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6th ANNUAL STAFF VS STUDENTS BASKETBALL GAME TO BENEFIT SCHOOL WIDE PBSIS PROGRAM

On March 12, 2020, in the big gym at Riverwinds Community Center, WDMS will host its 6th Annual Staff vs Students Basketball Game. This year's event will help support our school wide Positive Behavior Support In School program (PBSIS). The goal of PBSIS is implement a multi-tiered system of support for behavior, conduct, and social-emotional wellness that promotes equity for all students.

There are several ways within WDMS that students are rewarded for their positive behavior. Students "caught" demonstrating any one of our pillars of character education are given "Winning Wings". At the end of each week, there is a random drawing where students' names are called over the microphone during their lunch period. Students can then have a choice in their prize. These can include, but are not limited to: HW passes, free pizza Friday, switching lunches, lunch with a teacher or administrator just to name a few.

PBSIS also sponsors our annual "Eagle Launch" which is held in the first weeks of school. This school-wide event promotes the program and emphasizes the 6 pillars of good character. To capture and reinforce these characteristics, the students and staff at WDMS participate in an entire day's worth of exciting activities that reinforce the program's missions.

Don't miss out on a great event! The 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. Please contact our main office with any questions, 848-1200.

WDMS STUDENTS ATTEND LIVE FROM SURGERIES

On March 3rd, forty 7th and 8th-grade students who applied to attend the Live From Surgeries field trip at Camden County College will have the opportunity to view a live neurosurgery. From the first incision to the last suture, students will witness the excitement and drama of science in action! Through real-time interactive video conferencing with the hospital doctors and surgical team, our students will have an up-close view of the surgery. We look forward to having this amazing experience.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2

Gertrude Hawk candy sales ends

March 3

Live Surgery trip to Camden County College

March 3

PTO Mtg-WDMS library 6:30

March 4

Q3 Interim reports distributed

March 6

Sport physicals due to Health Office

March 6

5th grade Root Rally

March 7

G&T National History Day-Rutgers

March 12

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

March 13

Full day in service School Closed

March 16

Spring Track & Field practice begin

March 18

Eagletons trip to Rowan University

March 20

7th/ 8th Grade Spring Fling- 5:15-10:00 pm

March 23-27

PTO Book Fair-BOGO

March 25

Book Fair Family Night-3-8pm

March 25

PTO Spiritwear sale begins

March 25

Lost & Found donated to local charity

March 25

PTO Wendy's Night 5-8 pm



WDMS NJSLA-ELA and NJSLA-M TESTING SCHEDULE

In the upcoming months, your child will be taking the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA). The NJSLA helps provide the school with more information to better inform the instructional needs of your child. New Jersey has made several changes since they moved away from PARCC and adopted the NJSLA. Such changes include a reduction of questions and the length of time the assessment is administered. When the time comes for your child to take the NJSLA, please remind them to bring earbuds/headphones, their Chromebook, charger and to get a good night's rest.

Number of Minutes per Unit

NJSLA-M			
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3
Grade 5	60	60	60
Grade 6-8	60	60	60
Alg I	90	90	
Geo	90	90	

NJSLA-ELA		
	Unit 1	Unit 2
Grade 5	90	90
Grade 6-8	90	90

	Mon 4/27	Tues 4/28	Wed 4/29	Thurs 4/30	Fri 5/1
Grades 5 & 8 and Alg. I & Geo 4/27-5/1	No Testing	AM ELA Unit 1 PM ELA Unit 2	AM Math Unit 1 PM Math Unit 2	AM Math Unit 3 No Alg or Geo PM No Testing	No Testing
	Mon 5/4	Tues 5/5	Wed 5/6	Thurs 5/7	Fri 5/8
Grades 6 & 7 5/4-5/8	No Testing	AM ELA Unit 1 PM ELA Unit 2	AM Math Unit 1 PM Math Unit 2	AM Math Unit 3 No Alg PM No Testing	No Testing

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 Chromebooks fully charged
- Please bring earbuds or headphones for testing
- 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. The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Science (NJSLA-S) measures whether students have mastered the knowledge and skills of their grade level science standards. 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 18th and 19th with make-up days scheduled on May 20th and 21st.

	Science			
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Grade 5	45 mins	45 mins	45 mins	45 mins
Grade 8	45 mins	45 mins	45 mins	45 mins

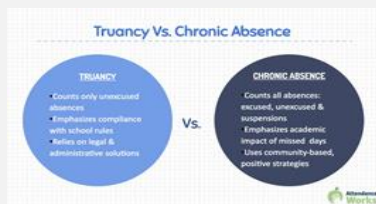
	Mon 5/18	Tues 5/19	Wed 5/20	Thurs 5/21	Fri 5/22
Week of May 18 Grades 5/8	AM Unit 1 PM Unit 2	AM Unit 3 PM Unit 4	Make-up	Make-up	Make-up

5 Quick Facts about School Attendance:

Source: AttendanceWorks.org

1. Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.
2. Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back.
3. By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.
4. Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school year, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.
5. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

What is Chronic Absenteeism?



PAJAMAS FOR HUNGER

On February 21, WDMS collaborated with the South Jersey Dream Center for our second annual "Pajamas for Hunger Day". The philosophy behind this event is simple: bring a new box a cereal to school and wear your pajamas in school for the day.

WDMS is constantly looking for ways to give back to the community. Pajamas for Hunger is one of many ways our WDMS staff and students came together to support local families in need. Due to the commitment, generosity and support of our families, we are excited to announce that almost 500 boxes of cereal were collected and donated to the South Jersey Dream Center!



FROM THE WDMS HEALTH OFFICE

Warmer weather brings spring allergy season.

Below are some helpful tips to support your family as they 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



PTO NEWS – MARCH 2020

3 PTO Meeting 6:30
20 Set up Book Fair
23-27 Book Fair
25 Book Fair Family Night 3pm-8pm
27 Wendy's 5pm-8pm

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.

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found is located in the cafeteria to allow 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. On the last Wednesday of each month, all unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.

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

LATE BUSES

Late buses are every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Late buses should 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 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.

GO EAGLES !

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>Location</u>
3/27	4:00pm	Haddon Twp Collingswood	Haddon Twp Middle School		4/23	4:00pm	Hammonton Middle School
3/30	4:00pm	Haddonfield	Haddonfield Middle School		4/24	4:00pm	Woodbury/Haddon Heights High School
4/3	4:00pm	Gateway/Pine Hill	Gateway HS		4/30	4:00pm	Williamstown MS
4/17	4:00pm	Woodbury Relays	Woodbury High School		5/1	4:00pm	Paulsboro/Gateway
4/20	4:00pm	Lindenwold/Gateway	West Deptford High School		5/14	4:00pm	Haddonfield Invitational
					5/21	4:00pm	Colonial Conf Championship