

October 2018

West Deptford Middle School

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WDMS Exemplifies Pride, Passion and a Commitment to Excellence

West Deptford Middle School strives to improve and exemplify our instruction. Therefore, we utilize instructional resources with student performance data to provide instruction that meet individual needs and interests. As we continue to foster writing across disciplines, students participate in activities that require them to analyze an informational topic, read and respond to a series of questions and synthesize information from sources in order to write an analytical response.

We are also excited to continue to strengthen and embody a positive school climate by infusing Character Education and Social Action into the culture of our school. Character Education is woven into every aspect of our school environment. To start, our universal positive behavior support program focuses on our social action themes of respect, gratitude, caring responsibility, fairness, citizenship, trustworthiness and sportsmanship. Students who positively impact the school environment by putting these attributes into action are rewarded thereby becoming role models for their peers. In the classroom, instruction is tailored to help middle school students plan appropriately and engage in meaningful social action.

INTERIM REPORTS

Your child's Quarter 1 interim will come to a conclusion on October 2. Please refer to your email to receive an electronic copy on October 9. The interim report will provide students and parents with an indication of their 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 guidance counselor.

OCTOBER 31

Wednesday, October 31, will be **Orange** and **Black** Day at WDMS. Students are NOT permitted to wear costumes at school.

OUTSIDE TREATS

Reminder that any outside treats brought into WDMS must be peanut free, factory produced with the ingredient label attached. All items will be checked by the nurse prior to distribution.



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1-3

6th gr Camp Mason trip

October 2

PTO Mum fundraiser ends

PTO mtg 6:30pm WDMS library

October 4

GCIT to visit WDMS

October 5

School closed-teacher in-service

October 8

Columbus Day School closed

October 9

Girls Basketball Meeting, Gr. 7/8

October 10

Boys Basketball Meeting, Gr. 7/8

October 11

Wrestling Meeting, Gr. 6, 7, 8

October 16

PE Cross Country meet

Fall Sports La Sicilia fundraiser 4-9

October 22-26

Red Ribbon Week

October 23

G&T Quiz Bowl

October 24

PTO Wendy's Night 5-8

October 25

Staff vs Students Soccer Game

October 30

Fall Makeup pictures

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 4. 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

Over the past several years, parents have shared their concerns regarding Parent/Teacher conferences for students in Grade 6-8. Specifically, parents have indicated they would prefer to meet with the teacher(s) of the subject(s) they are having difficulty instead of the randomness of meeting with their child's period 2 teacher. In addition, parents of students doing well in all subjects would have preferred no conference at all. Last year, we initiated an as "needed based" conference schedule for students in grades 6-8. We will continue with this format for the 2018-19 school year. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held December 10 – 13 on an "as-needed" basis for students in Grades 6-8 that have been identified by their teachers as needing a conference to discuss academic and/or behavioral concerns. Parents of students who are not identified as needing a conference may 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. More information regarding Parent/Teacher conferences and sign-up will be provided in the beginning of November. 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 join the group for scheduling a conference.

ATTENDANCE

If your child will be absent from school, please call the school and select option "2". If your child will be leaving early, please provide the main office with a note on that day.

New Jersey Law and West Deptford Board of Education policy require that every student attend school regularly. Please note: All students must be in school a minimum of 4 hours for them to be considered present. This applies to both half days and full days of school. *Vacations are considered unexcused absences.*

On full days, students must arrive by 10:37 AM to receive credit for the day. Students leaving before 11:55 AM will be recorded as absent. Students who are absent are allowed one day for each day's absence to make up assignments missed. Upon return to class, students must determine from their teachers any work to be made up. When a student fails to complete the work missed during any absence, he/she receives a zero for those assignments. A complete version of the WDMS attendance policy can be found on the middle school website under the "For Students" tab.

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 7:30am 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 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.

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.



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.

PTO NEWS - OCTOBER 2018

- 2 - PTO Meeting 6:30
- 2 - Mums orders due
- 4 - Spiritwear orders due
- 4- Claire's Gourmet begins with assemblies during lunch recess and Pretzel & Water sale
- 6 - Mums pick up at Michael William Florist & Greenhouse
- 24 - Wendy's Night 5pm-8pm
- 25 - Claire's Gourmet orders due

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

BOX TOPS AND SODA TABS

WDMS is collecting box tops and soda tabs. Box tops are used by the PTO as another source of revenue. To encourage students to participate, we have monthly contests to see which homeroom collects the most Box Tops. The students in the winning homeroom each receive a free pretzel. Our Recycling Club will be collecting soda tabs in an effort to help Ronald McDonald house. Thank you for your support!

STAYING CONNECTED AT WDMS

Please register for a PowerParent account in the main office (if you do not already have a PowerParent login). In addition, 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.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Versus</u>	<u>Location</u>
10/2	4:45	Haddon Township	WD Park
10/4	4:00	Williamstown	Williamstown
10/9	4:45	Lindenwold MS	WD Park
10/10	4:00	Hammonton MS	WD Park
10/17	4:15	Col. Conf. Championships	WD Park

WDMS FIELD HOCKEY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Versus</u>	<u>Location</u>
10/1	3:45	Gateway	WDMS
10/2	4:00	Audubon	WDMS
10/4	4:00	Haddon Twp	Haddon Twp
10/9	4:00	Haddon Heights	Haddon Heights
10/10	4:15	Delsea	Delsea
10/11	4:00	Audubon	Audubon
10/15	4:15	Sterling	WDMS
10/17	4:00	Haddonfield	WDMS
10/19	4:00	Collingswood	WDMS

GO EAGLES!