REMINDERS

February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – High School registration during HPE classes

February 13<sup>th</sup> – No School – Professional Development day

February 20<sup>th</sup> – No School – Presidents' Day

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Quarter 3 Midterm

Breakfast - FREE Lunch - \$3.25

Attendance Hotline: 728-2400 ext. 2667



#### Update

The first month of 2023 was very busy! During this month, we wrapped up the second quarter. Students took the reading and math STAR assessments. We had large growth in both subject areas across all three grade levels which tells us students and staff are working hard!

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Recently, we had a new staff member join our team. Mr. Jeff Taylor will begin teaching media arts and general music to our students on February 2nd. We feel very fortunate to have him join us at WMS!

Our counselors continue to prepare 8<sup>th</sup> graders for high school registration. You can find updated information about high school on Mrs. Tingley's website.

The next six weeks that lead up to Spring Break will be fun, engaging and busy. We look forward to that work! Thank you for sending us your amazing students. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions.

Sincerely,

Kacie Laslovich Principal Washington Middle School kllaslovich@mcpsmt.org

### WMS Athletics

Girls Basketball games start the week of February 6th.

Wrestling starts on February 14th.

### **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** 

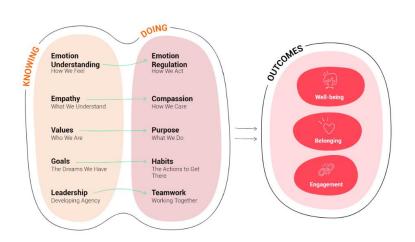
Website: <a href="https://www.mcpsmt.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=4362">https://www.mcpsmt.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=4362</a>

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 February, your students will be continuing the Character Strong content each week. The topics during the month of February are focused on emotions, happiness and stress.



Order your yearbook now at <u>yearbookforever.com</u> This year it will be hardback and have many more pages! Yearbooks now cost \$35.



Donations!

We are looking for 15 tennis rackets. This would allow all students in a class to play at one time.

Help Support BPA!

BPA will be selling Pura Vida bracelets for \$8 each. These would make great holiday gifts!



## **Wrestling**

Wrestling season starts after school February 14th! This is a no cut sport open to ALL students at Washington Middle School. Last season was the best in school history, let's keep it going! Contact Coach Ben Sivertsen <u>bosivertsen@mcpsmt.org</u> for more information.

## **High School Information Nights**

Hellgate: February 1st, 6-7:30 pm (Starts promptly at 6:00 with presentation in the auditorium)

Big Sky: February 22nd, 6-8 pm

Sentinel: March 1st, 6-7:30 pm

## WMS PTA

Attention parents interested in planning the 8th grade promotion celebration, please plan to attend the February meeting. This will take place on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the WMS Library. We need parent volunteers to make this a success!

#### **Guest Speakers Wanted!**

Eighth grade Business Application students will explore the world of financial literacy and business start-up this spring semester. If you have a background in this field or area and would like to share your knowledge and experience with some awesome eighth graders, then please email Stephanie Fisher to set up a time to be a guest speaker this spring. Thank you!

sfisher@mcpsmt.org

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Ski Trip

We did it! We brought back the 7th grade ski trip! Thank you to the PTA and all of the families and businesses that generously donated to make the 7th grade ski trip to Lost Trail happen. Everyone had a blast and we couldn't have done it without you!

### WMS Library

#### It's Battle of the Books time!

This year's school battle takes place on February 23rd during the school day. The top three teams will go on to face the top three teams from Meadow Hill & CS Porter schools on Thursday, March 2, at 6:00 p.m. Families are welcome to watch the evening competition.

February is "I Love To Read" Month. This month, we'll celebrate with our Fiction February Book Bingo. Students read books from five different genres for a prize. Ask your students to show you SORA, our eBook and audiobook online collection and listen to a good audiobook with them!

