

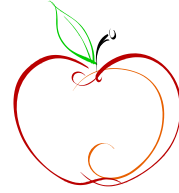


WHITMORE LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all our returning families and a big hello to all our new families. We are looking forward to an exciting year.

NEWSLETTERS

Whitmore Lake Middle School Newsletters will be coming home with students on the first Friday of every month.

PICTURE DAY

Picture Day will be on Friday, September 16th starting at 8:00 am. Volunteers are needed to help. If you are interested, please call the middle school office. Packets will be coming home soon.

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Middle School Open House will be on Thursday, September 8th. The schedule will be: Fifth/Sixth Grade from 6:30 to 7:30pm and Seventh/Eighth Grade from 7:39 to 8:30pm. Specials teachers will be here from 7-8pm. Schedules can be picked up at the tables in the lobby that evening.

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 will 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.

For more information, call the middle school office.

EMERGENCY FORMS

Emergency forms are being sent home with the 5th graders today. Please take a few minutes to fill the forms out and return them to your child's Homeroom teacher.

Emergency information that is on file for students in grades 6, 7 or 8 is being sent home with students today. Please take a few minutes to review the information, make corrections on the sheet, sign it and return to your child's Homeroom/Advisory teacher. It is very important that we have updated contact information in our system.

MEDICATION FORMS

New medication forms are needed every year for prescription and non-prescription medications. A doctor's note is needed for prescription medications and

the medication needs to be in the original containers. Parents need to fill out a form available in the office for non-prescription medications and the medication needs to be in the original containers. If you have any questions, please contact the middle school office.

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.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, please inform the front office to excuse the absence. You can access the attendance line 24 hours a day by calling (734) 449-4715

and following the prompt to the Attendance line. Please leave your child's name, grade, date, reason for absence and your name.

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

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

BOX TOPS/CAMPBELL LABELS

Welcome back everyone. Once again the WLMS family has been reunited and we all know that means; a celebration with "good food." Along with "good foods" come lots of Box Tops and Campbell labels. So when you pack those lunches and have those family dinners, don't forget to keep those Box Tops and Campbell labels and bring them to the middle school so the school can earn the big rewards. It is great having the family back together again. Bon appetite.

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.

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.

DRAMA CLUB

Drama Club is open to students in grades 5 through 8. The first meeting for Drama club will be Friday, September 9th starting at 2:45 in the Multi-purpose room. Auditions will be held at this time for Seussical Jr. a musical. This meeting is for performers as well as anyone who would like to work backstage. Regular rehearsals/meetings will be on Mondays, and Thursdays from 2:45 to 4:00. Performances are scheduled to be December 9th, 10th, and 11th. **Students must have a signed permission slip turned in to Mrs. Kobeck by Friday September 9th.** Permission slips will be available this week in the office. If your student is involved in sports or other activities, Mrs. Kobeck and Ms. Wondolowski are willing to work around schedules. Please check the showcase outside of Mrs. Kobeck's room for additional information.

P.E. NEWS

Mr. LaNew will have gym clothes available for purchase. T-Shirts are \$6; shorts \$10; or a set of t-shirts and shorts \$15. Please contact Mr. LaNew if you are interested. They will also be displayed at the Open House.

ART ROOM

Does anyone still subscribe to a newspaper? If you do, please recycle them to the Middle School Art Room. Mrs. Rea uses them for a variety of projects thorough out the year.

She will gladly pick them up, or you may drop newspapers off in the Middle School office.

NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

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:
9/8 Thursday Open House
9/9 Drama Club Auditions
9/16 Picture Day
9/26 MAP Testing Begins
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 Conferences 4:30-8pm
10/13 Parent/Teacher Conferences Grades 5-8 4:30-8pm
10/14 Magazine Drive last turn-in day.

