

# West Deptford Middle School

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## PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

On April 11<sup>th</sup> WDMS will roll out its "green carpet" to host the 12<sup>th</sup> annual People's Choice Award Ceremony. The staff of WDMS set the criteria for this one-of-a-kind honor. This coveted award is given to students for a wide range of noteworthy accomplishments, including academic achievement, personal improvement, demonstration of excellent character, and even for simply brightening the days of others. In a time when so much focus is placed on the negative actions of teens, it is an evening dedicated to praising students who have exemplified compassion and goodness in their daily lives. This year, 52 WDMS staff members will participate in the event. Staff members can nominate one student from the Middle School for a People's Choice Award. Each presentation will be uniquely personalized with specific reasons for the staff member's selection. The nominations are kept completely anonymous leading up to the "big reveal"! Students, staff and family members will gather for brief reception at the conclusion of the award show.

## BANDANA DAY-ALICIA ROSE VICTORIOUS FOUNDATION

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, WDMS participated in its first ever "Bandana Day" to help raise awareness about the ongoing struggles of teen cancer patients. The Alicia Rose Victorious Foundation provides funding for the specific purpose of creating a new, non-existing Teen Lounge, or enhancing/renovating an existing Teen Lounge in area hospitals. It is all about enhancing the quality of life for teens with cancer during the many visits and stays at the hospital.

Alicia Rose was a teen who lost her battle with cancer at the age of 17. "Even though I would wear bandanas and hats to cover my dome, not everyone was well informed of my condition and I was humiliated and intimidated when I was asked to take off my hat because of school policy." – Alicia, 2002. After Alicia lost her battle with cancer, her friends felt as though students needed to raise awareness about the struggles that teen cancer patients face. "Bandana Day" is just one of many opportunities students have to help raise awareness for teens battling life-threatening illnesses.

WDMS is proud to support this very worthwhile foundation. Thanks to the dedication and support of our students and staff we were able to donate \$4150 to the Alicia Rose Victorious Foundation!

For more information on the ARVF, please visit their website at <https://www.victoriousfoundation.org>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 1

8<sup>th</sup> gr Great Adventure permission slip and payment due

### April 2

PTO Mtg-WDMS library 6:30 pm

### April 2-4

WDHS Counselors will visit 8<sup>th</sup> gr

### April 5

Spanish Assessment for 7<sup>th</sup> gr

### April 5

Q3 Report Cards distributed

### April 9

7/8 gr Handball Tourney, 3:30pm

### April 11

People's Choice Awards 6:00 pm

### April 12

PTO Spirit Wear orders due

### April 15

Take Your Child to Work forms due

### April 18

Early dismissal, 12:19 pm

### April 19-April 23

Spring Break-School closed

### April 24

Lost & Found donated to local charity

### April 24

PTO Wendy's Night, 5-8 pm

### April 25

Take Your Child to Work Day

### April 26

Spring Pictures

### April 29

PTO Flower Sale Begins

### April 29

PARCC Testing begins for gr 5 & 8

### April 30

Caring for Cairns Fundraiser@  
Adelphia's in Deptford, 7-9pm

### May 1

WDMS Talent Show, 6:30pm



## WDMS PARCC TESTING SCHEDULE

The New Jersey Department of Education has made changes to the state assessment. The State of New Jersey has ended its membership of the interstate consortium that produced the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments. While the online testing platform will remain the same, the state's Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA) assessments will no longer be called Partnership for Assessment of College and Career Readiness (PARCC). The statewide assessments for ELA and Mathematics will now be called New Jersey Student Learning Assessments-ELA (NJSLA-ELA) and New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Mathematics (NJSLA-M).

Along with this change is also a reduction of questions starting with the Spring 2019 statewide assessment. Please review the assessment schedule below for specifics on your child's testing window.

	Mon 4/29	Tues 4/30	Wed 5/1	Thurs 5/2	Fri 5/3
Grades 5 & 8 and Alg. I & Geo 4/29/19-5/3/19	<u>AM</u> ELA Unit 1	<u>AM</u> ELA Unit 2  <u>PM</u> ELA Unit 3	<u>AM</u> Math Unit 1  <u>PM</u> Math Unit 2	<u>AM</u> Math Unit 3 <i>No Alg or Geo</i>  <u>PM</u> No Testing	<u>No Testing</u> Regular Bell Schedule
	Mon 5/6	Tues 5/7	Wed 5/8	Thurs 5/9	Fri 5/10
Grades 6 & 7 5/6/19-5/10/19	<u>AM</u> ELA Unit 1	<u>AM</u> ELA Unit 2  <u>PM</u> ELA Unit 3	<u>AM</u> Math Unit 1 Alg I Gr. 7  <u>PM</u> Math Unit 2 Alg I Gr. 7	<u>AM</u> Math Unit 3 <i>No Alg</i>  <u>PM</u> No Testing	<u>No Testing</u> Regular Bell Schedule

\*\*\*Make up Testing the Week of May 13-16\*\*\*

Please remind your child of the following tips in order to prepare for their assessment:

- Please get a good night's sleep
- Enjoy a healthy breakfast
- Have laptops fully charged
- Please bring earbuds or headphones for testing( students have been informed that wireless earbuds or headphones are NOT permitted)
- Bring a book to read
- Arrive to school on time as testing will begin promptly at 8:16 each day

## NJSLA-S

In addition to the Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA) standardized assessments, students in grades 5, 8 and 11 will be administered a science assessment. This new assessment was first administered in the Spring of 2017 in place of the NJASK Science. The assessment measures whether students have mastered the knowledge and skills of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. The 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 our other state assessments. The assessment will be completed over a course of two days, May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> with make-up days scheduled on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## EXCITING NEWS FOR INCOMING 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

**MAY 21**-4<sup>th</sup> grade Orientation, 6:30 pm in the WDMS Café; students and their parents are encouraged to attend.

