



THE ROAR

WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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REMINDERS

October 8th – PTA meeting @ 6:30 pm

October 11th – Picture Day

October 17th & 18th – No School for staff professional development

October 23rd – Jazz Band Concert @ 7 pm at Hellgate High School

October 24th – 7th grade Choir Concert @ 7 pm in Blue Gym

October 29th – 6th & 8th grade Choir Concert @ 7 pm in the Silver Gym

November 1st – End of 1st Quarter

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

School is in full swing! During the month of September, our staff focused on building relationships with your students, developing rules and routines and dove into curriculum. Students were assessed in Reading and Math with the STAR assessment tool. You will get these results during parent/teacher conferences.

Students are taking part in Literature Circles during WIN and learning about the IB Learner Profiles. All students are using the new Carnegie Learning math materials. This is a blended learning approach to math instruction. Students are learning through written practice as well as an online approach to learning. Ask your students about Carnegie!

We have another busy month ahead of us. We look forward to the learning that will happen and a wonderful start to the fall season!

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

Sincerely,
Kacie Laslovich

Thank you!

Student Council & our community for efforts toward the Walk-a-thon which provided us a new covered area on our playground!

Swank Enterprises for donating resources and labor to put the cover together for us!

The **Stone family** for donating the beautiful flowers for our entrances into school!



We are excited to share our new spaces with our students this year. The last phase of construction is upon us. We ask that students, parents and our community continue to pay attention to construction signs and these updates.



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 September, students learned about our IB Learner Profiles. These are a broad range of human capacities and responsibilities that go beyond academic success. In addition, we had a Family Engagement night focusing on IB and what it looks like in a middle school setting. Thank you for all who joined us! You can find the presentation on our website for more information.

Spanish & SPARK

Our Spanish classes are partnering with our Art and Project Lead the Way classes in completing an Arts Integration project. These projects will be for the Day of Remembrance and students will have the option to participate in the parade sharing their 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.

Additional Spanish Resources

Check out this Google Class:

<https://classroom.google.com/>

Code: [oumqy6q](#)

Your students also have access to Spanish grammar & vocabulary curriculum in their homeroom.

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 September, students spent WIN time in Mathia; this is the online portion of our new math curriculum. In addition, each grade level is reading a book and participating in Literature Circles. 6th grade – *Out of My Mind*, 7th grade – *Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry*, 8th grade – *The Outsiders*

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/>





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Families in Transition (FIT)

Thank you to the Washington community for the generous donations. At this time, the FIT program is unable to accept donations of any kind; we have everything we need. A request for certain items will be sent out as the need arises. Thank you for understanding.

Reminder: Tuesday, October 1st (TONIGHT) is the Community Fundraiser night at both locations of Five on Black from 3-8pm! You must mention that you are dining to support Washington FIT program and they will donate a portion of the night's proceeds to us. Thank you for all your support!

Math Counts

If you enjoy math, then the Washington Middle School MATHCOUNTS program is for you. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, October 2nd from 3:30-5:00 pm in Ms. Boucher's room 115. Mathcounts is open to ALL 6th-8th graders.

MATHCOUNTS is a national mathematics competition and organization put on by the National Society of Professional Engineers. Now in its 36th year, it sponsors local, state, and national competitions to promote mathematics achievement at the middle school level. Having worked with kids for the past fifteen years, the problems that students encounter as part of this program develop and hone problem solving skills and introduce kids to a wide array of topics in mathematics, including geometry, algebra, probability, number theory, and statistics to name a few.

Students are encouraged to come to our WMS Mathcounts meeting if they simply enjoy mathematics and love a challenge. Students do not have to compete and can make a decision later if they may or may not be interested in Mathcounts competition.

If you are interested in Mathcounts but already have a busy schedule or have any further inquiries, please reach out to Ms. Boucher. klboucher@mcps.k12.mt.us

Help our Veterans!

This year, we would like to encourage you help us collect new crew socks of any color for veterans receiving Santa Socks. Walmart and Target sell large plastic packets of crew socks in black and white that are very cheap that are just perfect for veterans of all ages. Most veterans like the basic colors but if students want to go wild, that's fine. More the merrier. Susan hoped our school could "adopt" the local veterans by donating new crew socks. In addition, students will continue to create cards in class through November. We would love any homemade cards you and your family would like to create. Please drop off all donations of socks and cards to Mrs. Schowengerdt (room #120) by Thanksgiving Break. Questions?? Email me at: aschowengerdt@mcps.k12.mt.us . Thanks in advance for your help in honoring our local veterans!!



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NEWS from our PTA

The WMS PTA welcomes you to another fabulous school year at Washington Middle School!

What we do:

We work to fundraise and then support awesome WMS programs like Math Counts, Science Olympiad, NY/DC trip, 8th Grade Promotion, Robotics, and Staff Appreciation. Money is raised through events like picture day, direct donations, Good Food Store, Orange Street Food Farm/ Fresh Market, Amazon Smile and 5 on Black.

We have already started giving back to our very own kiddos this school year! We voted in our first meeting of the year to make a \$250 donation to our Families In Transition office at WMS, whose mission is to support families in need. It will be used for things like support with photo packets, Camp Washington fees, instrument rentals, toiletries, winter clothes, Christmas gifts, even gas and grocery cards. (Our \$250 doesn't go very far, so don't hesitate to reach out and make a direct donation to FIT!)

Come join us!

We meet monthly, and our next meeting is Oct 8, 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! We love to hear what each participants' strengths are and only take from you what you want to give!

How EASILY can YOU help?

- 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!
- Need more Halloween decorations? Want to get a head start on holiday shopping? Purchase through **AmazonSmile** and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate a percentage of the price of your eligible purchases to WMS! To shop at AmazonSmile, simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, select **Montana Congress of Parents Teachers - Washington MS PTA** before you begin shopping. Every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation!

Your WMS 2019 officers:

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

Picture Day Information

October 11th at Washington Middle School

To pay online:

mylifetouch.com

Picture Day ID: JX619521Y0



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