

West Deptford Middle School

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DRAMA CLUB PERFORMS SEUSSICAL JR

"Oh the thinks you can think" when Dr. Seuss' best-loved characters collide and cavort in an unforgettable musical caper! Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in *Seussical Jr.*

Our WDMS Drama Club will take you through the Jungle of Nool, Whoville, and many other stops as we follow Horton and his clover full of "Whos". There will be one performance only on **Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at 6:00pm in the WDMS Cafeteria.** Admission is \$5 per person, (ages 5 and up) and can pay at the door.

Concessions and t-shirts will be available to purchase during intermission! Proceeds from this performance will benefit the WDMS DRAMA CLUB.

We hope to see you there!



4th ANNUAL STAFF VS STUDENTS BASKETBALL GAME TO BENEFIT WDMS STAFF MEMBER

On March 22, 2018, WDMS will host its 4th Annual Staff vs Students Basketball Game. This year's event will benefit WDMS family member, Mr. Tom Cairns who was recently diagnosed with Chondrosarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer. Tom and his wife, Colleen, live in West Deptford and have 3 children, Rose 20, Tommy, 17 and Grace 15. Tom has been a valued member of our WDMS family since 2014.

Although he and his family remain optimistic for a positive outcome, Tom still faces numerous procedures and therapeutic treatments before he can be cleared to return to work. Tom and his family have experienced medical expenses above what their medical insurance will cover. The financial burden could become overwhelming. We are asking for you to join the WDMS family as we surround the Cairns family with love and support.

Doors open at 6:30 pm, tip off will be at 7:00pm. There is a \$5 donation to participate or to attend. Tickets are available for purchase in advance in the WDMS Main Office or at the door before the game. Concessions will be available during the game. ALL proceeds will benefit the Cairns Family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3

G&T National History Day-Rutgers

March 5

Q3 Interim reports distributed

March 6

PTO Mtg-WDMS library 6:30

March 7

Strategic Planning Mtg- 7:00 pm

March 7

Drama Club performance-Suessical 6:00pm, WDMS Café

March 9

8th Grade Spring Fling- 5:45-11:00pm

March 9

Early Dismissal- 12:29 pm

March 12

Gertrude Hawk Candy Delivery

March 14

6th/7th grade Skating Party

March 19-23

PTO Book Fair-BOGO

March 20

Book Fair Family Night-3-8pm

March 20

First day of Track & Field practice

March 22

Staff vs Students Basketball Game at Riverwinds; doors open at 6:30pm, tipoff at 7:00pm

March 28

Lost & Found donated to local charity

March 29

Early Dismissal-12:29pm

March 30-April 2

Spring Break-School Closed



ROWAN HOSTS AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN AT WDMS

On February 26, WDMS held its first ever African American Read-In through collaboration with our Professor in Residence (PIR) from Rowan University, Natoya Coleman. Ms. Coleman and WDMS were pleased to welcome several individuals from Rowan University to participate in the Read-In. The National African American Read-In is the nation's first and oldest event dedicated to diversity in literature. Established in 1990 by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English, its goal was to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month. The initiative has reached more than 6 million participants around the world. "The African American Read-In (AARI) is built on an ambitious yet confident premise that a school and community reading event can be an effective way to promote diversity in children's literature, encourage young people to read and shine a spotlight on African American authors." (NCTE Council Chronicle, November 2014). This was an amazing experience for our WDMS students and staff! We look forward to collaborating with Rowan on many more projects!

WDMS PARCC TESTING SCHEDULE

This year's PARCC assessment will be administered between May 7 and May 11 for all fifth and eighth graders and on May 14 through May 18 for all sixth and seventh graders. Any student who is absent during the week of their assessment will participate in the make up session the week of May 21. The chart below outlines the WDMS PARCC testing schedule. Morning test sessions begin promptly at 8:26 am and afternoon sessions begin at 12:26 pm. All students will be assigned a testing location and remain in that classroom for the duration of the scheduled testing session. Any student who is unable to participate in PARCC but is present during the assessment will remain in their assigned testing location until the end of the scheduled testing session. Students will need to bring a charged school issued laptop, a book of choice to read after testing and their own earbuds or headphones for use during PARCC.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week of May 7 Grades 5 & 8	AM English Lang Arts 1	AM English Lang Arts 2 PM English Lang Arts 3	AM Math 1 PM Math 2	AM Math 3 PM Math 4 (Grade 5 only)	Testing Over
Week of May 14 Grades 6 & 7	AM English Lang Arts 1	AM English Lang Arts 2 PM English Lang Arts 3	AM Math 1 PM Math 2	AM Math 3	Testing Over
Week of May 21 Make-up All grades	Make-up	Make-up	Make-up	Make-up	Make-up

Please know that the state of NJ has updated the graduation requirements for the Class of 2021 (current 7th grade) and beyond. Starting with the Class of 2021, students will have one of **two pathways** to meet the high school graduation assessment requirements:

1. Pass the ELA 10 and Algebra I PARCC assessment; OR
2. If the student has taken ALL PARCC assessments associated with the high-school level English Language Arts (i.e. ELA 9, ELA 10, ELA 11) and Mathematics courses (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II) for which they are enrolled then the student has met the criteria of the NJDOE portfolio appeal process.