**JUNE 7**- WDMS Student Council will host the 3<sup>RD</sup> annual "Welcome Dance" for all current 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, 6:30-8:30pm, WDMS Café. This event is for students only.

Look for more information on both of these events.

## TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

Designed to be more than a career day, the "Take Your Child to Work Program" was designed to show children what a parent or mentor in their lives does during the workday. It reinforces the value of their education, helps them discover the power and possibilities associated with a balanced work and family life, and provides them an opportunity to share how they envision the future.

This year's "Take Your Child to Work Day" is on Thursday, April 25, 2019. If you wish to have your child participate in this event, you must complete this [form](#) and return it to the main office by Monday, April 15, 2019. In order for the absence to be considered excused you must also submit a letter from your employer confirming your child's participation including contact information. The employer's letter must be submitted to the main office by Friday, April 26, 2019. Submission of this form will act as notification of your child's absence. (Parent call out via phone will not be necessary.)

Your child is responsible for missed school work and/or homework. Failure to submit this form and a letter from your employer will result in an unexcused absence for your child.

## FROM THE WDMS HEALTH OFFICE

**Warmer weather brings spring allergy season.**

**Below are some helpful tips to help your family navigate through the upcoming allergy season:**

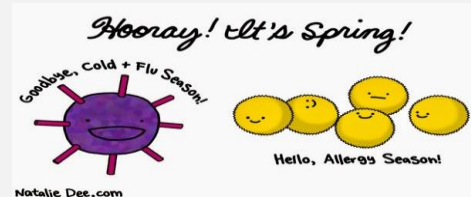
- Allergy season usually begins in early March
- Warm spring breezes and rain help to spread tree pollen and mold spores
- Seasonal allergies increase asthma symptoms

**Relief from Allergies:**

- Keep doors and windows closed
- Use special filters on HVAC systems
- Avoid participating in outdoor activities on days with high pollen and mold counts
- OTC antihistamines, nasal sprays and eye drops may help relieve symptoms
- Seek medical attention should symptoms become severe

**Although the symptoms of colds and allergies may be similar, there are also some key differences.**

- Itchy and watery eyes are often telltale signs that the symptoms are due to an allergy
- A sore throat can occur with allergies but is more common with a cold
- Body aches also do not occur with allergies while they may be common with a cold
- Some people with allergies also develop eczema, which is not a symptom of a cold
- A fever can occur with a severe cold, especially in children, but is not an allergy symptom; ***please remember students must be fever free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school***
- When in doubt seek medical attention



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ROOT RALLY COMPETITION

For the past eight weeks our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have been studying roots for their word work. Many of these roots are derived from Latin, Greek, and Hebrew origin. Students have learned the meaning of 60 different roots, along with example words, and the spelling of the words containing a root. In order for our grade to celebrate the hard work and instruction of our root study, we have a Root Rally competition. The entire 5<sup>th</sup> grade participates in 3 rounds of fast paced, high-energy competition! In the first round the students have to say the meaning for the root. In the second round the students have to say the root for the meaning. In the third round, the finalists have to write down as many example words with the roots given in two minutes. Round three will determine the winners. Our winners this year were 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Fallon Butikus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ava Herbst and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Elizabeth D'Erasmio.

## BACK PACKS AND DRESS CODE

Students must keep all book bags and string bags in their lockers. The only exception is to carry a small book bag or string bag of gym clothes and sneakers to and from Physical Education class.

WDMS is air-conditioned to allow for students to dress comfortably during the day. Students are expected to abide by the Dress Code that can be found in their agenda or on our website.

## BIKES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS

Students who ride bicycles, scooters, or skateboards to and from school must wear a protective helmet when riding as per New Jersey state law. Any student that does not have a helmet will not be permitted to ride their bike, scooter or skateboard home. Students who ride bicycles or scooters are required to lock them in the racks located in front of the school. The school district will not be held responsible for damage or theft of bicycles or scooters while parked on the school grounds. Students may not ride around the building or on the property while waiting to enter the building.

## PTO NEWS – APRIL 2018

2 - PTO Meeting 6:30  
6 - Spiritwear Orders Due  
24 - Wendy's 5pm-8pm  
29 - Spring Flower Sale begins

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.

## TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Each student can only ride the bus they are assigned to ride. No child will be permitted to ride on other buses for any reason. 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 friend's house)**

**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)

## 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.

### 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>
4/1	4:00pm	Haddon Twp/ Collingswood	West Deptford High School		4/29	4:00pm	Clearview	West Deptford High School
4/5	4:00pm	Gateway /Overbrook	West Deptford High School		5/3	4:00pm	Woodbury/ Haddon Heights	Woodbury High School
4/8	4:00pm	Hammonton Middle School	West Deptford High School		5/6	4:00pm	Williamstown	Williamstown Middle School
4/12	4:00pm	Gateway/Lindenwold	Lindenwold Middle School		5/10	4:00pm	Paulsboro	West Deptford High School
4/15	4:00pm	Haddonfield/Audubon	West Deptford High School		5/16	4:00pm	Haddonfield Invitational	Haddonfield Middle School
4/18	4:00pm	Woodbury Relays	Woodbury High School		5/22	4:00pm	Colonial Conference	Woodbury High School