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November 15, 2019

Thank You to Our District eNews Sponsor:



Veterans Day Ceremonies 2019



Veterans were our guests across the District to honor their service and sacrifice. These ceremonies have become a proud tradition in the WSD around Veterans Day and an important learning opportunity for our students. Veterans and their family members from all over the community came out for these celebrations, and students were honored themselves to just be able to thank a veteran for their service. [Watch the video](#) on WSD YouTube.

WSD Teacher Named Missouri Physical Education Teacher of the Year

Nicholas Clements, a physical education teacher at Liberty High School, has been named the 2019 Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Missouri Society of Health and Physical Educators (MOSHAPE). He received the award for his work as a middle school health and PE teacher at Wentzville Middle School, where he worked prior to his move to Liberty High School this year. This marks the second consecutive year that the top middle school physical education award in the state was granted to a teacher from Wentzville Middle.



Clements, who was the 2018 recipient of the James Herauf Young Professional Award at the state level, has worked for the WSD since 2014. "I am extremely honored to receive this award," said Clements. "I would not have achieved such an honor without the amazing students and staff in the WSD. They have helped shape me into the educator I am, and I am forever thankful for them and the impact they have had on my career."

Clements received his award at the annual MOSHAPE Convention held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons in Osage, MO, November 7-10. He is now eligible for the Central District Teacher of the Year award, which covers nine states: Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado. Clements is currently pursuing an educational specialist degree in Educational Leadership and Policy from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

THS Senior Elected DECA Officer



Timberland High School senior Olivia Riek has been elected as the Missouri DECA District 6 Vice President for the 2019-20 school year. State officers were elected and installed during the Missouri DECA Fall Leadership and State Officer Election Conference, held October 12-13 in Branson, Missouri. The annual state conference was attended by more than 600 high school marketing students and their teachers.

The newly elected state officers were determined on the basis of their written test, screening and nominating committee interview, and number of ballots cast by the voting delegates. Finalists were asked office-related questions during the election session. Serving as a state officer provides

DECA members the opportunity to develop the leadership skills and professionalism that are essential for a successful career.

Riek is in her third year in DECA and currently serves as the Timberland Vice President of Outreach, works in the DECA store, and attended DECA Internationals last year as a leadership delegate. Riek is a senator in Youth and Government, and is a member of Student Council, National Honor Society, and Gateway2Change. She received the 2019 Missouri Award for Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, attended Missouri Girls State, and was chosen by Cuivre River Electric Cooperation to attend the Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience (CYCLE). She plans to continue her education and pursue a degree in marketing, with a possible emphasis in pre-law.

Boundary Committee Update



Here is [the latest update](#) on the process to develop new elementary, middle and high school boundaries. The Board of Education met last week to discuss the status of the boundary maps and the committee is scheduled to meet one last time on November 19 at 4:00 p.m. at the WSD Administrative Center. Please remember these are still draft scenarios and will not be finalized until they are voted on and passed by the Board of Education (they are scheduled to vote at the December 19 meeting). The District would like to thank the committee members for the tremendous number of hours they have dedicated to this effort, which is never an easy task. “We know how much families love their schools,” said Dr. Cain. “Once the boundaries are finalized, we will step back and let our administrators do what they do so well: continue to build positive relationships and develop a welcoming school community for all students and families.”

Discovery Ridge Student Gets Ride to School from Lake Saint Louis Police



Dean Carlson, a kindergartner at Discovery Ridge Elementary, had his own police escort to school on a sunny October morning, after winning a lottery at the Lake Saint Louis Police Department Open House. And Dean's classmates were gathered outside the school waiting for him, adding to the excitement. It's just another example of the Lake St. Louis Police reaching out to the community to remind them they will always do its best to serve the people—even if it's just offering a safe, but exciting, ride to school. [Watch the video](#) to see all the excitement!

Duello Happy Cards Company Featured on KMOV



Readers of WSD District eNews heard about the Happy Cards company, started by students in the Stepping Stones program at Duello Elementary. Thanks to Steve Harris at KMOV-TV, Channel 4, in St. Louis, the metro area now has heard of it too. [Watch the video](#) that showcases the hard work put in by these students. You can contact [Jamie Strain](#) at Duello for questions about (or if you'd like to order) Happy Cards created by these students.



