REMINDERS

December 9<sup>th</sup> – Midterm Grades

December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Winter Break

Breakfast - FREE Lunch - \$3.25

Attendance Hotline: 728-2400 ext. 2667



#### Update

Thank you for joining us at Parent/Teacher Conferences as well as our first Showcase Night last month. It was wonderful to spend time with our families and show off our students' work. Also, we would like thank our PTA and WMS community for providing our teachers dinner during conferences. We greatly appreciate it!

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December is always a quick month. We have a number of music concerts, Flagship will be wrapping up their first session as well as boys' basketball. Our winter break will begin on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and students will return to school on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you for sending us your amazing students! We look forward to another busy month.

Sincerely,

Kacie Laslovich Principal Washington Middle School kllaslovich@mcpsmt.org

#### **Music Concerts**

December 7<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Choir Concert, 7 pm

December 8<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Choir Concert, 7 pm

December 13<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Jazz Band Concert, 7 pm

December 19<sup>th</sup> – All Grade Orchestra Concert, 7 pm

### WMS Athletics

Please see the WMS website for the basketball schedule. Boys basketball will wrap up this month.

### **Organization Support**

Every Thursday during WIN, students can come to the Commons for support organizing their binder and supplies. We have extra binders, folders and dividers to help students through this process. Let's get organized!

**Resources** 

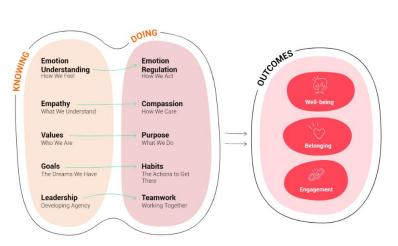
Website: <a href="https://www.mcpsmt.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=4362">https://www.mcpsmt.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=4362</a>

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

Infinite Campus Parent Portal: <u>https://missoulamt.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/missoula.jsp</u>

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

During the month of December, your students will be continuing the Character Strong content each week. The topics during the month of December are focused on Emotions & Values.



Order your yearbook now at <u>yearbookforever.com</u> This year it will be hardback and have many more pages! Early bird special until February 1 for \$25. After that it rises to \$35.



Donations!

Our Media Arts class is looking for costumes, wigs, props, etc. for classroom presentations. Please bring them to the office.

#### Wildcat Hunters

With hunting season now in full swing, we know that there are numerous Wildcats out and about and on the prowl for a harvest with their bows and rifles. Mr. Smith, 7th grade teacher, is gathering harvest photos for a bulletin board to take pride in, and celebrate the skills of, our young hunters. If you have a photo (preferably not overly gruesome), email it
to gtsmith@mcpsmt.org or have your student bring a photo to room 101. Feel free to send a photo from the hunt even if it didn't end in a harvest. Please include the name and grade of the student. But you better keep that "secret spot" a secret.
Best of luck to our Wildcat hunters!

### Help Support BPA!

BPA will be selling Pura Vida bracelets for \$8 each. These would make great holiday gifts! Bracelets should be here by the end of November.



#### WMS PTA

So far this year, our monthly meetings have not been well attended. If you would like to find out what is planned to enrich the school through PTA fundraising, personally receive Principal updates, and meet other parents, please come join us at one of our meetings. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the Washington Middle School Library. Our meetings are brief and informative. Notes for these meetings are posted on the school web page https://www.mcpsmt.org/Page/18433

At our January meeting we will be looking for volunteers to plan the 8th Grade Promotion Party. More to come on this!

If you shop at the Good Food Store, you could be earning the PTA 2% on your purchases. Mention 556 or Washington Middle School at checkout.

Consider purchasing your holiday gifts through Washington Middle School's Amazon Smile. Visit smile.amazon.com and select Montana Congress of Parents Teachers - Washington MS PTA

On behalf of the Washington Middle School PTA, we want to thank all of the parents and caregivers who have already joined the PTA.

If you have not yet joined the PTA, there is still time to join—the member drive is still ongoing. Joining the PTA is NOT a commitment to attend meetings and volunteer your time (although we would love to have you).

Your annual dues of \$20 will help with:

- Providing scholarships to students for field trips:
  - o 8th Grade annual Silverwood trip. Last year PTA provided \$450 in scholarships. Trip
  - cost estimated at \$100 per student (buses alone may cost upwards of \$8,000).
    - 7th Grade Lost Trail ski trip is in the planning stages
- Equipment and Software licenses for the school
- Purchased a snow blower
- Purchased on-line software license
- School club support
- Donated \$500 to help send BPA state qualifiers to Billings
- Purchased new Quiz Bowl buzzers
- Teacher appreciation food, special gifts and coffee cards
- Advocacy efforts on state and national levels

#### Scan the QR Code to visit our campaign page!





