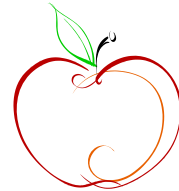




# WHITMORE LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## DECEMBER 16, 2011 NEWSLETTER



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### WINTER BREAK

Winter break begins after dismissal on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We dismiss at 11:02 on that day. School resumes on Monday January 9<sup>th</sup>. Have a safe and happy break!

### ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Students should not be arriving at school before 7:15 am. It is unsafe as there is no supervision prior to 7:15.

### CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council, along with the WLMS Builders Club is sponsoring a canned food drive which began on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and ends Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please have your child bring in canned goods or non-perishable items during that time. If students wish to donate money it will be used to purchase items for the food drive. The advisory/homeroom that collects the most items will win a Pizza Party! All items collected will be donated to the Northfield Township Human Services Food Bank. Thank you for your support!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL PENNY WAR

Congratulations to Mr. Everard's advisory for winning the pizza party for this year's Penny War. They ended up with a positive total of \$86.10. The next closest class was Mrs. Thompson's with a positive total of \$46.33. Mrs. Kobeck's advisory collected the most

money with a grand total of \$166.82 with a net total of negative \$59.68. Mrs. Semrau's and Mrs. Lyon's homerooms nearly tied for the second-highest overall totals with \$128.52 and \$127.14, respectively.

The 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade student council would like to thank everyone for their support. The students and staff of Whitmore Lake Middle School were able to collect a grand total of \$1,105 to put towards the five families that we adopted this year.

### 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Seventh grade girls' basketball conditioning and try-outs begin January 11, 2012. Information has already been passed out to interested students. If you did not get a copy, see Mr. LaNew. Athletes must have a current physical on file (after April 15, 2011) at the school, the emergency medical release information and a mouth guard prior to try-outs; no exceptions. Please don't wait to the last minute. Turn in the physical and emergency medical release forms to Mr. LaNew as soon as possible.

### KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Do you shop at Kroger's? Do you have a Kroger Plus Card? Did you know that if you register your card with the Kroger Company of Michigan, they will in turn donate money to our school? It's easy for you to enroll in Kroger Community

Rewards. All you need to do is go to their website [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Then click on "Michigan" and click on "enroll". Follow the directions and select Whitmore Lake Middle School. All participants must have a valid online account at Kroger.com to participate. When you shop at Kroger and use your Kroger card, they will make a donation to our school. It does not cost or inconvenience you in any way. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

### BOX TOPS AND CAMPBELL'S LABELS

Remember, the middle school collects Box Tops for Education and Campbell's labels as well. Please try to remember to save them and turn them into the middle school office.

### GYM LOCKS

If you are purchasing a combination lock for the locker rooms, I do not recommend purchasing the colored Master locks that have both letters and numbers on the dial for the combination. I have had problems with these failing to open after just a few uses and have had to cut the lock to get into the lockers. Although this style of lock has been troublesome, I have not had trouble with any other style of Master combination locks and would not hesitate to purchase styles other than that from Master. Mr. LaNew

## **SCHOOL CANCELATIONS**

In the event that school is cancelled due to snow, ice, or other emergencies, notification will be made on the following radio and television stations. Every attempt will be made to report cancellation notices by 6:00a.m. **RADIO:**

WJR 760 AM Detroit  
WWJ 950 AM Detroit  
WAAM 1600 AM Ann Arbor  
Q95 95.9FM Lansing

### **TELEVISION:**

WJBK Fox Channel 2 Detroit  
WXYZ Channel 7 Detroit  
WILX Channel 10 Lansing  
Local Cable, Channel 22

### **WEB:**

Information is also posted on the district's web site: [wlps.net](http://wlps.net)  
Also, the District will send out an Alert Now to the phone numbers given by parents at the beginning of the school year.

## **COOLER WEATHER**

Now that the cooler weather is upon us, please remember to dress your children for the weather. Fifth and sixth grade students do go outside for lunch recess, unless it is raining or the temperature is below 20 degrees. Students are required to bring their jackets, coats, hats and gloves with them to lunch.

## **MOBILE DENTISTS**

We have invited the Smile Programs "Mobile Dentists" to be at the Middle School on Wednesday, February 15, 2012. We know how important taking care of your children's teeth is to keeping them healthy. Please read the consent form carefully. There is information on the form regarding Medicaid, MICHild, dental insurance, and information regarding financial aid. Most insurances cover 100% of prevention treatment. Forms were sent home last

week, and there are additional forms in the office. **Forms and payment (if necessary) are due in the middle school office by December 20<sup>th</sup>.** If you have further questions, please let the middle school know.

## **7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DANCE**

There will be a Holiday Dance for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm. Students that received a "1" or a "2" in responsibility code in the office for the first Trimester will not be allowed to attend. Students that have fines to the office and/or the library will not be allowed to attend until the fine is paid. All fines must be paid by Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SOCIAL**

There will be a Holiday Social for fifth and sixth graders on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:45 to 4:15 pm. Students in fifth grade that received a "1" and students in sixth grade that received a "1" or a "2" in responsibility code in the office for the first trimester will not be allowed to attend. Students that have fines to the office and/or the library will not be allowed to attend until the fine is paid. All fines must be paid by Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Detailed information was sent home with students earlier this week.

## **FROM OUR SOCIAL WORKER**

Below are some of the resources that are available to families. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Cosier at the Middle School. **Utility Bills-** If you are having a hard time paying your heating bills, please contact the office and we will put you in touch

with the social workers who will be able to give you a list of resources.

**Health Insurance** – Health insurance for eligible uninsured children is available through MICHild, Healthy Kids, and Plan First. Resources for these can now be found online and applications filled out in less than 30 minutes.

Visit: [www.healthcare4mi.com](http://www.healthcare4mi.com)

## **SPIRIT WEAR**

Our school is offering Whitmore Lake Middle School T-Shirts for only \$5.00 (cash only please)!! They make a great Holiday gifts or stocking stuffers! Please contact Mrs. Jackson in Student Services to get yours today!

## **WL COMMUNITY RECREATION**

Registration is currently open for WLCR winter classes. Some of the offerings are after school sports, swim lessons, wrestling and the Swim Team. They also have the Dive-In movies for \$3.00/person. Tonight's movie is *Home Alone*, and the movie for January 20<sup>th</sup> is *Dolphin Tale*. For the complete listing of events and activities, go to [wlps.net](http://wlps.net) and click on the community recreation link on the left.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

**12/19** Boys Basketball at St. Thomas Ann Arbor

**12/21 2:45-4:15pm** 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Social

**12/21 6-8pm** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance

**12/22** Mobile Dentist Forms Due to Middle School Office

**12/22** Early Dismissal 11:02  
Winter Break begins at end of the day.

**1/9/12** School Resumes