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WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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REMINDERS

**March 7th – Spring
Orchestra Concert @ 7
pm**

**March 9th – Spring
Choir Concert @ 7 pm**

**March 20th-24th – Spring
Break – No School**

**March 31st – End of
Quarter 3**

**Breakfast - FREE
Lunch - \$3.25**

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



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Update

March is upon us, and we hope spring weather is coming soon! Students and staff will have a welcomed Spring Break this month. Unlike our district elementary schools, we do have school on Friday, March 17th.

We were lucky to have a new staff member join us this month. Lassana Diaby is our new evening custodian at Washington. You may see Lassana if you are here for evening events. Welcome Lassana!

We continue to wrap up girls' basketball season and wrestling this month. Students will have pictures for both of these sports on March 17th. Please see our website for the game schedule.

During the week of May 8th, we will begin state testing. All students will take the Smarter Balanced math and reading assessments. Eighth graders also take the science assessment. We will provide more information as we get closer to this date.

Thank you for sending us your wonderful students. Please reach out if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Kacie Laslovich
Principal
Washington Middle School
kllaslovich@mcpsmt.org



WMS Athletics

Girls Basketball and Wrestling pictures will be taken during school on Friday, March 17th.

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

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

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

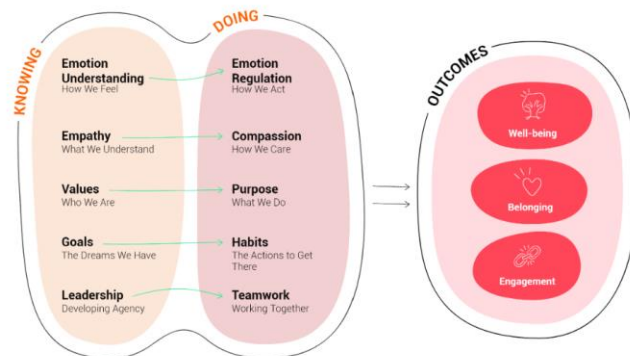
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During the month of March, your students will be continuing the Character Strong content each week. The topics during the month of March are focused on emotions, conflict and regulation.



YEARBOOK ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outside of school activities!

We are looking for a few more photos of students doing other activities like snow sports, dance, climbing, biking, water sports, backpacking, gymnastics, lacrosse, hockey, theater, etc

please email them to amoonney@mcpsmt.org

BUY A Yearbook

Almost sold OUT

yearbookforever.com

MORE PAGES AND HARDBACK!

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



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Help Support BPA!

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



WMS Talent Show

We will be accepting audition videos for the Quarter 4 talent show!

- Talent Show Date: Friday, May 26, 2023
- First round of talent show auditions are VIDEO SUBMISSIONS and are due: Friday, March 17, 2023
- The panel is looking for a variety of talent performances. Be creative!
- Talents must be completely school appropriate and the student needs to be able to perform/demonstrate it in our gym.
- Please email/share your submission video with: twilson@mcspmt.org, dolenick@mcpsmt.org, ejwilson@mcpsmt.org, kvarley@mcptmt.com, tstack@mcpsmt.com

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

Our next PTA meeting will take place on March 8th at 6:30 pm in the WMS Library.

The PTA approved a number of funding requests during the month of February.

These included \$550 to Mrs. Tingley to attend Montana School Counselor Association yearly conference, \$125 to the librarians for lunch for Battle of the Books participants, \$1900 for 6th grade transportation for end of year field trip, and \$1500 to register the robotics team for the World Robotics Festival in Houston.

[Washington Middle School Fundraiser](#)

Shop at Heritage Timber's booth at the Montana Antique Mall anytime this December, and 25% of all their sales for the month will be donated to the Washington Middle School PTA.

Their booth is on the top floor of the Montana Antique Mall, where you can find all sorts of reclaimed wood, metal and special treasures perfect for your DIY projects.

Heritage Timber's goal is to honor history, create beauty, and provide sustainably sourced materials for your projects. They deconstruct buildings and sell the reusable materials throughout the region.

Learn more at www.heritagetimbermt.com, Instagram or Facebook.





March Library News

FICTION FEBRUARY is just wrapping up in the library. This year, we have a number of Bingos (read 5 books of specific genres) and Blackouts (25 books read during February). Our deadline is Friday, March 3, so our numbers are still rising! Congratulations to all who participated!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!

Congratulations to today's Battle of the Book Contestants!

This year, we had 9 teams compete with three teams moving on to District competition. District battle (Meadow Hill, Washington & Porter) takes place here at Washington. Winners of this competition will bring our BOB trophy home to their school for the year.

Here are our top three teams representing WMS.

1st place: Defending District Champions: The Bobbleheads:

Maia Fishman Miller
Asha Gregoire
Whitney Giarraputo
Jules Giarraputo

2nd Place: Tater Tots & French Fries

Nevaeh Roach
Bonnie Groenenboom
Eva Bejarano
Juniper Bohman

3rd place: The Silver Unicorns

Finley Oakland
Finley Phillips
Cassidy Parks

As we move into spring, remember to keep reading and enjoy those books!





Congratulations, Robosapiens!

The WMS Robotics Team (Robosapiens) won the state championship in Bozeman on February 4th! They are now preparing to compete at the World Festival in Houston from April 19-22. Teams in the First Lego League Challenge Competition design, build, and program a Lego robot to score points by completing a variety of missions in a two-and-a-half-minute game. These students spent countless hours after school working on their programming and design skills, learning to code in the Python program language, and developing sensors to improve their robot's performance.

Another major aspect of the competition is to work as a team to develop and present an Innovation Project, in which the students design a solution to a real-world problem aligned with the competition's annual theme. This year's theme has to do with the production and use of energy. The Robosapiens' Innovation Project is an in-home hydroelectric system that generates electricity from the kinetic energy of water moving through a home's plumbing system. The students created a working prototype and really impressed the judges at State with their professional presentation.

The team is currently fundraising to cover the costs of competing in the World Festival. If you would like to donate, please send a check to the school made out to WMS with "Robotics" in the memo line. Thank you!

If your student is interested in participating in First Lego League in the future, a great first step is to start spending time at the Boys and Girls Club's Teen Tech Club. Reach out to WMS Robotics Coach Alec Arntzen with questions.

Congratulations Bonnie, Finley, Gabe, Coach Arntzen, Abram, Finley, Camas, Isaac, Penelope, Abigail, and Jasper! We are so proud of you!

