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## WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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### REMINDERS

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> – PTA  
Danceathon Fundraiser**

**October 13<sup>th</sup> – Sign up  
for Boys Basketball at  
lunch**

**October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> –  
Basketball tryouts**

**October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>– No  
School – Staff  
Professional  
Development**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> – End of  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

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

**Attendance Hotline:  
406-329-5915**



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### Update

What a great start to a new school year! We just passed the first midterm grading window. You can view your student's midterm grades in Infinite Campus beginning October 4th. If you're unable to access your account, please call our office for support.

We need your help! Pick-up and drop-off for students has become increasingly dangerous. On the second page of this newsletter, you will find some designated pick-up and drop-off zones. Please utilize these zones moving forward. We all want to ensure safety for our students!

Please mark your calendar for November 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 pm. This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual WMS Showcase Night. This takes place during parent/teacher conferences. We will have displays of student work and projects set up.

Our first Danceathon Fundraiser will take place from October 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. Please see the PTA section in this newsletter for more information.

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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## We Need Your Help!

Please use the GREEN ZONE ONLY before school for drop offs for all grade levels. The green zone follows the fence along the perimeter of the field from the awning on Central Ave around the corner to Hollis St. Any other drop off spots create safety concerns and unnecessary congestion in high-traffic (foot, bike, car) areas. Please pick-up/drop-off and keep moving. We appreciate your help with this! Thank you!



## 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/>

Washington Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/wms645/>





## A Message from Nurse Bev

Happy New School Year. I look forward to working with you and your student(s) to make this a healthy school year. This will be my ninth year as a school nurse, my second year at Washington Middle School (I also visit Hawthorne and Porter schools). I thought I'd practice some preventative medicine and address a couple of housekeeping items. If your child will need to take ANY medications at school (prescription or over-the-counter, daily or as needed, inhalers, Epi Pens, etc.), we have MCPS forms for you to complete. These forms can be found on the MCPS website (under the Student Services tab -> Health Services) or you can get paper copies at the school. If you have health updates, questions or concerns throughout the year, please reach out to me - my email address is [bewiaczek@mcpsmt.org](mailto:bewiaczek@mcpsmt.org).

Best,  
Nurse Bev

## 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

You are invited to our Timed 2 Mile Fun Run on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>!

Families, classmates, teachers and friends: Please join the WMS XC team on a **Timed 2 Mile Fun Run!** This will take place at Playfair Park at 2:40 pm on Thursday, October 5th.

We will keep track of the XC athletes' times, but everyone is welcome to join in on the running or just come to cheer on the runners. Your XC coaches and volunteers will be running the timers.

There will be music, snacks, and a party atmosphere. **School-appropriate costumes and/or themed outfits that are good for running are HIGHLY encouraged!**

Family volunteers who are interested in helping us make this happen: please sign up [here](#) to volunteer! Thank you so much in advance.

**Some background info about the timed 2 mile:** This timed two mile is a way for athletes to track their progress throughout the season. We completed one at the beginning of the season, this is our mid-season 2 mile, and our final is the last meet at Linda Vista!





Dear Parents and Students,

I would like to extend an invitation to you to join us for MathCounts. What is MathCounts?

MATHCOUNTS is a national mathematics competition and organization put on by the National Society of Professional Engineers for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Now in its 40th year, it sponsors local, state, and national competitions to promote mathematics achievement at the middle school level. Having worked with kids for the past twenty 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. Simply put, it is the best exposure to mathematics for middle school students that we have seen.

MATHCOUNTS is for all students who simply enjoy mathematics. MATHCOUNTS provides a great opportunity for students to experience a wide array of math topics that are not typically covered in our regular middle school curriculum, to be challenged, and surrounded by others who simply enjoy mathematics and problem solving.

The MATHCOUNTS Competition Program provides the extra incentive and the perfect atmosphere for students to push themselves to achieve more in mathematics. Consisting of fun and creative problems that promote critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, the MATHCOUNTS competitions have written and oral rounds, as well as individual and team components. Though challenging and non-routine, the competition problems focus on the 6th through 8th grade standards.

Participants can advance through School, Chapter and State Competitions until the final 224 students are selected from 56 states and territories to advance to the MATHCOUNTS National Competition held each May. Washington Middle School has competed in the State competition for the past 19+ years, and has had at least one student compete in the National Competition for the last 17 years. Students are more than welcome to participate in our MATHCOUNTS group even if they are not interested in competing.

**We will meet Wednesday's starting October 4th, in Ms. Boucher's room 115 at Washington Middle School from 2:45-4:30 pm.**

We would love to have your child join us in MATHCOUNTS for a fun-filled math experience. If you would like more information regarding MATHCOUNTS, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,  
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## WMS PTA

Greetings from PTA:

PTA is excited to be working with the WMS administration and staff this month to support the Boosterthon fundraiser! If you haven't already, you can register your student a [mybooster.com](http://mybooster.com). PTA's ability to financially support teachers and students is largely dependent upon the success of these fundraising efforts. The success of the fundraising efforts is in turn largely dependent on the efforts of individual families. What can you do? Register your student. It takes just a couple minutes to register and send your student's Boosterthon page onto family, friends, and employers. That is all you need to do. It's amazing the difference you can make in that short of time!

Upcoming PTA Meetings: Please join us for the monthly PTA meetings. This fall, PTA will meet October 4 and November 1 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the WMS library. The October 4 meeting will be an opportunity to discuss how the Boosterthon fundraiser is progressing, take questions, and receive input. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks for your support of our community!  
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