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## WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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## REMINDERS

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Track pictures at 1:45 pm**

**May 24<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will visit WMS**

**May 29<sup>th</sup> – No School – Memorial Day**

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

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



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### Update

May is upon us! This is our last full month of the school year; that is hard to believe. We have many concerts, events and academic activities happening this month.

During the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>, we will begin state testing. All students will take the Smarter Balanced math and reading assessments. Eighth graders also take the science assessment. It is important that your student is here and on time during this week of testing. Please make sure your student has a set of headphones that can plug into the computer for testing.

We will have a busy month! All of our music programs will have a final concert, track will wrap up this month, we will complete state and district testing, and students will participate in end-of-year celebrations and field trips. Details of these events will be in this newsletter or in your student's teachers' newsletters.

We look forward to the end of the school year. Thank you for sending us your wonderful students. Please reach out if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Kacie Laslovich  
Principal  
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## WMS Music Concerts

May 18<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Concert at 7 pm in the Silver Gym

May 22<sup>nd</sup> - All Grades Orchestra at 7 pm in the Silver Gym

May 24<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands at 7 pm in the Silver Gym

May 25<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir concert at 7 pm in the Blue Gym

May 31<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and Jazz Band at 7 pm in the Silver Gym

## 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.infofinderi.com/ifi/?cid=MCPS4CVNG54XW>

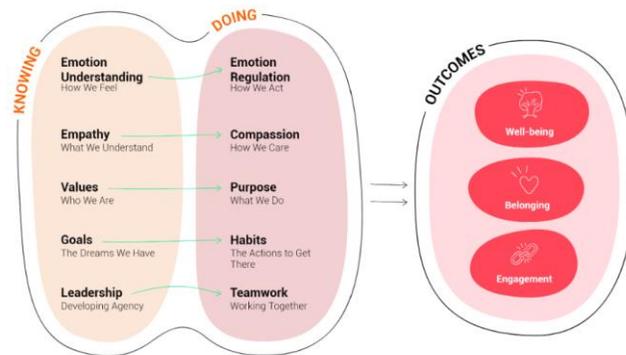
Infinite Campus Parent Portal: <https://missoulamt.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/missoula.jsp>

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





During the month of May, your students will be continuing the Character Strong content each week. The topics during the month of April are focused on well-being habits, perspective taking and influences.



## WMS Talent Show

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

- Talent Show Date: Friday, May 26, 2023; Rehearsal is Thursday 5/25 at 2:00; parents welcome
- First round of talent show auditions are VIDEO SUBMISSIONS and are due: Friday, April 7, 2023
- The panel is looking for a variety of talents!. 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 to Tori Wilson: [twilson@mcspmt.org](mailto:twilson@mcspmt.org)

***All talent show participants will be entered into a drawing for some AMAZING prizes!***

## Quiz Bowl

The Quiz Bowl competition is May 8th all day. We will have two teams competing this year against 10 other teams from around the county.





## WMS Robotics

The WMS Robotics Team wrapped up an amazing season in style at the First Lego League World Festival in Houston in April. In addition to making some special connections with teams from Mexico and New Zealand, the team won a Core Values Finalist award! It's amazing to be coming home with a trophy after competing with the top 108 teams from around the world! There are over 30,000 teams who compete in First Lego League worldwide.

Core Values are one of the four judged/scored categories of the competition. Winning this award means that the team demonstrated the core values of the program consistently throughout all aspects of their work this season and during their participation at the competition. This is a reflection of their genuine care and support for one another as teammates, their kindness and positive interactions with other teams, and their consistent dedication to both the outcomes and the process of their work throughout the season. We can all be very proud of the way they represented WMS on the world stage.

If your student is interested in applying to be on the team next year, please encourage them to attend a short informational meeting in Mr. Arntzen's room after school on Monday, May 15th. In addition to helping students understand what First Lego League is, Mr. Arntzen will give some suggestions for things students can do over the summer that will help them be ready to write a great application in the fall. Applications for next year's team will be available at the start of the 2023-2024 school year.





## WMS PTA

**Our last PTA meeting will take place on May 10th at 6:30 pm in the WMS Library.**

The PTA will be needing a new president next year. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact Loni Koerner at [lonikoerner@gmail.com](mailto:lonikoerner@gmail.com). The position requires setting the meeting itinerary and keeping meetings on task but is really simple!

Eighth grade parents, thank you to those of you who have donated towards the end of year party! There is still time to donate if you haven't! Thanks!

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration (Food, Games & Prizes) – June 7<sup>th</sup> – Early release for 8<sup>th</sup> graders from 9:30 to 11:30 am

June 8<sup>th</sup> – Silverwood Trip

## Southgate Mall Art Show





## WMS Track Meets

May 4<sup>th</sup> at Stegner Field (Sentinel HS) – 2-7 pm

May 10<sup>th</sup> at MCPS Stadium, Qualifier Meet –  
12-5 pm

May 23<sup>rd</sup> at MCPS Stadium, Meet of Champions  
– 9:30 am – 4 pm





## WMS LIBRARY NEWS May 2023

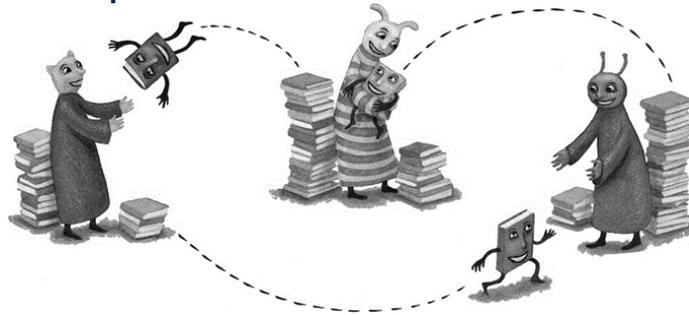
### WMS BOOK SWAP IS BACK!!!

We will once again be hosting a book swap in the library.

**May 22 - 26: Collection of Books for Book Swap**

**May 30 - June 5: Book swap open in library**

### WMS sample BOOK SWAP TICKET 2023



**1 Book Swap Ticket = 1 PB Book**

**2 Book Swap Tickets = 1 HB Book**

Positively Extreme Ticket Exchange:

10 Pos. Ext. Tickets = 1 Book Swap Ticket

### A few guidelines for book swap donations:

Books eligible for the WMS Library Book Swap must:

- Be in reasonably good condition. No large marks or tears, no missing pages or covers.
- Be age-relevant for 9th grade and younger.
- No non-fiction or reference book sets, encyclopedias, dictionaries, thesaurus, magazines, etc.
- Have a publication date of no more than 5 years old if they are nonfiction. Fiction can be older.

Please note: Donated books left over from at the end of the swap will be taken to Book Exchange and local donation sites.

**Friday, May 26: ALL School Library Books are due**

**\*\*\*Stay tuned for Summer reading opportunities  
in the June newsletter\*\*\*\***

