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# VASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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## REMINDERS

February 1<sup>st</sup> – No School

February 8<sup>th</sup> – No School – Staff Prof. Development

February 15<sup>th</sup> – No School – Presidents' Day

Rotation #2 – 2/12-3/3 6<sup>th</sup> Grade–Periods 2 & 7 7<sup>th</sup> Grade-Periods 2 & 7 8<sup>th</sup> Grade-Periods 2 & 8

Attendance Hotline: 728-2400 ext. 2667



#### What's New

Time flies when you are having fun! We are now in the second week of Phase 2 at WMS! Our amazing staff has made this a smooth transition for students.

We are currently in rotation #1. Students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade are in periods 1 and 6; while 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are in periods 1 and 5. Students will transition to rotation #2 on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Now that we have more students in the building at one time, it is really important that families use Central Ave. for pick-up and dropoff. Sussex is designated for our busses. We also ask that our students use the crosswalk. We have staff near our crosswalks to ensure safety. Safety is our top priority! Thank you for your cooperation.

We are grateful for our WMS community! Thank you for sharing your students with us! Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions.

Sincerely, Kacie Laslovich

#### Math & English Language Arts (ELA)

During the second semester, we will work to incorporate more math and ELA into our daily schedule. We will work to give students additional time in Mathia. As a building, we will address various ELA standards. We will start with focusing on using content-specific vocabulary.

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## <u>Yearbooks</u>

If you'd like to purchase a WMS yearbook, please go to: <u>yearbookforever.com</u>

The cost is \$20 through March 1, 2020. The cost goes up to \$25 after that.

Washington PTA

This month, the WMS PTA was able to support our teachers by purchasing blinds for various classrooms that were in need. We also showed our appreciation of our staff and teachers by providing free coffees from a local coffee cart that visited the school. It was so well received that we will repeat the gesture for Valentines day!

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 reach out to us if you are interested, or join us at our next meeting which will be February 10th at 6:30 via Zoom! Please email us at <u>wmspta59801@gmail.com</u> and we can send you the link!

8th grade promotion is fast approaching and we would love input from our 8th grade parents for ideas of what would make the promotion fun and memorable! It will be on our agenda next meeting, so join us if you can!

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: <u>Montana Congress of Parents Teachers</u> - <u>Washington MS PTA</u>. 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: <a href="https://q.mcps.k12.mt.us/ParentPortal/">https://q.mcps.k12.mt.us/ParentPortal/</a>

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

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Our counselors have created a Parent Lending Library. Check out the link for more information: <u>https://www.mcpsmt.org/Page/16721</u>





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

Now that we are back in school four days per week, I wanted to remind everyone that 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.

# Congratulations to the Winners for the Yearbook Poetry Contest! 6th Grade: Jordan Boyd 7th Grade: Cody Little 8th Grade: Harley Pohl-Smith Winners received a \$25 Amazon Gift card and their poems will be published in the WMS 2020-21 Yearbook!