



THE ROAR

WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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REMINDERS

**November 11th –
Picture Retake Day**

**November 13th – PTA
meeting at 6:30 pm in
the library**

**November 13th & 14th –
Parent/Teacher
Conferences**

**November 15th – No
School**

**November 19th – Five
on Black WMS PTA
Fundraiser**

**November 27th – 29th –
Thanksgiving Break**

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

***It is also helpful and more
efficient to send your
student with a note for
appointments.**



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What's New

November is here which is always a busy month. This month, you can expect to hear from your student's homeroom teacher about parent/teacher conferences. This time is important to us! We love to touch base with families and help ensure a successful transition into second quarter.

This month our PTA is hosting a Five on Black fundraiser on November 19th. The fundraiser runs from 3 to 8 pm. Tell the cashier you are supporting Washington Middle School PTA, and 50% of your purchase will be donated back to Washington. This takes place at both locations.

Each year, our staff evaluates assessment data in reading and math from the Smarter Balanced Assessment as well as our student My Voice survey to look at our school climate. We use this data to develop our Continuous School Improvement goals, which help us provide a specific focus in these three areas. This year our staff will be focusing on the following Continuous School Improvement Goals:

Reading: We will focus on composing full argumentative text pieces across all content areas.

Math: We will focus on priority math standards and address Geometry standards through the new pacing pathway.

School Climate: We will build a culture of respect among one another.

Thanks for sending us your amazing students! Don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

Sincerely,
Kacie Laslovich

Taking Pride in our New School

Part of our Vision for Washington Middle School is to teach our students to take a sense of pride in their community through stewardship, respect and becoming caring citizens. To help reach this goal, we have begun a new program where every week a new class will work as a team to help clean up our commons area after lunch is over. While this only takes about 3 minutes of their time, we feel it is a great opportunity to show how even the smallest efforts can create a positive environment for all students in our school.



International Baccalaureate (IB)

Washington Middle School is a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme and pursuing authorization as an IB World School. During the month of October, staff participated in professional development around the scope and sequence of their curriculum. In addition, we have been working with Dr. Udo Fluck, Director of Global and Cultural Affairs, to build intercultural and global competence with our students.

Spanish & SPARK

Spanish classes alongside our PLTW and art classes wrapped up their Day of Remembrance projects. The parade will be on November 2nd at 6 pm. All entries will line up from 5-6 on Circle Square on Higgins Ave. This was a great collaborative project across content areas.

What I Need (WIN)

Students have WIN for one period each day. During WIN, students work on various academic areas which support the building Continuous School Improvement goals. During the month of October, students continued to work on Mathia and Literature Circles.

Attendance

Our team at WMS is actively working to encourage and improve school attendance. Attendance is important and students benefit from consistency in attending school. If you are struggling to get your student to school or need support with your student's attendance, our counselors are a great resource. They can provide strategies, resources and incentive programs for improving attendance. Please call Dana Olenick or Molly Tingley at 542-4085.

Resources

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

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

Parent Portal: <https://q.mcps.k12.mt.us/ParentPortal/>

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





NEWS

New to Washington Middle School—BPA (Business Professional of America) is an engaging, hands-on co-curricular club providing students with leadership, community service, and business competition opportunities. This wonderful platform showcases students' skills and knowledge, challenges their learning beyond the walls of the classroom, and interfaces with the high school programs. Competitions range from financial literacy test to web design team presentation and many more. BPA is the largest student organization sponsor for Special Olympics. There will be an introductory meeting with door prizes and treats on Wednesday, November 6th in Ms. Elam's room at 3:30 – 4:00 pm.

Library News

Last month, we were blessed with two wonderful author visits!

C.R. Stewart, author of *Britfield & the Lost Crown*, spoke to the 6th grade on writing and creativity.

Robison Wells, author of several futuristic sci-fi/dystopian novels, spoke to the 7th grade about his writing process, his life, and the "what if" prompt for writing. Thank you to Dana McMurray from the Missoula Public Library for arranging this visit.

In place of a fall book fair, we will have copies of both author's books (autographed) for sale in the library through Parent –teacher conferences. Please stop in and pick up a copy today.

Coming this month: It is Nonfiction November! Students who read one book from each of 10 nonfiction sections will receive a prize. Our contest begins November 1 and will go through November. Students who complete the challenge will be entered in a drawing to win a 2020 copy of Guinness book of World Records! Rules, regulations, playing sheets and prizes may be obtained in the library! Good luck to all who enter!

Construction has wrapped up at WMS!!! Thank you Swank Enterprises for your hard work and dedication to Washington! Our building looks beautiful!

Through this project, we have also been fortunate to have new crosswalks and bus loading zones added to our campus. Please remember to watch for students in these areas.



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Parent/Teacher Association

Coming up:

NOVEMBER 13: We are looking forward to helping provide a baked potato bar with all the fixins for our teachers and staff during Conferences.

Signups available now using this link <https://signup.com/go/ExcQiFe> - we'll send email reminders as we get closer to the date. Thanks for your support!

NOVEMBER 19: 5 on Black WMS PTA fundraiser from 3-8 at either location. Did you know that last year 59 small bowls, and 63 regular bowls brought WMS a \$456.45 donation from 5 on Black? Let's see if we can top it this year..... Everyone loves a night off of cooking!

What we worked on this month:

We heard that some classrooms were in need of additional supplies once the dust settled after all the fantastic remodeling. We helped purchase outlet covers, 4 chairs with wheels, computer speakers, and even some window blinds (reflection from window made whiteboard un-usable). We love supporting our amazing teaching staff in this simple, yet important way.

How easily can YOU help? With money you literally already spend, others will donate to us!

- **The Good Food Store** donates a percentage of your purchases back to WMS, just let your cashier know (before they start scanning) that you would like to support WMS (our ID is 556). *We received over \$1500.00 this way last year!*
- **Amazon Smile** shares a percentage of all your purchases when you shop on Amazon and choose us as your donation choice! Go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, select *Montana Congress of Parents Teachers - Washington MS PTA* before you begin shopping.
- **Missoula Fresh Market** also supports us- simply ask them to keep the receipt (or make a copy) to support WMS.

Come join us!

We meet monthly, and our next meeting is November 13, at 6:30 pm in the multipurpose room; enter thru the South door on West Sussex Ave. Contact us at wmspta59801@gmail.com for any questions!

Your WMS 2019 officers:

Co-presidents: Jenifer Caldwell and Beth Jaffe, Treasurer Ted Geilen, and Secretary Jordan Labbe



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