, however, In-Class Learning students have until September 4<sup>th</sup> to switch to the Online Academy, after Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, all Online Academy students must remain in this program through the first Semester, which ends on December 18, 2020.

### **How to join:**

Please submit an email to: [wmspta59801@gmail.com](mailto:wmspta59801@gmail.com) with your request to join the PTA, specifying which position you would like to volunteer for, by Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> to participate in the next PTA meeting coming up on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

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