

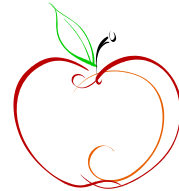


WHITMORE LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

This week-end Daylight Savings time ends. Please remember to "fall back" the clocks in your home!

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Please note: There will be no school on Tuesday, November 22nd. (There was an error on the lunch menu that was distributed last week.)

Classes will resume on Monday, November 28th.

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.

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. They are not permitted to go back to their lockers to get them.

BOOK FAIR

The Middle School Media Center will host the "Reading is Out of This WORLD" Book fair from Monday, November 28th through Friday, December 2nd. All students will be welcome to shop during their

scheduled library time.

Additionally, we are hosting a family shopping night on Tuesday, November 29th from 6-7:30pm. Every student that makes a purchase that night will receive a FREE small gift (while supplies last)!

To assist students choosing to shop during their library time, please place any money or checks in an envelope with your child's name and teacher's name on it. Checks can be made payable to WLMS. We are able to give change back on check purchases. That is, if your child makes a purchase totaling \$9.58 and the check is made out for \$10.00, they will receive 42 cents back. Please remember, we must charge 6% sales tax on all purchases. Please look for the Scholastic Book Fair Flyer in your student's backpack soon.

MUSIC NEWS WINTER CONCERT

The Winter Concert for 5th and 6th grade band and choir members will be on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 starting at 6 PM and ending around 7 PM in the High School Auditorium. The Winter Concert for 7th and 8th grade band and choir members will be on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 starting at 7:30 PM and ending around 8:30 PM. Please see Ms. Wondolowski's webpage,

which can be found in the www.wlps.net webpage or contact Ms. Wondolowski for further information if needed.

MORE MUSIC NEWS NASHVILLE, TN

The Spring Trip for Music Students (band and choir students) in grades 7-12 is going to be to Nashville, TN! The trip will run from April 2 – April 5, 2012 (during the beginning of Spring Break) and the first deposit is due on November 15, 2011. There will be an Informational Meeting on Thursday, November 10 at 7 PM in the Middle School Band.

WLMS DRAMA CLUB NEWS

With the addition of more than 40 elementary school students to fill out our chorus of "Whos", we will be adding a fourth performance time for Seussical, Jr.! Performance dates for this exciting show are Friday, December 9, 2011 at 7 PM; Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 2 PM and 7 PM; and Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 2 PM. Tickets are \$5 each and can be reserved by contacting Patti Kobeck. Make sure to get your tickets early to see the 100 member cast and crew of Middle School and Elementary School students as they bring to life characters such as *The Cat in the Hat*, *Horton the Elephant*, *Yertle the Turtle*, and more!

HOMEWORK CLUB

Once again, we are happy to announce Whitmore Lake Middle School Homework Club. Homework Club will begin Wednesday, November 2ND. Homework club will meet in the Media Center on Mondays, Wednesday, and Thursdays after school until 3:30 pm. Homework Club is staffed by teachers and volunteers and allows students an opportunity to work on homework or receive extra help with difficult work. Students wishing to participate must have a signed Homework Club contract on file. Contracts were sent home with students today and are available in the office. If you are interested in volunteering to tutor or mentor students, please contact the office. You do not need to be an expert.....just someone who cares.

POWER SCHOOL UPDATES

Power School log-in information has been given out to parents. This is a wonderful tool to check on your student's progress. Please keep in mind that teachers are required to update their Power School grade books on a weekly basis.

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.

Literacy Coalition of

Washtenaw County - A resource in the community helping to improve literacy

levels across the lifespan. For anyone who needs help to improve their reading and writing skills. For more information visit:

lcwconline.org
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

Housing Access – The SOS Crisis Center is now the **Housing Access for Washtenaw County (HAWC)**.

HAWC is the single point of contact for housing services. There no longer is a shelter wait list. Households experiencing housing instability or homelessness should call HAWC where they will be helped with an assessment of their needs and a connection to available resources. Available resources are strained and HAWC will also work to help families identify other family members or friends they can temporarily stay with. Please contact them at 734-961-1999.

Suggested Reading Materials for Children of All

Ages Books make great gifts for children and adolescents. Here are a few web-sites with recommendations for age appropriate books.
www.trelease-on-reading.com
or www.oprah.com and type in children's reading list in the search box.

LOST & FOUND

We are already getting a large collection of lost and found.

Please have you children check to see if anything is theirs.

LUNCH ROOM

Lunch menus will be coming home with students every month. Lunch can be prepaid through the WLPS Web Site through LunchDeposit.com. Students can also bring lunch money in an envelope with their name and grade and put it in the lunch box in the middle school office. The cafeteria staff picks it up daily and deposits money into the student's accounts. In order to prevent long lines, students should not be turning their money in to the cashiers. Thank you for your cooperation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

11/2 Homework Club starts
11/14 Boys basketball at St. Francis

11/15 Band/Choir concerts at the High School. Grades 5/6 6-7pm. Grades 7/8 7:30-8:30

11/17 Boys basketball at home vs. Whiteford

11/21 Boys basketball at Britton-Deerfield

11/22 through 11/27 No school Thanksgiving Break

11/28 School resumes

11/28 Boys basketball at St. Pat's Brighton

11/28 through 12/2 Book Fair in the Media Center.