Dates to Remember

November 21, 7:00 p.m.
 Board of Education Meeting
 Administrative Center

November 27-29
 No Classes
 Thanksgiving Break

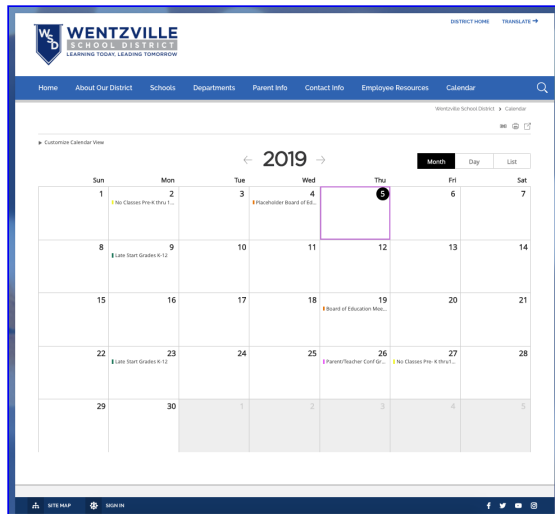
December 9
 Late Start Day
 Grades K-12

December 19
 Finals Early Release
 Grades 9-12

December 19, 7:00 p.m.
 Board of Education Meeting
 Administrative Center

December 20
 Early Release Day
 Grades K-12

December 23, 2019 - January 3, 2020
 Winter Break



No Classes

January 6, 2020
Classes Resume



Connect with the WSD





ICYMI: 6 Confusing Social Media Terms Explained



Memes, Hashtags, Emojis... click to check out this video to make some sense of common social media terms.

credit: Common Sense Media

Technology Tip from WSD Technology Department

The WSD Technology Department wants students and parents to have as much help as possible in a quickly evolving technological world, so they're offering tips in each District eNews.

First up, have you ever caught yourself asking on the internet or social media, "What does that mean?" [Check out this video](#) from Commons Sense Media to hear six social media terms explained.



St. Louis Post-Dispatch Teacher of the Month Contest

[Nominate YOUR favorite teacher!](#) Teachers make lasting impressions on their students daily. These dedicated professionals go above and beyond what is required to make sure their students receive the best education possible.

Show YOUR appreciation for the tireless leadership and guidance teachers provide in and out of their classrooms every day. [Nominate a current elementary through high school-aged teacher](#) to show your appreciation!

Winning submissions will receive a \$250 gift card and be featured monthly in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and on STLtoday.com.



Peine Ridge Family Builds and Donates Little Free Library to School

"Little Free Libraries" are popping up around the U.S. to promote literacy - including the one recently built and donated to Peine Ridge Elementary. One of the school's families, the Chapman family, took charge of this mission in its community. "It's not only great for our kids, but also the community," Peine Ridge Principal Dr. Ryan Andrews said. "It is a great way for someone to get a book at anytime, and get it for free. We promote reading all the time and this is a way to get free books into the hands of anyone who walks or drives by Peine Ridge!" For more info on the Little Free Library program, visit the [organization's website](#).

Presented by Liberty Performing Arts

Cinderella

*November 14-16, 2019 7 p.m. @ LHS Auditorium
\$6 Adult/\$5 Student*



*Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella
Music by Richard Rodgers
Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II
New Book by Douglas Carter Beane
Original Book by Oscar Hammerstein II*

LHS Theatre Department Presents Cinderella

The Liberty High School Theatre Department will present Rogers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" on November 15 and 16. This production is based on the Broadway revival of the famous musical by Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein II.

This classic fairy tale follows the story of Ella (Michelle Yoder), who is treated as a servant by her stepmother Madame (Annette Oliphant) and stepsisters Gabrielle (Emily Grant) and Charlotte (Anna Decker). After her stepsisters depart to attend a ball at the palace, Ella is left behind; but with the help of her friends Marie (Emily Gann) and Jean-Michel (Shane Wolz), and a little magic, Ella attends the ball and dances with Prince Topher (Wesley Nichols). At the stroke of midnight, the magic ends and Ella races away, losing her glass slipper. The prince searches the kingdom and finds the glass slipper fits only Ella, and they all live happily ever after.

