

West Deptford Middle School

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WDMS Staff vs. Students Soccer Game to benefit one of our own!

Zach Steward is a current freshman at WDMS. Zach beat Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia at the age of 3. Zach recently relapsed with Central Nervous System Leukemia and has 2 years of chemotherapy ahead of him.

Although Zach and his family remain optimistic for a positive outcome, they will be facing numerous medical expenses not currently covered but health insurance.

We are asking you to join the WDMS family and the West Deptford Police Department as we surround the Steward family with love and support.



Thursday, October 17, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

West Deptford Park

\$5.00 donation to attend or participate



Due to an outdoor arena, spectators and/or participants **MUST** purchase a wristband to attend. Wristbands may be purchased in the cafeteria during lunches OR in the main office. Wristbands will be distributed to students the day of the event. For more info, please contact the WDMS main office, 848-1200.

ALL proceeds will benefit Zach Steward and his family

WDMS KNOWS CHARACTER COUNTS

Last school year, West Deptford Middle School was honored and excited to be presented with the Promising Practice Award given by Character.org. This award was bestowed upon us based on the efforts of the students, staff, and families as we foster and nurture a caring community. This year, we will continue our character education program to encourage the development of ethical and responsible individuals. Each month, WDMS will have a theme based on the pillars of character education. Our theme for the month of October is Respect. Through "winning wings" and our WDMS High Flyer award, we will encourage students to continue demonstrating traits aligned with the theme of Respect. Such traits may include: treating others with respect, consideration of others' feelings, accepting differences and handling disagreements in a respectful manner. As a community, we look forward to coming together to promote and reinforce such behaviors.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 1**
PTO mtg 6:30pm WDMS library
- October 3**
PTO Mum fundraiser ends
- October 4**
PTO Claire's Fundraiser begins
- October 5**
PTO mum pickup
- October 7-9**
Camp Mason trip
- October 10**
GCIT to visit 8th grade during lunch
- October 11**
School closed-teacher in-service
- October 14**
Columbus Day School closed
- October 15**
Girls Basketball Meeting, Gr. 7/8
- October 16**
Boys Basketball Meeting, Gr. 7/8
- October 16**
PE Cross Country meet 1:00 pm
- October 17**
Wrestling Meeting, Gr. 6, 7, 8
- October 17**
Staff vs Students Soccer Game
- October 21-25**
Red Ribbon Week
- October 25**
PTO Claire's Fundraiser ends
- October 29**
Fall Makeup pictures
- October 30**
PTO Wendy's Night 5-8
- October 31**
Orange & Black Day (no costumes)
Fall Sports La Sicilia fundraiser 4-9

GCIT VISIT

GCIT will meet with all interested 8th grade students on Thursday, October 10. Representatives will be in the Café during the 8th grade lunch periods. If you have any questions, please contact either Stefanie Paglione at spaglione@wdeptford.k12.nj.us, extension 3241, or Liza Lecher at llecher@wdeptford.k12.nj.us, extension 3005.

CONFERENCES

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 their 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.

STAYING CONNECTED AT WDMS

Please register for a PowerParent account in the main office, if you do not have a PowerParent login. Also, 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. The majority of WDMS correspondence will be done through the School Messenger Notification System. Please make every effort to alert our main office immediately with any email or phone number changes. Incorrect information will delay the ability to receive important information from the WDMS staff. If you are not receiving our School Messenger text and email notifications, please contact the main office at 848-1200.

STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK-UP

The school day for students officially begins at 7:45am. Students must be in homeroom by 7:55 am or they will be marked late. For your convenience, the doors will be open at 7:25am for students that wish to arrive early. These students will report directly to the cafeteria until 7:45am. Any student arriving before 7:25am will be left unsupervised and outside (in possible inclement weather) until 7:25am.

Although we realize emergencies do occur, if you know in advanced 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.

Q1 Interim Reports

Your child's Quarter 1 interim will conclude on October 3. Please refer to your email to receive an electronic copy on October 7. The interim report will provide students and parents with an indication of their child's mid-marking period progress in each of their courses. If you should have any questions regarding your child's grade or academic progress, please contact their teacher or school counselor.

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 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 friend's house).

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.

For additional transportation information, please visit our district website at

http://www.wdeptford.k12.nj.us/district_info/transportation

PTO NEWS - OCTOBER 2019

- 1 - PTO Meeting 6:30
- 3 - Mums orders due
- 4 - Spiritwear orders due
- 4- Claire's Gourmet begins with assemblies during lunch recess and Pretzel & Water sale
- 5 - Mums pick up at Michael William Florist & Greenhouse
- 18 - Spiritwear orders due
- 25 - Claire's Gourmet orders due
- 30 - Wendy's Night 5pm-8pm
- 30 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid book pre-orders due
- 25 - Claire's Gourmet orders due

Visit the WDMS website under the PTO tab for more information.

ITEM DROP OFF

Please understand that the WDMS Main Office is a busy location as it is the hub of our school. In the event your child left an item at home and a parent brings it to school, you will be asked to sign the item in during the drop-off. We will do our best to notify your student that the item has been dropped off.

FROM THE WDMS HEALTH OFFICE

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

Please contact our nurse, Kim Lee with any health related questions pertaining to your child.

klee@wdeptford.k12.nj.us

ATHLETICS

Individual sport schedules and coach contact information are available on the WDMS website under the Athletic tab. 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 CROSS COUNTRY

Date	Time	Versus	Location
10/1	4:45pm	Haddon Twp/Lindenwold	WD Park
10/2	4:00pm	Clearview	WD Park
10/8	4:45pm	Haddonfield/Audubon	Pennypacker Park
10/9	4:00pm	Hammonton	WD Park
10/15	4:30PM	Haddonfield	Pennypacker Park
10/17	4:00pm	Williamstown	Williamstown
10/23	4:15pm	Colonial Conference Championships	Pennypacker Park

WDMS FIELD HOCKEY

Date	Time	Versus	Location
10/2	4:00pm	Haddon Twp	Away
10/3	4:00pm	Haddon Hts	Home
10/8	4:00pm	Audubon	Home
10/10	4:00pm	Williamstown	Away
10/15	4:00pm	Haddonfield	Away
10/17	4:00pm	Collingswood	Away

GO EAGLES!