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WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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REMINDERS

**May 5th – Start of
Rotation #6**

6th Grade—Periods 8 & 3

7th Grade—Periods 7 & 3

8th Grade—Periods 8 & 3

**May 17th – Remote
Learning Day**

**May 28th & 31st – No
School**

Rotation #7 – 5/24-6/9

6th Grade—Periods 7 & 9

7th Grade—Periods 8 & 4

8th Grade—Periods 6 & 9

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What's New

We are quickly moving into the last weeks of school for the 2020-21 school year! This is a busy month; students will finish rotation #5 on May 4th. We only have two rotations left for this school year. Here is the calendar that will get us through the end of the year: [May/June calendar](#).

We will complete state testing this month. Students will take the reading and math Smarter Balanced Assessment; 8th graders will also take the science portion of the test. **7th graders will test on May 5th & 6th. 6th & 8th grade testing will take place May 10th through the 13th. and May 24th for 8th graders.** It is important students are here on these days and on time.

May 3rd through the 7th is Staff Appreciation Week. It is an honor to work with the amazing staff in this building. Thank you to all staff; it is a great place to be!

Thank you for letting us be a part of this amazing community! Enjoy the sunshine!

Sincerely,
Kacie Laslovich

**STEM Camp for Girls at the
University of Montana**

[2021 STEM Camp at UM](#)

Flagship is back!

The Flagship program is a free after school program for all Washington Middle School families. Programs run each week from May 3rd - June 4th. Learn more and sign up online at flagshipprogram.org or ask for a brochure at the front office. Flagship also offers a free summer day camp each week in July! Summer camp registration will open mid-April. Contact Lauren Bender, the Flagship Coordinator, with questions: wmsflagship@mcpsmt.org

Thanks!
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www.flagshipprogram.org



Place your WMS 2020-21 Yearbook Order Before They Run Out!

- Cost is \$25
- Order online: yearbookforever.com (You can also find the link at the bottom of our WMS website).
- If you have any fun photos to share of remote learning for use in the yearbook, please use the following link and the code "WMS" [Walsworth Community Upload](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Dana Olenick at 728-2400 ext. 2653 or at dolenick@mcpsmt.org

Washington PTA

Thank you to everyone who donated money to support our 8th grade Celebration! We received over \$2300 which will give our students a great celebration. Also, 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 join us at our next meeting, May 12th, at 6:30 via Zoom. Email us at wmspta59801@gmail.com and we will send you the link!

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: [Montana Congress of Parents Teachers - Washington MS PTA](#). 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: <https://q.mcps.k12.mt.us/ParentPortal/>

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





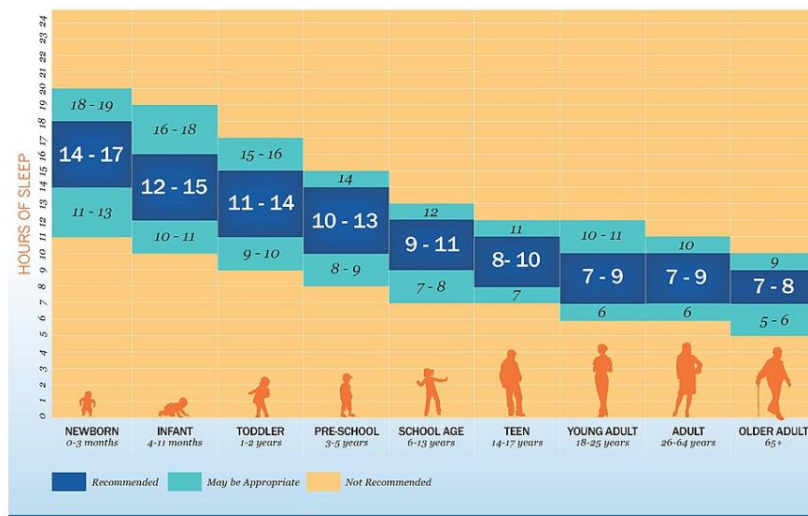
8th Grade Celebration

We are excited to honor our 8th graders who will be heading to high school next year! Their hard work and perseverance through the past year has been incredible. We are proud of you and wish you the very best on your future endeavors.

Our celebration will take place on June 8th from 11:00-1:30. The PTA has organized great events and food for our students. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we will not be able to invite families and friends this year. 8th grade students will not have school on Wednesday, June 9th.

 NATIONAL SLEEP FOUNDATION

SLEEP DURATION RECOMMENDATIONS





MathCounts

Congratulations to Brendan Cowie for a first-place finish and Jake Peng for a fifth-place finish at the State MathCounts Competition in April. Brendan will compete in the National MathCounts Competition in May. Congratulations to these boys for their stellar performance during these crazy times.



Quiz Bowl

Our Quiz Bowl is competing at the University of Montana on May 13th! Good luck to our participants!





8th Grade Elective Options

In 8th grade, you can take 2 semester-long electives OR a year-long Spanish class.

Below are the 6 options available to you next year. Before the end of the year, you will pre-register for these classes on Q with the help of your teacher and school counselor.

Spanish 1 - year long

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome to Spanish I, a year-long course designed to provide a communicative foundation to second language acquisition through listening, speaking, reading and writing. The curriculum will follow the Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling (TPRS) method which focuses on acquiring language naturally through storytelling and reading rather than grammar and memorization. Students will develop a foundation of beginner Spanish language concepts and communication skills and will be better prepared for continued Spanish studies in High School.

*If you choose Spanish, this will be your **only** elective for the year, as it is a year-long class!*

OR (two of the following):

PLTW Automation & Robotics - 1 semester

Students trace the history, development, and influence of automation and robotics as they learn about mechanical systems, energy transfer, machine automation, and computer control systems. Students use the VEX Robotics® platform to design, build, and program real-world objects such as traffic lights, toll booths, and robotic arms.

PLTW App Creators - 1 semester

This unit will expose students to computer science by computationally analyzing and developing solutions to authentic problems through mobile app development, and will convey the positive impact of the application of computer science to other disciplines and to society.

Students will customize their experience by choosing a problem that interests them from the areas of health, environment, emergency preparedness, education, community service, and school culture. Because problems in the real world involve more than one discipline, the unit will introduce students to biomedical science concepts as they work on solutions for the specific problems they choose to tackle.

Computer Applications - 1 semester

This course will be run in a Learning Module System called a Moodle. Students will use various computer applications to create and promote their own business. Elements of webpage development, video production, financial planning/spreadsheet software, sound editing, community resources, and various web apps including Google Apps for Education will be used. Students will present their business at the culmination of the class. **MUST HAVE AN MCPS GOOGLE ACCOUNT** to take this class!! You can download the Google Permission Form on the WMS Homepage.





PLTW Green Architecture - 1 semester

Today's students have grown up in an age of "green" choices. In this class, students learn how to apply this concept to the fields of architecture and construction by exploring dimensioning, measuring, and architectural sustainability as they design affordable housing units using Autodesk's® 3D architectural design software.

Art - 1 semester

Students will engage in many 2-D and 3-D studio art experiences that continue to explore the elements and principles of design using a wide range of media. Through the development of individuality and imagination, students will create artistic products that express unique concepts. The study of art history and art styles from many cultures and nations continues. Students will gain awareness of how art is a part of many different career options, society, and their future.