Cast members include Julia Deters, Morgan Feinstein, Shaina Feinstein, Benjamin Gagliano, Michael Gannon, Nash Gilbo, Ashley Haberberger, Aadi Kadam, Lizzie Kayser, Dylan Lindke, Jackson Martin, Alyssa Place, Theo Riles, Avery Schlattmann, Bella Tegtmeier, Anna Wright, and Amanda Yoder.

The production is under the direction of Alison Flitter and Madison Haynes, with stage managers Allison Burkett and Evan Mantz. The musical will be performed at 7:00 p.m. each evening in the Liberty High School Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$5 for students and tickets will be available at the door.



HOLT HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE PRESENTS
RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S
OKLAHOMA!

MUSIC BY RICHARD RODGERS
BOOK AND LYRICS BY OSCAR
HAMMERSTEIN II

BASED ON THE PLAY "GREEN GROW THE LILACS" BY LYNN RIGGS
ORIGINAL CHOREOGRAPHY BY AGNES DE MILLE

C.H. Jones Auditorium

When: Nov. 21-23rd 2019

Doors open at: 6:30pm

Show Starts: 7pm

\$6.00 for Adults \$3.00 students

OKLAHOMA! is presented through special arrangements with R & H Theatricals: www.rnh.com

HHS Theatre Department Presents Oklahoma!

The Holt High School Theatre Department will present Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" on November 21, 22, and 23. This musical will be performed by an all-school cast and crew, each evening beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The story is set in the Oklahoma territory in 1906, where we meet Curly (Devon Dietiker) and Laurey (Lily Blair), who are in love but too stubborn to admit it.

Laurey promises to go to the box social with Jud Fry (Quentin Stevens), a hired hand on the farm with a mysterious past. Laurey's friend Ado Annie (Amber Miller) is caught between two fellows, as well — Will Parker (Aden Hicks) and Ali Hakim (Dylan Soberg). Ado Annie doesn't know which way to turn, and Curly must decide to confess his feelings for Laurey or lose her forever.

Cast members include Izzy Nutt, Kolby Bryant, Graham George, Brandon Beames, Madison Kastner, Dahlia Swafford, Melody Fanning, Angel Waliszewski, Paige Bennett, Lauren Hartmann, Cael Nolan, Zach Hinds, Jacob Clark, Greg Mose, Zach Bryant, Jack Vernon, Bella Burzio-Roca, Gabe Mueller, Elizabeth Ames, Abby Blasingame, Paris Heaver, Amaya Kopp, Alison Robertson, Emma McNamara, Hannah Christ, Rachel Mueller, Kinslee Keatts, Aleah Adams, and Carter Sims.

The musical is under the stage management of Koleen Field, assisted by Grace Bancroft and Madeline Woodson. "Oklahoma!" is presented through special arrangement with R & H Theatricals: www.rnh.com. The performance will be held in the C.H. Jones Auditorium. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for students, and tickets are available at the door.



2019 All-Suburban Middle School Honor Band

Congratulations to Wentzville Middle School eighth grade band members Bryce Herin (tuba - first chair) and Kate Downey (trombone), and Frontier Middle School eighth grade band member Leilani Green (alto saxophone) for being selected to the St. Louis All-Suburban Middle School Honor Band. Bryce, Kate, and Leilani

were among over 550 students from across the region who auditioned on October 28 for a spot in the 100-member ensemble which consists of seventh and eighth graders. The band will have six rehearsals and then present a concert at 3:30pm on January 12, 2020, at Kirkwood High School.



