

WESTSIDE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

MUSTANG MESSENGER

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

By now, students are settling into new routines and have learned what is expected of them in their classrooms. As mid-term progress reports come home on October 3rd, please contact your child's teacher if you should have any questions. Early in the year is a great time for parent/teacher conferences to address any concerns you may have. All of our teachers may be reached through email, Class DoJo, or the school office. We are looking forward to an outstanding year.



ATTENDANCE

School attendance is extremely important. The staff at Westside Intermediate is very proud of our 95% overall attendance, but it could be even better. When your child is home not feeling well or sick, when he/she returns to school we ask they return with an absent note (the day they return). This will assist us in keeping accurate records of excused and unexcused absences. If you need or wish to pick up your child's homework, please call school by 9:15 a.m. the morning you would like it and we will have it ready in the school office by the close of school the same day. Our Home School Liaison, Mrs. Williams, will be keeping a close eye on all of our students making sure they are here and on time each day. Feel free to contact her in our school office if there is a concern or if your child is going to be absent for an extended period of time. Please keep in mind that **CLASSES BEGIN AT 9:15 a.m. AND INSTRUCTION ENDS AT 3:45 p.m.** In order for your child to be successful, they need to be in school on time each and every day! Please try to plan vacations when children are already out for breaks so that instruction is not missed. Missed instruction means breaks in learning. Help us help your child be successful. **Students may not arrive any earlier than 8:45 a.m.**



IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR ALL PARENTS

1. All visitors **MUST** sign in the office when entering the building and receive a visitor's pass. **All visitors must bring a valid driver's license or state issued ID.** All visitors to the classroom **MUST** be 21 years of age or older, including siblings.
2. **To ensure that students arrive home or to their destination PLEASE make sure to send a note with your child if there is any change in the way they go home. For your students' safety, we must have dismissal changes in writing. We understand that sometimes emergencies do occur, and in such cases, we request that you send an email to the office staff (csoule@wcooe.org and hcurtis@wcooe.org).**
3. When any information changes (address, phone) throughout the year please notify the school office as soon as possible.
4. The communication device "**School Messenger**" is being used again this year. A call will be made from the central office or the school office when something of importance needs to be sent to our parents. Each Sunday evening, a call will go out with a look at the week ahead.
5. **Parent Portal** is a way to check your child's grades through the X2 system of Wicomico County. This will be available for parents who have students in grades 1-12. Parent Portal will open on September 15th. Instructions for logging in were sent home with students on September 14th and are available in the school office.

NEW PERSONAL DATA SHEETS

Your child's safety is our concern and this information is extremely important. Please make sure there are **three local emergency contacts** filled in on the back. Please complete the forms in their entirety and return these forms as soon as possible so that we may update the information in our computers. Thank you in advance for your help in completing this important information.



PTA NEWS

The next PTA meeting will be held on Monday, October 15, 2018, at 5:30 pm at Westside Intermediate School. Please support our school PTA events. Monies raised are put back into the school to provide necessary resources for our students including PBIS, arts integration and accelerated reading programs, magazine subscriptions, music programs, and more. If you would like to become a member of Westside Schools PTA, the annual dues are \$7 and anyone can join at any time. This year we

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are offering a PTA Special! You can purchase a PTA membership and a discount card for \$15!

We have our Trunk or Treat Family Fun Night coming on October 26, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Westside Intermediate School. Please plan to attend and/or volunteer to help at the event. We need volunteers to decorate their trunk, donate cakes, and help at the event. You can complete the volunteer form sent home with your child or contact the PTA. PLEASE SEND IN CANDY WITH YOUR CHILD!



Please continue to sell our discount cards as this is the PTA's largest fundraiser. Discount cards are \$10.

Be sure to like our Facebook page "Westside Schools PTA".

BOX TOPS

Thank you to everyone that sent in Box Tops! The next collection date is November 1st, so if you have any, please send them in your child. Each box tops earns our school 10¢. That adds up very quickly. To earn even more money for our school, try the Box Tops for Education app, available in the Apple and Google app stores.



CAR RIDERS

In an effort to increase safety and reduce confusion for students and staff, only those students that are car riders **every day** will be issued a car tag. Forms are available in the school office.



When entering the car rider line, please make sure your student can enter exit the vehicle from the passenger side. This will keep students from having to cross in front of or behind vehicles.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We love to celebrate your students' birthdays here at Westside! Students names are displayed on the morning announcements. Many parents



choose to send in a special treat for their students' class to enjoy. These treats may only be shared with the class at lunchtime and **must be store bought, not home-baked**, as we have several students with severe allergies and special diets.

One special way to honor your child is by donating a book to our school's media center. A name plate will be placed inside the front cover of the book that is donated, giving the child's name, birthdate and reason for the donation. This donation will live on here at Westside for many years to come.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

3rd—Mid Term Progress Reports
Go Home

8th—McDonald's Spirt Night,
Nanticoke Road Location;
4:30-7:30

11th—Fall Picture Day

15th—PTA, Westside Intermediate; 5:30

19th—Professional Day, **Schools Closed** for
Students

26th—Trunk or Treat, Westside Intermediate;
6:00-8:00

31st—2nd Grade visits Pickering Creek



NOVEMBER

1st—2nd Grade visits Pickering Creek

2nd— End of 1st Marking Term

2nd—5th Grade visits the Smithsonian Institute

4th—Daylight Savings Time Ends

5th—Professional Day—**Schools Closed** for
Students

6th—Election Day—**Schools Closed**

8th—Fall Make Up Pictures

9th—Report Cards Go Home

12th-16th—American Education Week

21st-23rd—**Schools Closed** for Thanksgiving
Break

INSTRUCTION AT A GLANCE

2nd Grade

In Reading/Language Arts, we will continue to work on our Interactive Read-Alouds . We will also build our stamina during Writing Workshop. Please have your child read for 20 minutes each night.

