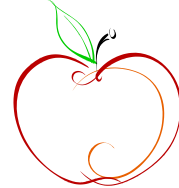




# WHITMORE LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## OCTOBER 21, 2011 NEWSLETTER



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### ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

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

### OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The October Students of the Month are as follows:

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Isabel Ucar & Kevin LaMont; **6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Luke Burkhardt & Hannah Askew; **7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Krista Milks & Deacon Fountain; **8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Jenah Mayzes & Hunter Howe. Students will soon have their star on the wall and lunch with Mr. Benczarski. Congratulations!

### HOMEWORK CLUB

Once again, we are happy to announce Whitmore Lake Middle School Homework Club. Homework Club will begin Wednesday, November 2<sup>ND</sup>. Homework club will meet in the Media Center on Mondays, Wednesday, and Thursdays after school until 3:30pm. 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.

### PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

Student picture packets were handed out Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Picture Re-Take Day is Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00-10:00am. If you are not satisfied with your student's pictures, please return the entire packet to the photographer on that day. If your child was absent on picture day, you can have their picture taken on that day as well. There are envelopes in the office for purchasing photos.

### 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENT COUNCIL

The following students make up the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council this year.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Max Burchi, Kristina Carlson, Claire Curts, Kelly Kramer, David McCormick, and Realidy Schram.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Camille Buyers, Mackenzie Gesek, Cole Griffin, and Heather Mooney  
Congratulations to all!!

### 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENT COUNCIL

The following students make up the 7<sup>th</sup> a& 8<sup>TH</sup> grade Student Council this year.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Gabby Angel, Michaela Chapin, Lauren

Driscoll, Alivia Foster, and Spencer laquinto  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Taylor Beloskur, Rickie Birk, Marie Ficaj, Brittany Kobeck, and Amelia Schroeder  
Congratulations to all!!!

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

There will be a social for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:45 until 4:15. Students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade with a "1" for their office Responsibility Code on their 1<sup>ST</sup> Trimester Progress Reports will not be able to attend. Students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade with a "1" or "2" for their office Responsibility Code on their 1<sup>ST</sup> Trimester Progress Reports will not be able to attend. It is the middle school policy that any student with a fine to either the office or the library will not be able to attend. The cost to enter is \$3.00 and students may wear costumes. Masks that cover the face or weaponry (even fake) is not allowed. More information was sent home with students Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council will be sponsoring a Halloween Dance Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. The cost to enter is \$3.00. Students are encouraged to wear costumes, but please

remember masks and weaponry (including fake) are not allowed. There will be a costume contest and prizes will be awarded. Students with a "1" or "2" for their office Responsibility Code on their 1<sup>ST</sup> Trimester Progress Reports will not be able to attend. Students with office or library fines will not be able to attend. Advisory teachers will let students know if they cannot attend. Please make sure you have a ride home at 8pm.

### **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.

### **PARKING LOT SAFETY**

If you are dropping off or picking up your student for school, please adhere to the following rules:

- \*Form only one lane next to the sidewalk so students do not have to cross in front of cars.
- \*If you want to walk your student into the building, please park and walk your child in.
- \*Please do not block other cars or create multiple lines.
- \*Please drive slowly out of the parking lot after dropping off or picking up your child. Waiting patiently in line is just part of life (grocery store, DMV, Cedar Point). Please do not compromise our students' safety by not

### following the single line procedure.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Middle school students are not allowed at the elementary school unless they have made prior arrangements with the office. Students must then report to the elementary office immediately upon arriving.

### **VISITOR POLICY**

#### **Mr. Benczarski**

Come on in! We welcome parents and encourage their active participation. Please join us any time you would like. Just visit our office first to sign-in and receive a visitor's badge. These are necessary steps in helping to ensure the safety of your child. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher to talk specifically about your child, please extend the professional courtesy of setting up a meeting with an advance notice of at least 24 hours. This will enable us to prepare for the meeting hence, maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of the meeting.

### **WARM THE CHILDREN**

Now that the weather has turned a little chilly, there is still time to put in a referral for Warm the Children. All referrals need to be submitted to the Warm the Children Program by October 28<sup>th</sup> but shopping will begin October 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications received after the due date will be placed on a waiting list. Please contact Diane Cosier at the Middle School, 734-449-4715 ex. 2039 for more information. Application forms can be picked up in the Middle

School office beginning Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Families should fill out only one application for all children. Multiple applications may result in applications being discarded. You are welcome to pick up an application at either the Middle School or Elementary School.

### **LOST & FOUND**

We are already getting a large collection of lost and found. Please have your 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:  
**10/27** 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social from 2:45-4:15pm  
**10/27** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Halloween Dance 6-8pm  
**10/31** ½ Day of School Dismiss at 11:02am  
**11/2** Homework Club starts  
**11/3** Picture Re-Take Day