All-Suburban High School Concert Band

Three WSD high school musicians have earned spots in the 2019-20 St. Louis All-Suburban High School Honor Concert Band, two have been selected as first alternates, and one has been selected as second alternate. Congratulations to Timberland band members Hallie Youker (flute), Lily Fisher (clarinet), and Brianna Dotson (clarinet), for being selected to the honor band. In addition, Holt band members Andrew Frecks (tenor sax), and Anna Robertson (trombone), were named as first alternates and Megan Steber (alto sax) was named as a second alternate in the honor band. Timberland's Liam McLaughlin (piano) has been

selected to the St. Louis All-Suburban High School Jazz Band. Over 600 band members from the St. Louis Suburban district auditioned for a spot in the 95-member honors band. The Honor Band will have four rehearsals and present a concert on Sunday, January 12, 2020, at 4:15 p.m. at Kirkwood High School. The Jazz Band will also have four rehearsals and present a concert on Sunday, January 12, 2020, at 2:45 p.m. All seven students have qualified to audition for the Missouri All-State Band in December.



Liberty PLTW Classes Learn from School Construction Projects

When the extensions at the Liberty High School campus were being constructed, Project Lead The Way teacher Eric Peggs asked the job site superintendent for a copy of the blueprints. The elevation information pinpoints specific sea levels at various points on the Liberty campus, which are now used to teach students how to read surveying equipment and what that equipment is utilized for in the real world. Students will also use this information to learn about stormwater runoff and collection, as well as how technology like GPS can be used with elevations to do much more. “The students really enjoyed using the equipment, being outside on a

nice day and learning about our school building,” Peggs said, adding that he hopes to do this every year.



Holt and Liberty High School Students Attend UMSL World Languages Day

Students from Holt and Liberty high schools attended World Languages Day at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in October. The theme of the day was "Breaking Barriers with Language," and WSD students won awards in several contests! #WSDproud

Poster:

*Connor Hof and Bre Trail (Holt) won 1st place, and Rachel Nolte and Michael Davies (Holt) won 2nd place in the Spanish poster contest

*Madelyn Birkhead (Liberty) won 1st place in the German poster contest

Poetry:

*Cleo Mozolewski (Liberty) won 1st place for French poetry recital

*Elaine Amery (Liberty) won 1st place for German poetry recital, and Abigail Shields (Liberty) won 2nd place for German poetry recital

*Bella Burzio-Roca (Holt) won 2nd place for Spanish poetry recital

*Special recognition was given to Faith Daniels (Liberty) for reciting poetry in Spanish, French, and German

Skit:

*Zach Kerns, Chuck Schraudenbach, and Michael Peeler (Liberty) won 1st place and Fan Favorite in the German skit contest

*Megan Kruse, Megan McVey, Faith Daniels, Sarah Tate, Marissa Sharp, and Ryley O'Day (Liberty) won 1st place in the Spanish skit contest, and Amelia Truong, Lydia Cella, and Ethan Dunsworth (Holt) won 2nd place in the Spanish skit contest

Scavenger Hunt:

*Kailey Cain, Carmyn Hughes, Kiara Jimenez, and Anthony McCullough won 2nd place in the Spanish scavenger hunt



2019 Turkey Trot

Almost 200 students from across the District ran in the 24th Annual Turkey Trot at Holt High School on October 29. The event is organized by the Holt Cross Country team and the Wentzville/Lake Saint Louis Optimist Club and is open to boys and girls in grades 4 through 6 who are invited to compete in the one-mile race. Winners in each division were awarded a medal and a frozen turkey. For the 5th consecutive year, a traveling team trophy was presented to Discovery Ridge Elementary, whose top three runners in each of the boys and girls divisions had the lowest combined score. For [complete race results](#), visit the WSD website.

Congratulations to all our young runners!

The champions in each division were:

- **Fourth Grade Boys:** Jackson Brinton from Green Tree Elementary with a time of 6:54
- **Fourth Grade Girls:** Allison Keller from Lakeview Elementary with a time of 7:30
- **Fifth Grade Boys:** Tyler Kmetz from Peine Ridge Elementary with a time of 6:57
- **Fifth Grade Girls:** Reece Hoffman from Duello Elementary with a time of 7:24
- **Sixth grade Boys:** Carson Struttmann from Discovery Ridge Elementary with a time of 6:21
- **Sixth Grade Girls:** Nora Swisher from Boone Trail Elementary with a time of 6:48



2019 WSSA Stack Up!

Students at Boone Trail and Crossroads elementary schools participated in the 14th annual World Sport Stacking Association (WSSA) STACK UP! on November 14 during physical education classes. Thousands of students at over 3,000 schools in 24 different countries competed together to try to set a new Guinness World Record in the "World's Largest Sport Stacking Event." Last year 624,390 stackers participated and this year's goal is set at 635,000.