GOODBYE NJASK, HELLO NJSLA-S

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has released a new science assessment for all students in grade 5, grade 8 and grade 11. The assessment measures whether students have mastered the knowledge and skills of the newly implemented New Jersey Student Learning Standards. This new assessment is called the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Science (NJSLA-S). The NJSLA-S assessment is a computer-based assessment that has a full menu of accommodations available similar to other state assessments. The assessment will be completed over a course of two days, May 29th and 30th. The fifth grade assessment consists of four 30-minute units, while the eighth grade assessment has four 45-minute units. Students in grades 5 and 8 will take two units per day.

5th GRADE PARENTS EARN FREE CAMP MASON TRIP!

As many of you know, the Camp Mason camping trip is an annual tradition for our 6th grade. The trip is designed to develop strong working relationships among students, parents, and teachers through participation in educationally sound, yet thoroughly enjoyable activities. Due to budget constraints, we must rely heavily on fundraising and donations to offset the cost of the trip. In early November, we launched our Super Bowl Mania fundraiser. Although individual ticket holders could win monetary amounts based on the score of the Super Bowl game, 5th grade parents could also compete to win a free trip to Camp Mason for their child by selling the most Super Bowl Mania Raffle tickets. This year we are excited to announce there was a tie for the top seller! Anthony Gasparovic and Aubrey Hickman were our top sellers and have each won a free trip to Camp Mason! Congratulations to Anthony, Aubrey, and their parents!

WDMS SELECTED AS THE L.E.A.D. SCHOOL OF THE MONTH

Law Enforcement against Drugs or L.E.A.D. is a community-based program established to help create safer, healthier communities free of drugs, bullying and violence. Now in 16 states throughout the country, L.E.A.D. continues to be the leader in the State of NJ for Law Enforcement School Based Drug Prevention.

For over thirty-five years, the West Deptford Police Department and West Deptford Township Public Schools have collaborated in Drug Education. West Deptford Police Department provides character development curriculum within the third grade, "Too Good For Drugs" curriculum in fifth grade, and has provided a full-time School Resource Officer to the school district.

Each 5th grade class is assigned a L.E.A.D. officer from the West Deptford Police Department to visit weekly throughout the school year to teach classroom lessons. At the end of the school year, the West Deptford Police Department commemorates the fifth graders graduating from the L.E.A.D. Program by hosting a K-9 demonstration during the school day, followed by an after-school bowling party with members of the West Deptford Police Department.

West Deptford Middle School is proud to have been selected "L.E.A.D. School of the Month". We look forward to continuing our partnership with the West Deptford Police Department and its L.E.A.D. program in the years to come.



WDMS CAR MAGNET FUNDRAISER

We are excited to launch our new Car Magnet fundraising opportunity. Each student will receive one car magnet with 4 one time use local coupons to sell. Magnets will be sold for \$15 each. The coupon value is worth a minimum of \$28! Students will receive one raffle ticket for every magnet sold. Raffle prizes include gift cards valued at \$25-\$50 and will be awarded daily for the length of the sale. The grand prize raffle winner will be announced Thursday, 3/22 at the Staff vs. Student Basketball Game. The selected winner will have their choice of an Xbox One, Apple Watch or a Drone! All proceeds from this sale will benefit WDMS Student Activities. All students are encouraged to participate by selling at least one magnet. The sale will run from Friday, March 16 through Monday, March 26. More information to come.



PTO NEWS – MARCH 2018

6 - PTO Meeting 6:30
12 - Spring Spiritwear Sale begins
16 - Set up Book Fair
19-23 Book Fair
20 - Book Fair Family Night 3pm-8pm
28 - Wendy's 5pm-8pm
29 - Pretzel & Water Sale

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 1st Tues of each month in the WDMS library at 6:30 pm.

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

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.

SPRING SPORT SCHEDULES

WDMS Spring Track & Field

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Versus</u>	<u>Location</u>		<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Versus</u>	<u>Location</u>
3/28	4:00pm	Haddon Twp	Haddon Twp Middle School		4/27	9:00am	Lindenwold	West Deptford High School
4/6	4:00pm	Pine Hill	Pine Hill Middle School		5/4	4:00pm	Haddon Hts	West Deptford High School
4/13	4:00pm	Audubon	West Deptford High School		5/11	4:00pm	Gateway	Gateway Regional High School
4/18	4:00pm	Clearview	Clearview Middle School		5/17	4:00pm	Haddonfield	Haddonfield Middle School
4/20	4:00pm	Woodbury	Woodbury High School		5/23	4:00pm	Haddonfield Invitational	Haddonfield Middle School