

November 2019

West Deptford Middle School

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STAFF VS STUDENTS SOCCER GAME-RECAP!

On Thursday, October 17, 2019 at West Deptford Park our fifth annual STAFF VS STUDENTS SOCCER GAME was held. This year's game was to benefit the Steward family.

You could feel the excitement as members of the WDMS staff, Officers from the WD Police Department and WDMS students took the field. In a hard fought, highly competitive game, it was the team of WDMS staff and WD police who ultimately came out on top with a 5-3 win over the students!

Thanks to the hard work and support of our WDMS community, we were able to raise \$1,625 to help Zach Steward and his family as he continues to battle Central Nervous System Leukemia. Great job to all who participated!

WDMS Student Council to collect items for MAPSS Military Appreciation Project Santa & Supplies

MAPSS is a locally run non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to enrich the lives of US military troops deployed overseas who are unable to be with their families during the holidays by sending care packages. In addition, this local organization will send bulk supplies to deployed soldiers at the request of the Chaplains throughout the year. One hundred percent of all donations will go to the troops. Through the generosity of donations, last year they were able to send 400 individual holiday care packages to deployed soldiers all over the world.

Beginning November 1 through November 18, 2019 WDMS Student Council will be running a collection drive for items needed for packages to be sent to troops who will be deployed overseas during the holidays.

Items needed are: Holiday Cheer (hats, stockings, garland, pine scent, bows, ribbons, letters and cards from you), thumb drives with Christmas music, newer magazines and movies on DVD, flavor packets for water, gum, candy, mints, kcups-coffee, tea or hot chocolate, canned soups, tuna pouches, individual snack items: (chips, pretzels, nuts, granola bars, protein bars, trail mix, peanut butter crackers, sunflower seeds, pop tarts, breakfast cereal) microwave meals (Cup O' Noodles, Mac N Chez, Oatmeal), crossword puzzles, word search or Sudoku books, travel games, colored pencils and pens, lip balm, and baby wipes.

Donated items can be sent into school with your child. Student Council members will then collect donations during homeroom each morning.



Upcoming Events

November 4

Q1 ends

November 5

PTO Mtg-6:30pm WDMS library

November 6-8

School closed for students

November 11

Q1 report cards distributed- via School Messenger

November 11

Winter sport physicals due

November 13

7th/8th grade Flag Football
Tourney 3-4:30pm

November 16

Principal's List Ice Cream Party

November 21

Music Dept Pats Pizza 10-2; 4-8

November 21

Music Dept-Pasta fundraiser ends

November 21-27

PTO Book Fair in WDMS library

November 25-26

Girls Basketball tryouts

Wrestling practice begins

November 27

PTO Wendy's night 5-8 pm

November 27

Early Dismissal-12:29pm

November 28-29

School closed-Thanksgiving holiday

December 2

Boys Basketball tryouts begin

Girls Basketball tryouts end



WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT ...?

WDMS strives to improve and exemplify our instruction across disciplines. Each month, students are provided with a cross-curricular grade-level "Why should I care about....?" activity that promotes responsible citizenship through a social action assignment. Social action is a way for individuals to come together to help improve their lives by solving a problem that affects their community. Our students are presented with an informational topic that requires them to analyze content, read and respond to a series of questions and synthesize information from sources in order to formulate a personal opinion and take action through their writing. In sixth grade, the focus of the "Why should I care about....?" was to bring awareness to the decline of the honeybee. Students are provided with a few articles and a video to acquire knowledge regarding the change in the bee population. Students are then asked to create an informational piece to bring awareness to others as well as formulate thoughtful strategies that can be done to change the current situation. Each grade level is provided with their own social action activity that encourages students to use their awareness as a means to act responsibly and better the world in which they live.