According to Bob Fox, WSSA Founder, the Guinness event is a wonderful way to bring together sport stackers across the globe. "Sport stacking is an activity enjoyed by all ages and cultures. It promotes hand-eye coordination, brain activation, fitness, teamwork, speed and lots of fun." Competitors stack 12 specially-designed cups called Speed Stacks in predetermined sequences as fast as they can. Stackers race against the clock, compete in relays and often combine sport stacking with fitness challenges as part of physical education classes. To see if WSD students help to set a new World Record this year, visit [the WSSA website](#).



Stone Creek House Service Project – Meals for a Million

The Stone Creek Elementary community completed their first House Service Project last weekend. The houses worked together to raise funds, provide manpower, and distribute 20,000 meals to our community. Stone Creek worked with Meals for a Million to provide this outreach to eight local churches and five WSD schools. Stone Creek was also supported by Timberland's National Honor Society who sent volunteers to help us run the event. "Stone Creek feels it is important to teach our students from an early age the importance of giving back to those less fortunate," shared Melissa Armbruster, Assistant Principal. "We also wanted our students to see that we truly are stronger when we work together. Stone Creek plans to continue to work with Meals for a Million in the future. Our hope is this will grow and allow us to help more people." For more information on Meals for a Million, [visit their website](#).



Red Ribbon Week

Students across the WSD participated in Red Ribbon Week activities last month. The Red Ribbon Campaign is now the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week each year. The campaign helps citizens come together to keep children, families and communities safe, healthy and drug-free. Red Ribbon Week activities included presentations from school counselors designed to encourage students to make healthy choices. Students across the WSD participated in Spirit Week celebrations that included daily themes like dressing in red, dressing like twins with a friend, dressing as your favorite teacher/principal, and dressing in retro or throwback style. The WSD is committed to educating students on how to be safe, healthy and happy!



WSD Students Attend GAC Sports Education and Leadership Conference

Thirty WSD student-athletes attended the GAC Sports Education and Leadership Conference at Francis Howell Central High School last month, along with several coaches and the athletic director from each high school. The keynote speaker of the conference was Zack Sheets from "What Drives Winning," and breakout sessions covered topics on teamwork, injury prevention, peak performance, and helpful hints for potential college student-athletes.



WSD Cheer Squads Are Regional Champions

Congratulations to the Timberland Varsity Cheer squad for taking first place in the Large Coed division and Liberty Varsity Cheer squad for taking first place in the Superlarge division at the Missouri Cheerleading Coaches Association St. Louis Regional competition at St. Francis Borgia High School in Washington, Missouri on October 26. This marks the second consecutive year as regional champions for both squads. In addition, the Timberland Junior Varsity Cheer squad took first place in the Large Junior Varsity division at the competition for the first time ever! The Liberty Junior Varsity squad competed for the first time at the Regional Competition and took fourth place in the Large Junior Varsity division. The squads will compete at the Missouri Cheerleading Coaches Association State Championship Competition to be held on November 17 at Lindenwood University. Best of luck to all the squads!



Discovery Ridge Parent Coordinates Food/Toiletry Drive

Discovery Ridge parent Elizabeth Wade coordinated a food and toiletries drive last month to benefit WSD students. Mrs. Wade coordinated the effort with families in her neighborhood and collected enough items to fill her SUV! She was a member of the Vision St. Charles County Leadership Class of 2019, and was motivated to meet the needs of St. Charles County families in a significant way. "I was saddened when I learned that 400 children, maybe friends of my own children, do not know where their next meal is coming from," shared Mrs. Wade. "I knew that I had to do something." The items will support the WSD Operation Backpack program, which provides a bag filled with nutritious, kid-friendly, easy-to-prepare foods each week throughout the school year to students in need. Thank you, Mrs. Wade and everyone who contributed - the program would not be possible without the generosity of people like you.