In Math, we are beginning Unit 2 and will be focusing on various strategies to add.

In Social Studies, we will be focusing on map skills. In Science, our focus will be on animals and their habitats.



3rd Grade

In Math, we will be focusing on Unit 2, where we will be learning about multiplication, division, and how to solve multi-step number stories. In Reading, we will be using tool kit strategies with fiction and non-fiction text. In Language, we will be writing personal narratives. Our Science classes will continue to focus on forces, gravity and how magnets work. Social Studies classes will be learning about maps, oceans and continents.



4th Grade

In Reading, our theme is Journeys. We will be determining the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text. In Math, we will be learning place value. In Science we will be learning about the different types of energy.



5th Grade

In Math, classes will be calculating volume using a variety of formulas, reading and writing expressions, and learning about exponents and multiplying by powers of ten. In Reading, we will be determining the theme of a story, assigning character traits based on the text, using research skills to write a report, and using fluency skills to present poetry. We will also be working with our Tier 2 vocabulary and our Latin root words. In Social Studies, we will be focusing on map skills and identifying the 50 states. In Science, we will learn about Earth's place in our universe.



Art



Second grade students are learning about the artwork of Paul Klee, with a focus on his work Sinbad the Sailor. Third grade students are working on still life with animals. Fourth grade students are painting fall trees. Fifth grade students are learning translucent-opaque painting techniques.



Music

Students began the year by performing songs using fun instruments called boom whackers. In more recent classes, students have been working hard on reading different rhythms.



P.E.

All grade levels will begin kicking, punting and dribbling during the month of October. Fourth and fifth graders recently completed the Fall Fitnessgram testing. Fifth grade will be starting health lessons as part of their Physical Education classes. The first topic we will cover is First Aid.

Media Center



We are super excited to have Accelerated Reader up and running again this year. Accelerated Reader is a computer-based program that allows students to take an "AR" quiz after reading a book. This book can be read in the classroom or at home, but all quizzes will be taken at school. In order to check your child's progress, visit the Renaissance website and log in using your child's school username and password. <https://hosted207.renlearn.com/30983/homeconnect/>

Guidance

During Guidance lessons, we will be continuing to practice Mindfulness as a calming down tool or strategy.

Our National Elementary Honor Society is beginning to collect items for the Wicomico Humane Society. If you are able, please send in pet food, treats, old towels, newspapers or cleaning supplies. We will be accepting donations through October 25th.



From the Facilities Department

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Dear Parent/Guardian or Staff Member:

Legislation was passed in 1998 which requires public schools to adopt Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan and to develop parental and staff notification programs by the 1999-2000 school year for any school that applies pesticides in school buildings during the school year. In addition, legislation was passed in 1999 which requires public schools to expand the IPM plan to include parental and staff notification for pesticide applications made to school grounds during the school year.

At the beginning of each school year, each school must notify all parents/guardians, staff, and new students, regarding the Wicomico County Board of Education Integrated Pest Management Plan.



A. *What is the Integrated Pest Management Plan?*

Integrated Pest Management, or IPM, is a plan of controlling pests that does not depend on automatic application of pesticides. Instead, pests are monitored by regular and careful inspections. The inspections also identify conditions contributing to pest problems. It is then decided what actions are necessary, if any, based on the biology and habits of the pests involved. Priority is given to non-chemical pest management techniques, particularly those that can prevent a recurrence of the problem. Pesticides are used when necessary, but only in a way that minimizes potential exposure to people and the environment. Records are kept to track problems, prevent recurrences, and evaluate the results of pest management actions.

B. *What are the names of the pesticides and bait stations that may be used on school property. This includes but is not limited to:*

Fipronil	Hydroprene	Indoxacarb	Dithiopyr
Boric Acid	Pyrethrin	Propoxur	Trifuralin
Delamethrin	Cyfluthrin	Imidacloprid	Isoxaben
Foramsulfuron	Allethrin	Amorphous Silica	Glyphosate
Brodifacoum	Permethrin	Isopropylamine salt	Imazapyr
Chlorfenapyr	Methoprene	Cyhalothrin	Pendimethalin

Who is the person that I may call if I have any questions?



Mr. David Fulton
Environmental/Safety Specialist
Facilities Services Department
Wicomico County Board of Education
(410) 677-4593

Mr. Fulton, identified above as the contact person, will also have the product labels and Material Safety Data Sheets for all pesticides and bait stations that are listed above. In addition, product labels and Material Safety Data Sheets for any newly introduced pesticides not currently included on the pesticide list, but used on school property will also be kept by Mr. Fulton. This information is available at your school and at the following location: Facilities Department, Wicomico County Board of Education, 900 Mt Hermon Road, Salisbury, Maryland 21804 and is available for your review at any time. Mr. Fulton is also available for any additional information you may need and will be happy to listen to any comments you may have.

D. *Notifications before pesticide use*

Additional notifications throughout the school year will be sent to all students, parents/guardians and staff members in an Elementary school before any application of a pesticide are made in a school building or to school grounds. These written notices will be sent home with each student and provided to each staff member at least 24 hours before each application, and within 24 hours after an emergency pesticide is applied. Please remember that the concept behind an Integrated Pest Management Plan is to utilize all other non-chemical means to eliminate pests before a pesticide is used. It is our intention to continue to adhere to this practice.