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WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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REMINDERS

March 8th – 7th Grade
African Choir Concert @ 7
pm

March 13th – Daylight
Savings

*2022 Calendar Change –
We DO have school on
March 18th before spring
break.*

March 21st- 25th – Spring
Break

**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. We will continue to work with students to build strong academic skills. State and district testing is right around the corner; it will begin in April.

Last month, we were fortunate that our students were able to participate in various music festivals. It was wonderful to see the amazing talents of our students. Girls basketball and wrestling continue into March. Sports schedules are available on our website. Our weekly announcements are also available on the Washington website. There is a blue button on the right side of the webpage labeled Announcements.

Thank you for sending us your wonderful students! As always, do not hesitate to reach out with questions.

Sincerely,
Kacie Laslovich
Principal
Washington Middle School
kllaslovich@mcpsmt.org

Mindful Minute

Each week, students have the opportunity to practice a Mindful Minute during WIN. They hear some instruction around mindfulness and then as a class are given a minute or two to practice. [Check out our recent lesson!](#)



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.

A Message from our Family Resource Center

We have FREE Empower Packs available at WMS. These include non-perishable items to supplement a pantry at home for the weekend. Some items include macaroni and cheese, cereal, boxed meals, snacks, etc. Your students can get these from our Family Resource Center or families can pick them up from the office at any time. Please contact Shannon Ortt at sortt@mcpsmt.org if you have any questions.

Resources

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

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

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





Bitterroot Flower Shop

For the donation of roses and carnations to the BPA's state fundraiser.

Kathy & Mike Speake

For your donation to BPA

Washington PTA

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Congratulations WMS Robotics Team!

After a successful qualification tournament in early February, the 2021-2022 WMS Robotics Team finished their season with a trip to the First Lego League State Tournament in Bozeman on February 25. The 10-person team worked hard for five months in preparation for the tournaments. We are so proud of their efforts!

The robotics competition consists of three parts. In the Robot Game, students design, build, and program a robot using Lego Spike Prime or Lego Mindstorm products. Students program the robot to complete a variety of missions, which are different each season.

For the Innovation Project, students develop a solution to a real-world problem based on the theme for the season. This year's theme was Cargo Connect, and students were challenged to find a way to improve the delivery of cargo. The WMS team's solution involved a way for cargo ships to improve efficiency by harnessing wave energy.

The third aspect of the program is Core Values, which is integrated throughout all aspects of the experience. The First Lego League Core Values are Innovation, Inclusion, Impact, Teamwork, Discovery, and Fun. The WMS team represented us well in all of these areas. Way to go, Wildcats!





MathCounts

We are thrilled to announce that 8 of the kids in our Washington Middle School Mathcounts group who participated in the Chapter competition last week have qualified for the State competition.

Isaac Lucas finished 3rd overall (out of all 82 chapter participants), Bonnie Groenenboom finished 5th, Ella Stone 6th, Kieran Alviar 9th, Brynn Allred 12th, Jasper Alviar 15th, Asher Goodkind 19th, Leo Westenfelder 21st, Tommy Johnstone 24th, and Isaac Jones 38th. This is a very enthusiastic and dedicated group of kids; it is clear that the success of these kids is a collective one, and all of the kids who have participated in MATHCOUNTS over the past 4 months should be recognized for their contributions to this success and praised for their hard work.

Isaac, Bonnie, Ella, Kieran, Brynn, Jasper, Asher, & Leo will compete in the state Mathcounts Competition in Butte on Monday, March 7th.

Congratulations to all of them and best of luck!

PTA

Join us at the next PTA meeting!

March 16th at 6:30 pm

We meet in the library.

Please enter at the main entrance on Central Ave.

Be on the lookout for upcoming information about our Donation Drive!





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.





Library

Congratulation to all Battle of the Books participants! We had 52 students on 13 teams compete. The teams that will be moving on to represent WMS at the District battle are:

First Place:

Adelaide Terwilliger
Genevieve Hedstrom
Maria Jose Saenz Ramirez
Violet Pehan
Amelia Adams

Second Place (tied)

Joaquin Brodie
Zach Baldwin
Brynn Allred
Charlotte Gimpelson

William Ehlers
Juliet Giarraputo
Maia Fishman-Miller
Whitney Giarraputo
Asha Gregoire

The District Battle takes place Wednesday, March 9 at 6 pm at Meadow Hill Middle School.



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