

February 2019

# West Deptford Middle School

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## JOIN US FOR FAMILY STEAM NIGHT!

On Tuesday, February 5, 2019 from 6:30-8:00 pm at West Deptford Middle School, students and parents/guardians will have the opportunity to experience all the enriching, interactive and engaging activities our STEAM program has to offer to our middle school students. WDMS students will interact with their parent(s) through three of the seven STEAM stations based upon their registration selection. Please note that students must be pre-registered to attend. The sign up link is active until January 31, 2019. There is a limited capacity of 15 students per activity station. Please be reminded that students must be accompanied by an adult during the entirety of the event. This night is intended only for WDMS students and their parents/guardians therefore we will supply childcare in the library for younger siblings. We look forward to seeing you soon!



## PTO Designer Bag Bingo and Basket Auction

The WDMS PTO annual Designer Bag Bingo and Basket Auction is Friday, February 22, 2019, in the WDMS Cafeteria! Doors open at 6:00pm and games will begin at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$30 each and on sale now! Tickets include 15 games of bingo, dabber, door prizes and light refreshments. Also available are the basket auction, special raffles, and 50/50! Feel free to bring your own food and non-alcoholic beverages.

You must be 18 years of age to attend and play. Tickets sell fast-be sure to get a ticket while you can! For ticket info, contact Patty Watts 856-343-8789 or [thewattsfamily@msn.com](mailto:thewattsfamily@msn.com), Amber Hill 302-387-3288 or [ahill1202@yahoo.com](mailto:ahill1202@yahoo.com) Jen Zanes 856-803-4591 or [tomanycs@aol.com](mailto:tomanycs@aol.com) Heather Miller 609-820-3389 or [mamamiller@verizon.net](mailto:mamamiller@verizon.net) or Kim Demcher 609-254-5712 or [kdemcher@yahoo.com](mailto:kdemcher@yahoo.com). Tickets are available now at the elementary schools Green-Fields School (Amber Hill), Oakview School (Dee Leonard) and Red Bank School (Amy Wilson) and will be available at the WDMS PTO meeting on February 5. Large parties of 10 or more, please contact Patty Watts to reserve a table. Thank you for your support!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February 1-28

Student Council Sock Drive

### February 3

Last day to order WD Beanie/Socks

### February 5

PTO Mtg-WDMS Library

Conference Rm 6:00

### February 5

STEAM Night-6:30-8:00pm

### February 6

Drama Club performance 6:30

### February 6

Launch Party-gr 5 & 6; 4-6pm

### February 8

All A's Ice Cream Party-Q2

### February 14

Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale begins

### February 14

Jump Rope for Heart

### February 15

School Closed-Presidents' Day

### February 18

School Closed-Presidents' Day

### February 20

G&T History Night 6:00 pm

### February 21

8<sup>th</sup> grade parent night @ HS 6:30

### February 22

PTO Designer Bag BINGO 6pm

### February 27

African American Read-In

### February 27

Lost & Found donated to local charity

### February 27

PTO Wendy's Night 5-8 pm

## STUDENT DROP OFF EARLY MORNING

The school day for students officially begins at 7:55am. Students must be in homeroom by 7:55 am 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.**

## WDMS DRAMA CLUB TO PERFORM SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE, JR!



The WDMS Drama Club is super excited to present Schoolhouse Rock Live, Jr! Our show is based on the ever-popular, award-winning 1970s Saturday morning cartoon series, School House Rock which teaches lessons on grammar, math and so much more using clever, catchy tunes. Our story follows Tom, a nerve-wracked schoolteacher who is nervous about his first day of teaching. He tries to relax by watching TV, when the characters come to life and help him prepare! Sing along to some of our favorite learning tunes like "Just a Bill", "Conjunction Junction", and "Interplanet Janet"!

There will be one performance only on **Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 6:30pm in the WDMS Cafeteria.** Admission is \$5 per person, (ages 5 and up) at the door.

Concessions will be available to purchase during intermission! Proceeds from this performance will benefit the WDMS DRAMA CLUB. We hope to see you there!

## WDMS TO PARTICIPATE IN 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN

On February 27, 2019, WDMS will host its second African American Read-In through collaboration with our Professor in Residence (PIR) from Rowan University, Natoya Coleman. Ms. Coleman and WDMS are pleased to welcome several individuals from Rowan University, local community members as well as other individuals 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 is an amazing experience for our WDMS students and staff!



