Welcome Back
Hope you are all having a great summer and enjoying some fun in the sun. I can't believe it's almost time to return to school; it seems as though last school year just ended. I just wanted to touch base with some information about WMS. Our theme for this year is “Be Kind”. We will be working on spreading kindness, respecting one another and practicing good citizenship. This will be reflected in our day to day interactions at WMS.

Calendar of Events

August:
22 Grade 6 Orientation for students and parents
9-11 AM
28 First Day of School for students
30 Early Release 11:00 AM

September:
2 No School Labor Day
4 Picture Day
5 Academic Expectation Night 6-8 PM
Grade 8 Trip Meeting 7:30
23 PAC Meeting WMS Library
25 WMS Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at the VFW
27 School Dance 6:30-9:00 (tickets $7 or $5 with a can for the food pantry)

Food Services
The WMS food service program is offering students breakfast and lunch programs. The prices are as follows: Breakfast - $1.50 full, $.30 reduced and free; Lunch - $3.00 full, $.40 reduced and free. Milk is $.60 a la carte. We are happy to offer this program to our students and their families.

SEPAC Meeting
Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month from 6-8 PM at the High School Library.

GUIDANCE:
MCAS: Spring MCAS scores will be available in late fall. We will be in touch once they are available and ready for parent pick up. Students currently in Grade 6 will have scores sent to WMS.

Mentoring Program: Mr. Sabens will be providing information to students about our mentoring program during the first weeks of school during lunches.

PAC INFORMATION
We would like to take the opportunity to welcome any parents interested in participating with the WMS PAC. Please join us at our first meeting September 23, 2019 from 7:00 – 8:00 in the WMS Library (We meet the fourth Monday of each month).

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at the Whitman VFW on September 25, 2019 from 6-9 PM. Cost is $5 per person and kids under 10 eat free.

NURSE’S CORNER
Massachusetts state law requires all 7th grade students to have a current immunization record and physical form submitted to the nurse, before October 4, 2019.

Screenings:
Scoliosis screening for all grades will be completed at the start of the school year.
Grade 7 Vision and Hearing screenings will take place once scoliosis has been completed.

If your child has sustained an injury please provide Mrs. Tobin with a note from the MD stating his/her physical limitations.
Mrs. Tobin can be reached at 781-618-7633.
Medical forms may be faxed to 781-618-7091.
WMS NEWS
After School Programs: will begin in Late September/Early October. A list of offerings will be made available by the middle of September.

8th Grade Trip – There will be a grade 8 trip meeting on the evening of Academic Expectation Night at 7:30 in the cafeteria. Items that will be discussed are:

- Cost
- Deposit
- Payment Plan
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Fundraising
- Itinerary
- Student Expectations

The initial $250 deposit for the trip will be due on or before September 20, 2019.

Dance and Social Night Dates:
- September 27, 2019: Dance
- October 25, 2019: Social Night
- November 22, 2019: Dance
- December 13, 2019: Social Night
- January 31, 2020: Dance
- February 28, 2020: Social Night
- March 27, 2020: Dance
- May 1, 2020: Social Night
- May 29, 2020: TBA

New Faces and other changes:
Lisa Weeden will be taking over our SSC program. Lisa has spent the past several years as the out of district placement coordinator for WH.

Katelyn Costa will be our new Paraprofessional in the SSC program.

Karissa Ferraro will be working in our library.

Gavin Thomas will be moving from grade 7 Interactive World to grade 6 Social Studies.

Kris Jeffers will be jumping from grade 8 Social Studies into grade 7 Interactive World.

David Medeiros will be our new grade 8 Science teacher. David has worked as a grade 7/8 Science teacher at Westport Middle. He also ran a robotics program in Westport.

Brian Walsh will be taking the vacated Grade 8 Social Studies position; he comes to us from WH Reg. High School as well as Cardinal Spellman.

Sharon MacDonald will be our new Administrative Assistant. Sharon has worked for the district for quite some time and is very familiar with Whitman Hanson.

Take care and enjoy the rest of your Summer!!!

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