CONFERENCES: November 21-26

This year, Parent/Teacher conferences will be in November leading up to Thanksgiving Break. We are continuing our conference process of having Grade 6-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences for only those students that are identified by their teachers as needing a conference to discuss either an academic and/or behavioral concern. Parents of students who are not identified as needing a conference can contact their child's guidance counselor at any time during the year to schedule a teacher meeting OR may request to be on a waiting list should conference times allow.

Due to the transition to Middle School, each fifth grade parent will have an opportunity to conference with his or her child's Homeroom teacher. Parents who did not provide their email at Back-to-School Night should contact our main office at 848-1200. Emails will be used to allow the teacher to email an invitation to schedule a conference.

STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK-UP

The school day for students officially begins at 7:45am. Students must be in homeroom by 7:55am or they will be marked late. For your convenience, the doors will be open at 7:30am for students that wish to arrive early. These students will report directly to the cafeteria until 7:45am. Any student arriving before 7:30am will be left unsupervised and outside (in possible inclement weather) until 7:30am.

Although we realize emergencies do occur, if you know in advance that you will need to pick your child up early, we ask that a note be sent in with your child the morning of the day he/she will be leaving early. Your child will then be given a pass to show his/her teacher at the indicated dismissal time. Without the parent note informing us of an early pick-up, no students will be called out of class until the parent arrives in the main office and proof of identification has been given. A parent phone call requesting the student to meet them in the main office for pick-up is not an option.

FROM THE WDMS HEALTH OFFICE

It's cold and flu season! Below are some helpful tips for keeping your child healthy during the school year.

- ✓ Frequent handwashing is one of the simplest-most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. The Mayo clinic suggests soaping up for as long as it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice.
- ✓ Use hand sanitizer
- ✓ Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough
- ✓ Keep hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth
- ✓ Stay current on all childhood vaccines including the flu shot

Students should stay home from school for at least 24 hours if they have:

- ✓ A fever of 100 degrees or more
- ✓ Chills
- ✓ Sore throat or cough
- ✓ Diarrhea or vomiting

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!

Yearbook orders will be accepted now through January 31st. You can place your order in school or online. To order online go to the "For Students" tab on the WDMS website or click [HERE](#). Orders will be accepted in school every Friday during homeroom in Mrs. Ward's room E12. In school orders must be placed in person, not in staff mailboxes. Yearbooks cost \$42 and can be purchased with cash or check. Please make checks payable to WDMS.

DON'T MISS OUT!!

PTO NEWS - NOVEMBER 2019

- 5 - PTO Meeting 6:30
- 20 - Book Fair Set-up
- 21 - Book Fair begins
 - Book Fair Family Night 3pm-8pm
 - P/U Claire's Gourmet orders 3pm-8pm
 - P/U Spiritwear orders 3pm-8pm
- 21 - Last Day Book Fair
- 27 - Wendy's 5pm-8pm



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, the team Coach 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.

WDMS STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The WDMS Student Council gives students an opportunity to participate in community service based activities with benefits that extend well past the walls of WDMS. Under the enthusiastic guidance of advisors and 7th grade, Literacy teachers Kelly Schwering and Melissa Thurston, students are given opportunities to demonstrate leadership, team building, and community service but most importantly, they have fun!

To date, the WDMS Student Council has participated in several community service projects including Pennies for Leukemia and Breast Cancer Awareness Week and will soon be collecting items for MAPSS-a local organization that sends care packages to troops deployed overseas during the holidays.

Student Council will be opening the school store in the upcoming month. During homeroom items such as pencils, pens, notebooks, water bottles and seasonal items will be available for purchase. A flyer with items and prices will be forthcoming.

In addition to the school store, Student Council hosts several activities throughout the year including grade level dances, a flag football tournament and A Night at the Boardwalk. Look for more info on each of these events as their dates approach.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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

LATE BUSES

Late buses are every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Late buses depart at 3:45pm. Late bus runs are typically longer as there are only five late buses covering a larger area. Students may not stay after school unless a teacher supervises them. If attending a sporting event as a spectator, students must leave and return at the beginning of the event.

