

# West Deptford Middle School

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## LEARN AND SERVE: ANIMAL SHELTER PROJECT

Learn and Serve is collecting items for the Gloucester County Animal Shelter until Jan. 17, 2018. All donated items should be given to Mrs. Rooney in D-13 or Ms. Redkoles in D-6. The animal shelter is requesting the following items: paper plates, dish detergent, laundry detergent, stainless steel buckets, trash bags, bleach, garden hoses, spray bottles, paper towels, blankets, bath mats, rubber mats for dog kennels, cat beds, placemats, old pillow cases, dog beds, dog/cat crates, non-clumping litter, canned or dry dog & cat food, washable dog toys, cat toys and cat & dog treats.

## WDMS 4th ANNUAL HOUR OF CODE

On Thursday, December 7, 2017 WDMS had over ninety students participate in an hour long session of computer coding. The Hour of Code is a global movement aimed at introducing students to computer science and showing that everyone can learn the basics of coding. WDMS annually participates in the Hour of Code to extend and strengthen the learning that takes place in our STEM courses. At WDMS, we understand that no matter the field that our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly depend on their understanding of how technology works. This year, we were excited to work in collaboration with Mr. Seeley and Mr. Pustie from West Deptford High School as they encouraged and motivated the students to channel their interest in the computer science and engineering courses offered at our high school. We would like to thank all of the students and staff that participated in this annual event!



## Upcoming Events

### January 9

PTO Mtg-WDMS library 6:30

### January 9

Literally Movies-WD Public Library

### January 11

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade Bowling Party 3:30-5pm Brunswick Zone-Deptford

### January 11

Music Dept. Pats Pizza Night 4-8

### January 12

Teacher in-service; 12:29 dismissal

### January 15

School closed for MLK Day

### January 16

Game Night-WD Public Library

### January 17

8<sup>th</sup> grade Launch Night 4-8pm

### January 18

Learn & Serve Club visits Animal Shelter

### January 18

7<sup>th</sup> grade Movie/Pizza Night

### January 18

Team & Group pictures

### January 23

Countdown to Camp Mason Mtg 6:30pm WDMS Café

### January 23

2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Ends

### January 23

Movie Makers Mtg-WD Public Library

### January 25

Music Dept. Pats Pizza Night 4-8

### January 26

Last day to order yearbooks

### January 30

Lovely Crafts-WD Public Library

### January 31

Donate lost & found

## COUNTDOWN TO CAMP MASON 2018

Attention 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents: The countdown for your 5<sup>th</sup> grade student to attend Camp Mason 2018 is on! Please mark your calendar to attend the informational parent meeting to be held on Thursday, January 23, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Middle School café. During this meeting, you will learn about the trip including dates, cost, activities, parent chaperone lottery, and much more! We look forward to seeing you!

## LATE BUSES

Late buses are every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday beginning Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Late buses depart at 3:45pm. Late bus runs are typically longer as there are only four late buses covering a larger area. Students may not stay after school unless they are supervised by a teacher. If attending a sporting event as a spectator, students must leave and return at the beginning of the event.

## TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

No child will be permitted to ride on other buses for any reason. Each student can only ride the bus they are assigned to ride. If you have a one day childcare issue, the person watching your child should pick them up at the school. No students are permitted to switch between buses.

**Students will NOT be given permission by WDMS administration to walk to any other location except home. (i.e. ice cream stand, pizza place or a friends)**

**For additional transportation information, please visit our district website at:**

[http://www.wdeptford.k12.nj.us/district\\_info/transportation](http://www.wdeptford.k12.nj.us/district_info/transportation)

## AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS-SESSION II

Session II of our afterschool club program will begin on January 23, 2018. Parents may select ONE club, per day, per session. All students must be registered for a club prior to attending. Session II clubs run Jan. 23 – May 10. Clubs run Tuesday – Thursday from 2:55 pm – 3:35pm. Every club (except Homework Club) is offered one day a week. Homework Club is offered every Tuesday - Thursday. Bus transportation is provided for bus-riding students involved in any of our after-school programs (buses depart at 3:45pm). Students must report directly to their club immediately after retrieving their belongings from their lockers at school dismissal. After school clubs are a privilege. Students must be engaged in the club and respectful to those around them. Students that are distracting or disrespectful will receive no more than two warnings from the club advisor, after which time they will no longer be able to attend that club. Multiple removals from clubs will result in the student being excluded from clubs for the remainder of the club session. Session 2 Club sign-ups can be found on the WDMS website under the "Clubs/Activities" tab.

## STAYING CONNECTED AT WDMS

Please register for a PowerParent account in the main office (if you do not already have a PowerParent login). In addition, our school website is a great resource to help you stay up-to-date. Almost every piece of vital information, from either the staff or main office, is posted on the WDMS website. It is important to stay on top of your student's grades, attendance, and school events. In addition, you can stay connected with WDMS via our Official Facebook and Twitter pages. It is imperative that you alert our main office with any changes in phone numbers or email addresses.

## ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!

Yearbook orders will be accepted now through January 26<sup>th</sup>. You can place your order in school or online. To order online go to [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com) and enter our school name. Orders will be accepted in school every Friday during homeroom in Mrs. Ward's room E-11. Yearbooks cost \$40 and can be paid in the form of cash or check. Please make checks payable to WDMS.

## PTO NEWS – JANUARY 2018

- 9 - PTO Meeting 6:30
- 12 - Pretzel & Water Sale
- 18 - Magazine Kick-off assemblies
- 26 - Magazine sale end
- 31 - Wendy's 5-8 PM

WDMS PTO is always looking for volunteers. Please consider attending one of our monthly meetings to find out more about us! Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of each month in the WDMS library at 6:30 pm.

## BOX TOPS AND SODA TABS

WDMS is collecting box tops and soda tabs. Box tops are used by the PTO as another source of revenue. To encourage students to participate, we have monthly contests to see which homeroom collects the most Box Tops. The students in the winning homeroom each receive a free pretzel. Our Recycling Club will be collecting soda tabs in an effort to help Ronald McDonald house. Thank you for your support!

## WDMS ATHLETICS

Individual sport schedules and coach contact information are available on the WDMS website under the Athletic tab. Athletic late buses depart WDMS at approximately 4:30pm. Students may not stay after school without teacher supervision. If attending a sporting event as a spectator, students must leave and return at the beginning of the event. In the event an athletic event is postponed or canceled at the last minute, a "Remind" message will be sent from our Athletic Coordinator and a message will be posted in red at the top of the WDMS website. If interested in receiving Remind texts regarding the WDMS Athletics, please text @wdmsath to 81010 to sign up for Remind Text from our Athletic Coordinator, Mr. Jakubowski.

## WINTER SPORT SCHEDULES

### GOALS

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Date	Time	Versus	Location
1/3	4:00 PM	Clearview	WDMS
1/4	4:00 PM	Monongahela	Deptford
1/9	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	Haddonfield
1/10	4:00 PM	Hammonton	WDMS
1/11	4:00 PM	Haddon Twp	WDMS
1/16	3:45 PM	Gateway	WDMS
1/17	4:00 PM	Hammonton	Hammonton
1/18	3:45 PM	Audubon	Audubon
1/24	4:00 PM	St Margarets	WDMS
1/25	4:00 PM	Paulsboro	Paulsboro
1/30	4:00 PM	Lindenwold	Lindenwold
2/1	4:00 PM	Collingswood	Collingswood
2/6	4:00 PM	Haddon Hts	WDMS
2/7	4:00 PM	Glou. City	Gloucester City
2/8	4:00 PM	Pine Hill	Pine Hill
2/12	4:15 PM	Delsea	WDMS
2/13	4:00 PM	Monongahela	WDMS

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Date	Time	Versus	Location
1/3	4:00 PM	Clearview	Clearview
1/4	4:00 PM	Monongahela	WDMS
1/9	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	WDMS
1/10	4:00 PM	Hammonton	Hammonton
1/11	4:00 PM	Haddon Twp	Haddon Twp
1/16	3:45 PM	Gateway	Gateway
1/17	4:00 PM	Hammonton	WDMS
1/18	3:45 PM	Audubon	WDMS
1/25	4:00 PM	Paulsboro	WDMS
1/30	4:00 PM	Lindenwold	WDMS
2/1	4:00 PM	Collingswood	WDMS
2/6	4:00 PM	Haddon Hts	Haddon Hts
2/7	4:00 PM	Glou. City	WDMS
2/8	4:00 PM	Pine Hill	WDMS
2/12	4:15 PM	Delsea	Delsea
2/13	4:00 PM	Monongahela	Monongahela

#### WRESTLING

Date	Time	Versus	Location	Date	Time	Versus	Location
1/3	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	Riverwinds	1/19	4:00 PM	Lindenwold	Riverwinds
1/5	4:00 PM	Sterling	Riverwinds	1/24	4:00 PM	Haddon Hts	Riverwinds
1/8	4:00 PM	Wash Twp	Wash Twp HS	1/26	4:00 PM	Paulsboro	Paulsboro HS
1/9	4:30 PM	Hammonton	Riverwinds	1/31	4:00 PM	Gateway	Gateway
1/10	4:00 PM	Woodstown	Woodstown	2/2	4:00 PM	Pennsville	Pennsville MS
1/12	4:00 PM	Haddon Twp	Haddon Twp	2/6	4:00 PM	Clearview	Riverwinds
1/17	4:00 PM	Collingswood	Riverwinds	2/7	4:00 PM	Monongahela	Riverwinds