Holt German Classes Celebrate 30-Year Anniversary of Fall of the Berlin Wall

The fall of the Berlin Wall was one of the most historic moments in the 1980s, and to celebrate its 30-year anniversary Holt High students taking German language courses participated in several activities. Holt German teacher Sunny Ray Serna explained, "Each German student created a piece of the Berlin Wall, that the German Club then built in the main hallway for the entire school to see. The mural included all of the student pieces, facts the German Club members felt were important and actual pictures of Holt students who had traveled to Berlin and saw the Brandenburg Gate and Berlin Wall in various places around Berlin in June 2019." On November 6, 64 students attended a presentation of the "Long Live Freedom" installation and performance of "Wall Stories," performed by MADCO by invitation from the University of Missouri's German Culture Center. One student found a personal connection to one of the teenagers featured in the "Long Live Freedom" installation, and was featured in [an UMSL web story](#), a link to which can be found below. Then on November 11, German class symbolically tore down the Berlin Wall, as illustrated by the accompanying video.





Scholar Bowl Update

Scholar Bowl season will kick off on December 3, but a novice tournament was held at Oakville High School for freshmen and sophomores (and/or any upperclassmen who've never participated before) to allow those new to the thinking sport to become acclimated. Holt (which finished ranked third last year) and Timberland brought five novices each to the tournament, but these rookies played like seasoned vets. Each team finished in the top 10; Holt finished ninth and Timberland finished seventh. Each team also had a Top 10 Player of the Day, Nathan Toulou for Holt and Roman Townes for Timberland. Liberty's team has begun practicing on Tuesdays, gearing up for competition. And mark your calendars for the Scholar Bowl tournament that will be hosted by Holt on February 11, 2020. You can find Scholar Bowl news, stats, and standings on [this new Google site](#).






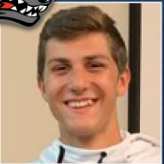


Holt Boys Soccer 2019 District Champs

The Holt High School boys soccer team earned the Class 4 District 8 Championship with a 1-0 win over Francis Howell on November 6. It was the team's second consecutive district championship. Back in October, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch [shared this inspiring story](#) about a three-year relationship the Holt soccer coach has cultivated with the Soldan soccer coach to bring students together and encourage a greater understanding of different cultures and backgrounds.

STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

					
ASHLYN SANDERS	CLAYTON REED	KELLY KARRE	CASEY PORTER	LIVIA VOTRUBA	ZACH RENZ

WSD / Lou Fusz Student-Athletes of the Month

The WSD/Lou Fusz Student-Athlete of the Month aims to recognize varsity

student-athletes for their achievements in the classroom, commitment, sportsmanship, and teamwork. These student-athletes were honored for their performances during October 2019. For the [full write-ups](#) on these students, visit the WSD Marketing Webpage.



Nominate a Volunteer for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Thanks for Giving 2019 Contest

Thanksgiving is around the corner and our thoughts (and gratitude) are turning to the thousands of volunteers who make life better in St. Louis. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch would like to highlight some of these people in the paper, and online at STLtoday.com.

Do you know someone who gives their time to improve the world around them through their volunteer work with charitable programs? [Submit a short profile](#) highlighting what this person does. We'll consider including the profile in our coverage.



Late Start Information

The next Late Start is scheduled for Monday, December 9. The supervision for students in Grades K-6 is \$10 per child for each late start day. This is separate from our Before Care Program through Chautauqua, and only for students NOT already enrolled in the Chautauqua Before School Program.

Late starts provide valuable collaboration time for our teachers across the District and yet we understand these days can be a challenge for working parents especially. The supervision option was established to assist those parents who need it. Additional information about late start supervision for students in Grades K-6, as well as the link to pay via PayPal can be [found on the District website](#).



WSD Inclement Weather/School Closing Information

Timely communication with our District families is always a priority, but especially important in inclement weather/ emergency school closing situations. Please be sure to notify the school office about any change in your personal contact information. [Visit the WSD website](#) for complete Inclement Weather/School Closing Information.

Recent Videos from the WSD

Drive for the WSD!



