

NEWSLETTER

February 2020

Letter from the Principal

Dear WMS Families,

The month of February has many opportunities for your child to be involved in activities at Wentzville Middle School.

The PTA is sponsoring a Fun Night on Friday, February 7, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Permission slips are handed out at lunch and can also be found in the student office.

The Science Fair viewing and STEM Night will be held on Wednesday, February 12, from 5:00-7:00 PM.

There will be a 7th-grade Sock Hop on Wednesday, February 19, and an 8th-grade Sock Hop on Wednesday, February 26. Both events will be from 2:30-3:30 PM and all proceeds will be forwarded to Kelsie's Hope, whose mission is to provide hope to families that have children suffering from cancer by offering support for trips and gifts that might otherwise be unattainable. They are also dedicated to raising awareness and funds to support childhood cancer research and support the education of healthcare providers with an annual nursing scholarship. More details will follow on these events.

The WMS Musical will be performed on Thursday, February 27, and Friday, February 28, at Holt High School's Auditorium at 7:00 PM each evening.

Also, look for information to be coming home in the next few weeks for the spring intramural session in March.

Please make sure that you are logging in to the portal consistently to check grades. The weekly grade and attendance emails will resume on February 6, but you can look there anytime to see current information about grades and possible missing assignments.

As always, please reach out to teachers, counselors, and administrators with concerns. We all want to work with you for the success of your child.

Dr. Mantz

Height of FLU Season

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The peak of the cold and flu season is upon us and WSD has been experiencing a noticeable increase in illness. We have seen many cases of colds, flu, strep throat, and stomach viruses. The custodians have taken additional measures to increase their cleaning routines and now we are enlisting your help. To prevent widespread flu in the school, we recommend that your child stay home from school if he/she experiences flu or cold symptoms. To decide whether or not to send your child to school, please consider the following guidelines:

Consider keeping your child at home for an extra day of rest if he/she exhibits any of the following symptoms:

- Very stuffy or runny nose and/or persistent cough
- Mild sore throat (no fever, no known exposure to strep)
- Headache
- Mild stomach ache

DEFINITELY keep your child at home for treatment and observation with these symptoms:

- Fever (greater than 100 degrees by mouth)
- Vomiting (even once)
- Diarrhea
- Chills
- General malaise or feelings of fatigue, discomfort, weakness or muscle aches
- Congested (wet) or croupy cough
- Lots of nasal congestion with frequent blowing of nose

To help prevent the flu and colds, teach your children good hygiene habits:

- Wash hands frequently
- Do not touch eyes, nose or mouth
- Cover mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, Coughing or sneezing into their bent elbow, not their hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick

Colds are the most contagious during the first 48 hours. **A child who has a fever should remain at home until "fever free" for a minimum of 24 hours (taking no medications for 24 hours to reduce fever).** A child who has started antibiotics needs to be on the medication for 24 hours before being able to return to school. Often when a child awakes with vague complaints (the way colds and flu begin) it is wise to observe your child at home for an hour or two before deciding to send him/her to school. Your child should be physically able to participate in all school activities on return to school. Keeping a sick child at home will minimize the spread of infections and viruses in the classroom. Thank you in advance for helping make the rest of this year at school as healthy as possible.

****Please let me know if your child is diagnosed with influenza by a physician.**

Kathy Warren, RN
WMS Nurse

Some Facts About Head Lice

Where children are present and playing, there is always the possibility of the presence of pediculus humanus capitis (head lice), which means there is a potential for there to be lice at school.

The WSD has aligned nurse practices with both the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of School Nurses and we ask that parents keep the following information in mind:

- Lice are not a disease.
- Lice do not reflect unsanitary homes or students.

- Lice are absolutely an inconvenience.
- By detecting lice early, both parents and nurses can get ahead in the process.

Listed below are links to the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of School Nurses. There is also a video on what to look for when assessing if your child has head lice.

<https://services.aap.org/en/search/?k=lice>

<https://www.nasn.org/search?executeSearch=true&SearchTerm=lice&l=1>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9S1lrliT9w0>

APRIL 7TH, 6:30 PM
TIMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL
CARL E. REININGER AUDITORIUM

THROUGH YOUR OWN LENS

WENTZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Film Festival

GRAND PRIZE
APPLE IPAD!

SUBMISSIONS DUE: MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020

LEARN MORE AT:
WENTZVILLEFILMFESTIVAL.COM

Spring Fun Night is Friday, Feb 7th. We will need lots of volunteers!! Make sure you have a current year background check on file.