African American Read-In

## LOOK FOR THE GOOD PROJECT

West Deptford Student Council is excited to kick off the Look for the Good project in February. West Deptford Middle School will introduce our Gratitude Campaign to the 5th and 6th grade students in an effort to promote and unite students around the premise of kindness for two weeks through various activities, shout outs, and moments of reflecting. "Gratitude Spots" will be placed on the floors throughout the wings to give students the chance to step on them and share gratitude. A gratitude wall will be on display in the cafeteria. On the wall, students will add notes to inspire each other to be kind. Finally, kindness cards will be passed throughout the grade levels to inspire random acts of kindness during the day.



## WDMS JUMPS ROPE FOR HEART DISEASE



Jump Rope for Heart is a great way for our students to raise funds and awareness to help combat Heart Disease, the #1 killer of all Americans. Interested students will collect donations from family and friends. A \$5 donation is required to participate in this event. This year's event will be held on Thursday, February 14, during 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> periods. All students will receive information from their PE teacher on how to participate. Due to space limitations, this event will be capped at the first 180 students who sign-up. Please contact Mrs. Ramagli at [kramagli@wdeptford.k12.nj.us](mailto:kramagli@wdeptford.k12.nj.us) with questions.

## 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

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

WDMS Student Council is collaborating with the WDHS Key Club for its annual Sock Drive. Collected socks will be given to the Rowan University Street Medicine Organization to aide in their dedication to promoting health and well-being of people living on the streets in Camden. **Beginning Feb 1 through Feb 28 new, unopened socks will be collected at all WDMS home athletic events and daily in the collection hampers located in the WDMS cafeteria.**

### LOOKING AHEAD

**April** - Talent Show and Handball Tournament (Grades 7 and 8)

**May** - Night at the Boardwalk (Grade 8)

**June** -Welcome to the Middle School Dance (Grades 4 and 5)



## 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)**

**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)

## LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found is located in the cafeteria to allow for students to check for their missing items daily. Any found eyeglasses, purses/wallets, cell phones, or other electronics are kept in the main office until they are claimed. Once a month we notify students and parents that the lost and found is full and all unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.



## PTO NEWS – FEBRUARY 2019

5 PTO Meeting 6:30

22 Designer Bag Bingo- doors open at 6:00pm

27 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.

## LATE BUSES

Late buses are every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Late buses depart at approximately 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.

## 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

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Date	Time	Versus	Location
2/5	3:45 PM	Audubon	Audubon
2/6	4:00 PM	Clearview	Clearview
2/7	4:15 PM	Delsea	WDMS
2/13	4:00 PM	Pitman	WDMS
2/14	4:00 PM	Collingswood	WDMS

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Date	Time	Versus	Location
2/5	3:45 PM	Audubon	WDMS
2/6	4:00 PM	Clearview	WDMS
2/7	4:15 PM	Delsea	Delsea
2/13	4:00 PM	Pitman	Pitman
2/14	4:15 PM	Collingswood	Collingswood

### WRESTLING

Date	Time	Versus	Location
2/6	4:00 PM	Clearview	Clearview
2/7	4:15 PM	Washington Twp	Riverwinds
2/9	9:00 AM	Col.Conf. Tournament	Paulsboro HS

## WDMS SPRING TRACK & FIELD BEGINS!

The West Deptford Middle School Track & Field Team has enjoyed tremendous success over the years. They have compiled several consecutive winning seasons and will seek to build on this during the 2019 season. **The team will begin training together on, Tuesday, March 19.** This season will be Coach Stanwood's second season as head coach alongside assistant Coach Redkoles. Coach Stanwood & Coach Redkoles are truly looking forward to practices and getting all of the student athletes prepared for the High School level. Stanwood is quoted, "I am looking forward to another season as this great school's head coach! Our main goal is to have all of our student athletes show growth throughout the year and be successful."

Interested students should see Mr. Stanwood in room F-3. Athletic physical forms can be found on the WDMS website, <http://ms.wdeptford.k12.nj.us/> under the "Athletics" tab. **The deadline to return completed physical forms is March 4, 2019. All students must be medically cleared by the Nurse's office before they will be permitted to practice.** Please contact our Athletic Coordinator, Mr. Jakubowski at [sjakubowski@wdeptford.k12.nj.us](mailto:sjakubowski@wdeptford.k12.nj.us) with any questions