2019 WSD Fifth Grade Camp Experience



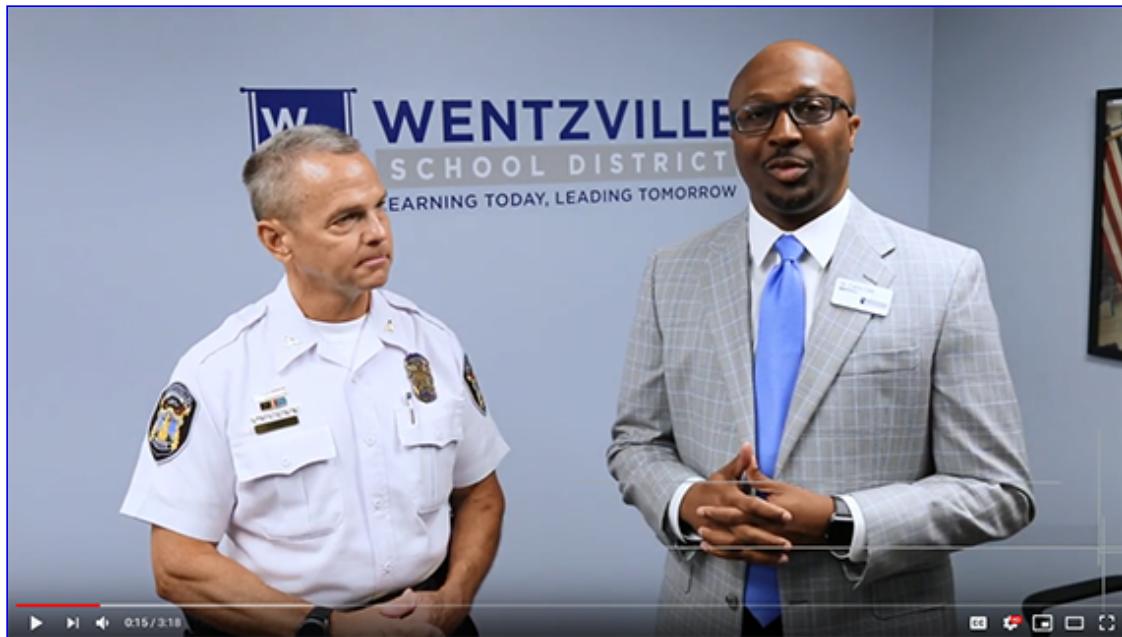
2019 District Homecoming Slideshow



Operation Warm Slideshow



Dr. Cain & Chief Frisz Message



Portrait of a WSD Learner

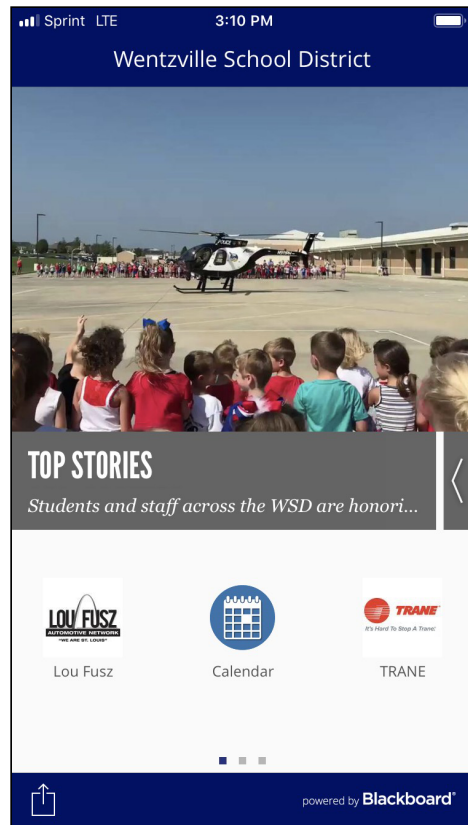


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Are you new to the WSD? Be sure to download the app to have important information right at your fingertips. The app is available for both android devices and iPhones. On the app, you can:

- View news stories
- View calendar info
- View lunch menus
- Access school and staff info
- Receive important alerts

- View sports scores
- Locate Directory Information



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