

REMINDERS

January 10th – Girls Basketball sign-ups

January 17th – No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 21st – End of Quarter 2

Attendance Hotline: 728-2400 ext. 2667



Update

Happy New Year!

I hope your winter break was relaxing and enjoyable! Thank you to everyone who attended our music concerts in December. It was fun to see our incredible musicians perform in front of large, supportive audiences!

We are jumping right back into a busy month. There are only three weeks left in the second quarter. Students should be checking Infinite Campus to review missing work and grades. We will also be STAR testing students in reading and math this month.

This is a reminder that pick-up and drop-off is located on Central and Bancroft. Sussex Ave. is only for our busses. Please help keep our students safe especially as snow builds up and roads are icy.

We look forward to another NEW YEAR at WMS! As always, do not hesitate to reach out with questions.

Sincerely,

Kacie Laslovich
Principal
Washington Middle School
kllaslovich@mcpsmt.org



Welcome Mr. Raymond Kingfisher

We are excited to welcome Mr. Kingfisher, our Native American Specialist, to Washington Middle School. He will be here to have lunch with students every Wednesday.

WMS Yearbook News

Buy your WMS Yearbook now! On sale for \$20 through March 31 (price increases to \$25 after that). Buy online at yearbookforever.com

8th Graders - we need your baby photo! Send to wmsyearbook99@gmail.com or use the Yearbook Snap app (downloaded to your device; use code: WMS). You can also bring a photo to your homeroom teacher.

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 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!

Resources

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

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

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



Business Professionals of America

Good Luck to the following students as they compete at BPA Regionals on January 10th: Ruby H., Kincaid F, Shiloh F., Aiden M, Elan T., Sam H., Davis B., Clifford W., Mari L., Mattea G., Branden R., Asha G., Amelia A., Brynn I., Jayne J.

Events include Digital Citizenship, Keyboarding Production, Digital Game Design, Intro. to Video Production, Computer Literacy Concepts, Financial Literacy, Business Fundamentals Concepts, Extemporaneous Speech, Business Communication Skills, Graphic Design Promotion, and Business Math Concepts.

8th Grade Transition to High School News

In health classes this month, 8th graders will be introduced to the Montana Career Information System (link) as a way to promote awareness about interests and abilities prior to selecting courses for high school.

Students wishing to attend a high school other than their attendance area high school need to turn in this <u>form</u> and accompanying materials to the Assistant Superintendent's Office, Missoula County Public Schools by **January 21**, 2022. More information can be found <u>here</u>.

A Message from our Family Resource Center

I would like to extend a general THANK YOU to the Washington community for your generosity and kindness during the holiday season. Thanks to everyone that contributed to the Giving Tree and the Toiletry and Snack Drive. It helped out numerous families this season!

Thanks, Shannon Ortt FIT/FRC Coordinator

WMS Library

The WMS Library is seeking book donations for a Book Swap to be held this spring. Throughout the year, students earn Positively Extreme tickets for modeling Safe, Responsible, and Respectful behavior. They can use these tickets to "buy" books from the Book Swap. Donations can be brought to the WMS Library. Contact Ms. Lipke blipke@mcpsmt.org or Mrs. Hossack blipke@mcpsmt.org or Mrs.



Dear Parents and Grandparents,

You can make a difference in your child's experience at Washington Middle School while shopping at Amazon!

How do I do this?

- 1. Visit https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-0434543 before you checkout and Amazon will donate .5% of your purchases.
- 2. **Or** Go to <u>smile.amazon.com</u> before you begin shopping and search for Montana Congress of Parents Teachers Washington MS PTA and then select.
- 3. You only need to do this once and all future purchases will support WMS PTA.

Thank you to Recycling Works for the \$1000 donation to our WMS PTA! We appreciate all of our families who voted for us!

Thank you! Your WMS PTA Volunteers

Learn more about what the PTA does for your child and our WMS community here!

Please join us on Facebook <u>here</u>. We are new to FB and would love to grow our online family.

Next WMS PTA Meeting is

Wednesday, January 12th at 6:30 pm.

Enter the building on Central Ave.

We will meet in the library!



Doodles for Google

Art students will be completing "Doodles for Google" in December and January. Please watch for their Doodles to come home for a signature for submission to the Doodle for Google Art Contest. If your child does not have Art during this time, but is interested in submitting a drawing, go to: https://doodles.google.com/d4g/ for details!! Students have the ability to win a \$30,000 college scholarship, and a \$50,000 technology package for their school. This is always an exciting project for the students to complete. Thanks for your help and support getting these drawings signed and sent back ASAP! Questions, please contact me at aschowengerdt@mcpsmt.org.

Mrs. Schowengerdt

About the Contest:

Students can work with any materials they want, but all doodles must be entered using the entry form. Parents and teachers can mail us the completed entry form or submit it online as a .png, or .jpg. The contest is open for entries until March 5th, 2021 8:00pm Pacific Time (PT), so here's some information to help you get started:

- 1. Download or print the entry form.
- 2. Doodle: Artists create their Doodles using any materials they want. From crayons to clay to found objects.
- 3. Write:
 - A. Artist's statement Tell us about what you have drawn and how it represents your inner strength.
 - B. Fill out the rest of the required information and have a parent or guardian sign the entry form.
- 4. Submit:
 - A. Enter the contest online (recommended) or by mail (see step 3 on the entry form for details).
 - B. Entry form doodles: If the doodle is created directly on our entry form, you can either upload them to our site as a .jpg or .png (visit the enter tab) or mail them in (address listed on the enter tab).
 - C. Other doodles: If the doodle wasn't created directly on our entry form, take a high-res digital photo or scan of the doodle in good lighting and combine it with the entry form.