Box Top Team Competition Coming in March!

Thank you for supporting your PTA. We appreciate you.

The next PTA meeting is Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 4:30 PM in the WMS Library.



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Donut

forget to bring in your



Help your Team Clip and Earn their way to
a Donut Party in March

It's as easy as:

-  **Buy Box Tops Products**
-  **Cut out the Box Top from each package**
-  **Bring your Box Tops to any teacher on your Team by February 21st for your Team's chance to win a Donut Party!**

Proceeds from Box Tops earnings are used to purchase needed supplies and fund activities for your school

Volunteers

Whether you have been with us for years, or are new to volunteering in our schools, all volunteers are required annually (for each new school year) to submit to a background check that includes child abuse and neglect screenings as well as a check of the national sex offender registry to continue volunteering in our schools.

These services are now offered free of charge, but do take at least one week for the school personnel to process the request. All you have to do is fill out form A and B, and turn them in at the school office. Forms can be found on our school website.

https://www.wentzville.k12.mo.us/cms/lib/MO02202303/Centricity/Domain/88/2019%20VOLUNTEER%20HANDBOOK_REV_8-19.pdf

Upcoming Dates

February 3

Writing Club 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Musical Practice 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

February 4

Musical Practice 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

February 5

Musical Practice 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Yearbook Staff Meeting 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

February 6

Musical Practice 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

February 7

PTA Fun Night 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

February 10

LATE START 9:30 AM

Musical Practice 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

February 11

Musical Practice 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

February 12

Musical Practice 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Yearbook Staff Meeting 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

STEM Night and Science Fair Viewing 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

February 13

Musical Practice 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

STUCO Meeting 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

February 14

NO SCHOOL - PD Day

February 17

NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day

February 18

Musical Practice 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

February 19

Musical Practice 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Yearbook Staff Meeting 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

7th Grade Sock Hop for Kelsie's Hope 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

February 20

Musical Practice 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

PTA Meeting 4:30 PM

February 23

Pageant of the Bands @ Holt Gymnasium 2:30 PM



February 24

Writing Club 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Musical Practice 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

February 25

Musical Practice 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

February 26

Musical Practice 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Yearbook Staff Meeting 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

8th Grade Sock Hop for Kelsie's Hope 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

February 27

Musical Practice 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Choir Musical @ Holt Auditorium 7:00 PM

February 28

Choir Musical @ Holt Auditorium 7:00 PM

March 2

Writing Club 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Spring Intramural 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

March 3

Spring Intramural 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

March 4

8th Grade Band Festival @ Lindbergh High School

Yearbook Staff Meeting 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Spring Intramural 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

March 5

Spring Intramural 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

March 6

8th Grade Neon Night Dance

March 9

LATE START - 9:30 AM

Spring Intramural 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

March 10

Spring Intramural 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

March 11

Yearbook Staff Meeting 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Spring Intramural 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

March 12

Spring Intramural 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

March 13

EARLY RELEASE - 12:15 PM

March 16

Writing Club 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Spring Intramural 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

March 17

Indian of the Month Breakfast 7:30 AM

Spring Intramural 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

March 18

Yearbook Staff Meeting 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Spring Intramural 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

March 19

PTA Meeting 4:30 PM

March 20

NO SCHOOL - PD DAY

March 23 - 27

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

March 31

Freshman Band Orientation at Holt Auditorium 7:00 PM

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Wentzville R-IV School District Values

Learning - Equipping students, staff and community to apply skills and knowledge necessary to excel in a changing world.

Community - Respecting the stakeholders' perspectives with honesty and transparency as we create a world class educational system.

Excellence - Fostering a culture which supports the highest level of individual success.

Integrity - Dedicating ourselves to making courageous decisions and providing resources for the continuous improvement of the Wentzville School District

Our vision for Wentzville Middle School is for all students to be successful independent thinkers who are confident and intrinsically motivated for success.

Our learning community will work collaboratively to create a safe, welcoming, and connected learning environment that both nurture and challenge students to excel academically.

SCHOOL HOURS 7:30 am – 2:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS 7:00 am – 3:30 pm

LUNCH SCHEDULE

7B, 7C, and 7G 10:15 am -10:40 am

8C and 8W 10:50 am -11:15 am

8P and 8S 11:20 am -11:45 am

7R and 7M 11:50 am -12:15 pm



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