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## WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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## REMINDERS

**December 10<sup>th</sup> – PTA meeting at 6:30 pm in the Commons.**

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup> - Winter Break**

**Attendance Hotline:  
728-2400 ext. 2667**



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### What's New

Thank you for joining us during Parent/Teacher conferences in November. We love the opportunity to share information with you! We are also grateful for the WMS PTA and everyone who contributed to the staff meal during conferences. We really appreciate it!

During the month of December, your students will participate in winter music concerts. Students and staff are excited to share their hard work and dedication to music over the past few months. All concerts begin at 7 pm in the WMS gym.

December 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir  
December 12<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band & Choir  
December 16<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra  
December 17<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band & Jazz Band

We continue to work on our Continuous School Improvement goals. They include:

Reading: We will focus on composing full argumentative text pieces across all content areas.

Math: We will focus on priority math standards and address Geometry standards through the new pacing pathway.

School Climate: We will build a culture of respect among one another.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions.

Sincerely,  
Kacie Laslovich

### Taking Pride in our New School

Part of our Vision for Washington Middle School is to teach our students to take a sense of pride in their community through stewardship, respect and becoming caring citizens. To help reach this goal, we have begun a new program where every week a new class will work as a team to help clean up our commons area after lunch is over. While this only takes about 3 minutes of their time, we feel it is a great opportunity to show how even the smallest efforts can create a positive environment for all students in our school.



## International Baccalaureate (IB)

Washington Middle School is a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme and pursuing authorization as an IB World School. During the month of November, Dr. Udo Fluck began teaching global competency and cultural awareness to our 7<sup>th</sup> graders. In addition, our IB Coordinator-Colleen Windell, began organizing our 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade community service opportunities which will take place in the new year.

## Spanish

Spanish classes are continuing storytelling units to target high frequency vocabulary as well as studying the cultural aspects of celebrating holidays in Spanish speaking countries. This includes Las Posadas and La Noche Vieja.

## What I Need (WIN)

Students have WIN for one period each day. During WIN, students work on various academic areas which support the building Continuous School Improvement goals. During the month of November, students are working on Mathia, engaging in Literature Circles, receiving intervention/enrichment or getting support for daily work.

## Attendance

Our team at WMS is actively working to encourage and improve school attendance. Attendance is important and students benefit from consistency in attending school. If you are struggling to get your student to school or need support with your student's attendance, our counselors are a great resource. They can provide strategies, resources and incentive programs for improving attendance. Please call Dana Olenick or Molly Tingley at 542-4085.

## 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/>





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### **From Santa Baby with the Santa Sock Drive:**

"If you or any of your students/parents wish to help deliver Santa Socks, starting Dec. 13, please have their parents contact me at the North Pole at [bluemountain@montana.com](mailto:bluemountain@montana.com) or 719-661-4037. Any student would need to come with their parents or guardian but we need LOTS of magical elves. We go to the Missoula nursing homes, homeless shelters, and independent and assisted living apartments the weekend of Dec. 14 and 15 and the Bitterroot facilities the next weekend with Santa Claus who is an Iraq veteran. Children and their parents make wonderful magical elves. Elves dress in red, white, and green if they wish. If they are veterans, they wear something that identifies them as veterans."

### **WMS Student Council**

During the month of December, Student Council will be running a drive for new or used children's books and new or used toys. The books will be donated to a local school, and the toys will be given to Missoula community members in need. This is a great opportunity for our students to support the Missoula community.

### **Family Resource Center**

Washington Middle School GIVING TREE

Nov. 20 - Dec. 20

Want to help support WMS families this Holiday Season?

1. Pick a tag off the tree in the lobby.
2. Sign the tag out at the front desk
3. Bring back the tag attached to the WRAPPED gift by Dec. 13th

Contact Shannon Ortt in the FRC with questions. 728-2400, ext. 2616





## Parent/Teacher Association

From your WMS PTA:

Keep updated: Follow us on our NEW updated WMS PTA Facebook page! <https://fb.me/wmspta.missoula>

Have you wanted to get involved and just don't have the time? Consider making a one-time monetary Tax Deductible gift to the PTA! Your gift goes directly to support teachers, staff and students at your WMS in meaningful ways. Checks payable to WMS, write WMS PTA in the memo line of the check.

### **Thanks to all your previous support we recently:**

1. Gifted the Robotics team \$500 to help with expenses related to their travel to Bozeman in January for a statewide competition. They gave us a quick preview, and boy, were we impressed! Good luck, team!
2. Supported the Science Olympiad team with \$575 to cover registration fees for the event they will be traveling to in November to Bozeman. They will even get to do a side visit to The Museum of the Rockies. Good luck, team!
3. Gifted the Community Engagement and Service Team with \$250 for a project they are working on. Stay tuned, and watch for results which will be right inside our own hallways!
4. Provided some delish food for the teachers during conferences. Many thanks to all who participated! We already heard that the staff appreciated it.

**How easily can YOU help while doing what you do already in your busy lives?** With money you literally already spend, others will donate to us!

1. **The Good Food Store** donates a percentage of your purchases back to WMS, just let your cashier know (before they start scanning) that you would like to support WMS (our ID is 556). *We received over \$1500.00 this way last year!*
2. **Amazon Smile** shares a percentage of all your eligible purchases when you chose us as your charity. Click on <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-0434543> and you won't have to search for us. Save Amazon Smile to your home screen so it's easy to find again! If you have an Android device, you can turn on Amazon Smile in Settings.
3. **Missoula Fresh Market** also supports us- simply ask them to keep the receipt (or make a copy) to support WMS.

**Come join us in person!** We meet monthly, and our next meeting is Tuesday Dec 10, at 6:30 pm in the multipurpose room; enter thru the South door on West Sussex Ave. Contact us at [wmspta59801@gmail.com](mailto:wmspta59801@gmail.com) for any questions!

Your WMS 2019 officers:

Co-presidents: Jenifer Caldwell and Beth Jaffe, Treasurer Ted Geilen, and Secretary Jordan Labbe

