



WMS Parent Newsletter 2009-2010

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FROM THE DESK of the PRINCIPAL....

It is hard to believe that it is December, and Winter Break is just around the corner. I do want to take this time to thank everyone for their support during this school year and ask that you continue to work with us. Our children deserve this partnership.



We are very excited to announce that WMS will once again be a part of a story being produced by CNN. The piece centers on the brain differences in boys and girls and how our Same Gender Program addresses these differences. When we are given the dates of airing the story, we will get the word out to you.



CHILI COOK-OFF UPDATE

The annual Chili Cook-Off was a success for another year. On behalf of the PTO and WMS students, thank you to all that supported us this year. The winner of the chili cook-off was grade 7 Panthers.



THE 2010 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR ORATORICAL CONTEST

Theme: "The Global Legacy of Dr. King"

Good luck to Nicole Archer, Briana Dennis, Briana Brower, Nafi Gegre, DeVonte Harris, Mariah Harris, Jamie Holes, Fanta Kandeh, Taujanika Milburn, Elise Rasmussen, Regina Rueb, Jesenia Velasquez, Stephen Wooldridge, Fredricka Thomas, Taylor Conway, and Lillian Sansui for participating in the MLK Oratorical contest. The student's speeches were based on this year's theme, "The Global Legacy of Dr. King". All speeches must be finished by December 16. Students will present their speeches to a panel of teachers on December 17 and 18.

CALENDAR of EVENTS



- 1 6th Grade Chorus – 7:00 p.m.
- 2 7th Grade Chorus – 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Sports Pictures
- 8 PTO Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 8 7th and 8th Grade Band Concert – 7:00 p.m.
- 15 6th Grade Advanced, 7th and 8th Grade Strings Winter Concert – 7:00 p.m.
- 16 8th Grade Chorus – 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Interims
- 23 One Hour Early Dismissal- Winter Break
- 24-31 Winter Break – No School



- 1 Winter Break – No School
- 4 School Re-opens
- 12 PTO Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 13 6th Grade Band Concert – 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – No School
- 26 Winter Sports Try-Outs
- 29 Ending of 2nd Grading Period

SCHOOL FUSION

We strongly recommend that students stay up-to-date with their academics and day-to-day lessons in the classroom. In order to do this, SchoolFusion and EduLink were merged over the summer months. Due to the merge, parents can access SchoolFusion and EduLink with one password, even if you have children at different schools. Parents will also be able to access many other features, including being able to overlay calendar views of each of your children throughout all PWCS schools. During the merge, all accounts were deleted. Parents are encouraged to register for SchoolFusion and EduLink by going to the WMS website at <http://woodbridge.ms.groupfusion.net>. Did you know that you can click, on the flag symbols of the different countries, that are located at the bottom of your school's *School Fusion Web* page, to view the page in that country's language?

EXPLORATORY ARTS CLASSES

Students in Exploratory Arts classes have now rotated to their Quarter 2 (Q 2) class. The former teacher has posted grades for the Q 1 class. Now, it is a new beginning with a new teacher in a new subject. This new Q 2 rotation will continue until the end of January.

WMS YEARBOOKS

Get your picture in yearbook more than once! The Yearbook Staff is looking for anyone who:

1. Play any sport off campus. Bring a picture of you in your uniform, along with a brief statement about how long you have participated along with any recognition. Be sure your name and Core 1A teacher are on the back of photo. All photos will be returned! Bring to Mrs. Swann in room 2003.

2. Are you a twin or triplet? Please bring a picture of you and your twin as a baby and/or now. Be sure to put your names and Core 1A teacher on the back. All photos will be returned. Bring to Mrs. Swann in room 2003

3. Have you been friends with another WMS 8th grader since pre-school or first grade? Bring a picture of the both of you then and now to Mrs. Swann in room 2003. Make sure both names and Core 1A teachers are on the back. All photos will be returned. This is for 8th grade students only.

Yearbook orders are available online. Click on the Josten link on the school website. Yearbooks sell for \$35.00 now but the price will increase to \$38.00 by the end of January, so place your order now. Reminder, we SOLD OUT of yearbooks last year, so order



FT. BELVOIR SEMINOLE BRANCH

Belvoir Federal Credit Union (financial institution) in partnership with Woodbridge Middle School provides a student run credit union (The Seminole Pride Branch) to help your student understand the meaning of saving today for tomorrow. The school branch is open on Thursdays during lunch.

In an effort to encourage your student to save money – even 25 cents a week – Belvoir Federal Credit Union is sponsoring a special promotion. WMS students who are members of the credit union will receive a prize every time they make a deposit of at least 25 cents during

December, January and February. In addition, during those months for every deposit they make they will receive an entry to win a BIG prize to be given away in February. The BIG prize includes \$50.00 cash AND a \$50 Best Buy gift card. To be eligible, the member must have \$5.00 accumulated in their savings account by the end of February.

For information on how your student can become a member of the credit union and have their savings account follow them to the Gar-Field or Woodbridge Senior High School branches, go to the school website and click on Seminole Pride Branch on the left hand side of the home page.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The **Woodbridge Middle School Scholastic Book Fair** will be held **December 1st** through **December 8th**. This is a great opportunity to stock up on books for holiday reading and gift-giving. Additional gift items will be available as well. Students will visit the book fair during their language arts classes. Parents and other family members are invited during evening hours on December 1st, December 2nd, and December 8, from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Please support this important library fundraiser.