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WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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REMINDERS

**October 4th – WMS PTA
5 on Black Fundraiser**

**October 12th – Sign up
for Boys Basketball**

**October 17th & 18th –
Basketball tryouts**

**October 20th & 21st – No
School – Staff
Professional
Development**

**November 4th – End of
the 1st Quarter**

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

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



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Update

What a great start to a new school year! We just passed the first midterm grading window. Beginning Thursday (October 6th), you can see your student's grades on the parent portal in Infinite Campus. If you cannot access your account, please call our office for help.

We need your help! Pick-up and drop-off are located on Central Ave. and Bancroft. The bus lanes are on Sussex, and this street becomes very crowded and dangerous when we use Sussex for pick-up and drop-off. Please work with your student to determine a safe location for pick-up or drop-off that is not on Sussex Ave. We also ask that our students use the crosswalk. We have staff near our crosswalks to ensure safety. Safety is our top priority! Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you for sending us your amazing students! We look forward to the successes the year will bring us.

Sincerely,

Kacie Laslovich
Principal
Washington Middle School
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YEARBOOK

8th grade Baby Photos
due by Thanksgiving

Email to WMSYearbook2223@gmail.com

Be sure to include your name!



WMS Athletics

Boys Basketball Sign-ups will be on Wednesday, 10/12. Tryouts will take place on 10/17 and 10/18. Please make sure you turn in your paperwork and participation fee. If you played a fall sport, you only have to turn in your fee as paperwork is only required once per year.

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.infofinder.com/ifi/?cid=MCPS4CVNG54XW>

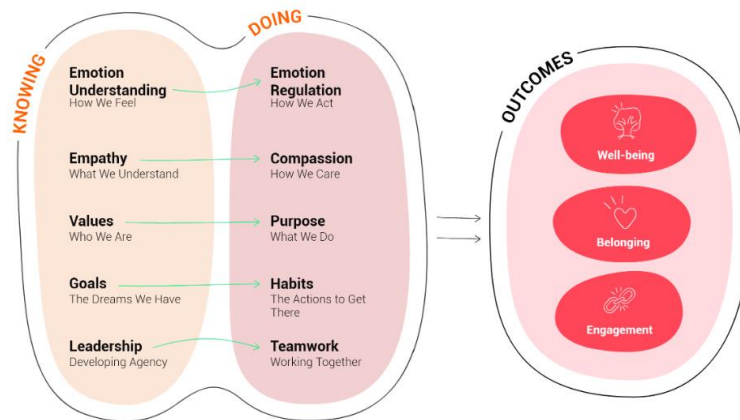
Infinite Campus Parent Portal: <https://missoulamt.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/missoula.jsp>

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





During the month of October, your students will be continuing the Character Strong content each week. The topics during the month of October are Building Connections & Building Community.



Bike Safety

We are concerned about the safety of our bike riders. Here are a couple reminders that we encourage you to share with your student if they ride their bike to school:

- *Walk your bike to a crosswalk
- *Use the bike lane
- *Use the crosswalk
- *Yield to the traffic on the right in uncontrolled intersections
- *Be attentive to the traffic
- *[Bike Safety Tips Flyer](#)

Cross Country

We will not have practice on October 5th. The last day of the Cross Country season is the meet on Thursday, October 13th at Linda Vista Golf Course. Students will give us their jerseys at the end of that meet.

District Emails

We have recently realized that some parent/guardian emails are going into staff spam accounts. We are working to regularly check these accounts; but if you email staff and do not hear from us or you are not receiving team emails from your student's team, please call our office. Josephine, Cassidy or Joy can alert the staff member.





Family Resource Center (FRC)

Did you know that Washington has a Family Resource Center? The FRC is located in the front office area and all students are welcome. The FRC supports students that may need different items such as clothing, food, school supplies, toiletries, shoes, coats and financial assistance with school related activities. The FRC also connects families to community resources. Shannon Ortt is the Family Resource Coordinator. She is at Washington Monday through Thursday in the afternoons and can be reached at 406-728-2400, ext. 2616 or sortt@mcpsmt.org.

Unfortunately, at this time, the FRC is unable to accept donations of clothing other than the specific items that we need. We do not have extra storage for overflow items. We suggest donating items to Secret Seconds, local churches or community closets. Thank you for your consideration!

At this time, we are asking specifically for these 3 items:
NEW, UNUSED re-usable water bottles, 20 oz. or more
Men's & women's deodorant
Individual snack items

Thank you for supporting WMS students and the FRC!

Do you enjoy problem solving? Do you enjoy math? Do you want a challenge?

You are invited to join us Wednesday, October 5th to learn more about our

Washington Middle School Mathcounts Program.

Where: Ms. Boucher's room 115

When: Wednesday (10/5/22)

Time: 2:50-4:30 pm.

What is MATHCOUNTS?

MATHCOUNTS is a national mathematics competition and organization put on by the National Society of Professional Engineers and other large sponsors. In 1983 Mathcounts was created to sponsor local, state, and national competitions to promote mathematics achievement at the middle school level. Having worked with Mathcounts for the past eighteen years, the problems that students encounter as part of this program help students develop and hone problem solving skills better than any other math curriculum. Mathcounts introduces kids to a wide array of topics in mathematics, including geometry, algebra, probability, number theory, and statistics to name a few. Simply put, it is the best exposure to mathematics for middle school students that we have seen.

If you think competition is not your cup of tea but you like math and problem solving please still join us. You can still participate in our school Mathcounts program without competing or you can decide later.

Check out the national Mathcounts page if you want more information. <https://www.mathcounts.org/>

We look forward to seeing you and problem solving with you!

Ms. Boucher & Jon Graham

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WILDCAT LIBRARY NEWS

We're off to a great start to the year in our library! Students are checking out and reading lots of terrific books! It's fun to talk with them about their favorite books and genres!

OCTOBER READING INCENTIVE:

During the month of October, students can read three books to earn a tasty treat. They can pick up their "edible bookmarks" with the required genres for this "contest". Completed bookmarks need to be returned by Monday, October 31.

BOOK FAIR TIME!

It's been a few years since our last book fair, but we're all set to host the Scholastic Book Fair this year. We will be set up and available for students & families to purchase books during Parent Teacher Conference (November 7 - 11). Stay tuned for more details!

HELP WANTED:

Do you have an hour or two each week to share with us in the library? We are looking for a few parent volunteers to help reshelv books and keep our library organized & efficient. It's a great way to be involved in our school!

If you are interested, please contact Gretchen Murray (gmurray@mcpsmt.org) or Jen Hossack (jkhossack@mcpsmt.org).

It's great to be back here at WMS! Mrs. Hossack and I look forward to sharing many great lessons and terrific books with our students this year!

WMS PTA

Next WMS PTA Meeting:

October 12th

6:30-7:30 pm

WMS Library

****Enter on Central Ave.****

Welcome Courtney Johnson! She is our newly elected Secretary.





GIVING BACK HAS NEVER TASTED SO GOOD.



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a Fundraiser to support **Washington Middle School PTA**. Come in to Five on Black on **Oct. 4th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone, or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that **50%** of the proceeds will be donated to **Washington Middle School PTA**.

FIVE ON BLACK

Brazilian Grill

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