

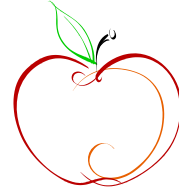


WHITMORE LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 23, 2011 NEWSLETTER

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ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Students should not be arriving at school before 7:15am if they are having breakfast or 7:30am for attending school.

MEAP TESTING

MEAP testing begins on Tuesday, October 11th. Please make sure your student is well rested. The bulk of the testing will be done by October 21st and make-ups will last until October 28th.

MAGAZINE DRIVE

Magazine Drive Kick-Off will be on Friday, September 30th. Volunteers are needed to run the drive. If you are interested, call the middle school office. Postcard booklets will be sent home on Thursday, September 29th. Students should bring back the postcard books on September 30th. The first magazine turn-in day will be October 7th. The second magazine turn-in day will be October 14th.

PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE

If you are dropping off or picking up your student for school, please follow the rules below:

- 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.
- Please drive slowly out of the parking lot after dropping off or picking up your child.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

MAP TESTING

The window for MAP testing will be September 26th through October 7th. The majority of the testing will take place September 26th through September 29th.

VISION & HEARING SCREENING

Vision and hearing screening for 5th and 7th graders will be Monday October 10, 2011. More information will be sent home next week, please look for it in your students backpack.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

TECH CLUB

Do you enjoy building things out of Legos[®]? How about working with computers? What if we told you that you could build a Lego[®] robot and program it to do your bidding? That's what we do in the after-school program Tech Club! Meetings are Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30pm in the Tech Club Room. Our first meeting is on Oct. 19 and our last meeting will be Apr 25. The best robot building teams get a chance to compete in the worldwide RoboFest competition at Lawrence Tech University! For more information, stop by the school office, or email the Tech Club advisor Scott Shew at scott.shew@uprightrhombus.com.

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,

community service club that strives to empower our youth while building leadership skills through service to school and community. The club meets twice monthly after school and will participate in many fun projects and events throughout the school year. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4th after school until 3:30 in room A110. Permission slips are available in the office and are necessary in order to participate. We understand that middle school students have many after school opportunities with various clubs and sports, therefore we do not make constant meeting participation mandatory in order to participate in the many events. The first two meetings are important as we discuss the club's purpose and goals and then elect club officers at our second meeting. Additional information is available on the noted permission slip.

WARM THE CHILDREN

We are now accepting referrals for Warm the Children. All referrals need to be submitted to the Warm the Children Program by October 28th but shopping will begin October 1st. 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

maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of the meeting.

BUILDER'S CLUB NEWS

information. Application forms can be picked up in the Middle School office beginning Monday, September 19th.

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.

P.E. CLOTHING PRICE INCREASE

Due to our supplier increasing the price of the T-shirt and shorts, we must also raise our prices for the Whitmore Lake Phys. Ed. Clothing. Any clothing purchased after September 30th, 2011 will reflect our new price of \$7.00 for T-shirts and \$11.00 for shorts.

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 though the WLPS Web Site through LunchDeposit.com. Students can bring lunch money in an envelope with their name and grade and put it in the lunch box in the middle school office.

NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

The Builders Club is a Kiwanis based and supported

Wednesday, October 5th is National Walk to School Day. Students that ride a bus will be dropped off at the bowling alley in town and will walk to school from there. Permission slips will be needed to walk; they will be sent home at a later date. Transportation is looking for volunteers to help on that day. We need volunteers to monitor the side-walks or walk with students. If you can help, call either the Middle School office or Transportation. Thank You!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:
9/26 MAP Testing Begins
9/29 Magazine Drive Postcard booklets go home
9/30 Magazine Drive Kick-Off Post Card Booklets returned
10/5 National Walk to School Day
10/7 First Magazine Drive Turn-In Day **and** ½ Day of school. Dismissal is at 11:02 (Homecoming)
10/10 Vision & Hearing Screening Grades 5 & 7.
10/12 Parent/Teacher (5TH Grade Only) Conferences **4:30-8pm**
10/13 Parent/Teacher Conferences Grades 5-8 **4:30-8pm**
10/14 End of T1 Progress Report Marking Period **and** Magazine Drive last turn-in day.
10/21 Progress reports mailed home
10/31 ½ Day of School Dismiss at 11:02

