

WMS NEWS

From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Whitehall Middle School Families,

As we enter the final week of school, I want to reflect on what a remarkable year it's been. Our students have grown academically, socially, and emotionally. From classroom achievements to extracurricular successes, this year has been filled with many meaningful moments. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

8th Grade Celebration – Monday, June 2 at 8:20 AM

We are excited to honor our 8th-grade students as they complete their middle school journey. Due to our students' schedule, we have moved the start time to 8:20. Families are welcome to join us in the middle school gym for a special celebration recognizing the accomplishments and growth of our Class of 2029. We look forward to sending our students to high school with pride and excitement for what lies ahead.

6th Grade Trip to John Ball Zoo – Thursday, June 5

Our 6th grade students will spend a fun and educational day at the John Ball Zoo. This trip is an excellent way to celebrate the end of the school year and connect classroom learning with real-world experiences. Please ensure your student is prepared with appropriate clothing for the weather.

Last Day of School & Field Day – Friday, June 6

We'll close out the school year with a day of fun, laughter, and school spirit during our annual Field Day! Students will enjoy various outdoor games and activities to celebrate their hard work. Please remind students to dress for the weather, wear sunscreen, and bring a water bottle.

As we look ahead to summer, I encourage all students to relax, recharge, and continue exploring their interests. We're already excited for what the 2025–2026 school year will bring!

I hope you and your family have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Craig Thompson
WMS Principal



WMS Believes...

1. Students must feel safe, cared for, and valued for learning to take place.
2. It's our job to spark student curiosity and help students identify/pursue their interests.
3. Students thrive on intentional structure.
4. School decisions should reflect the distinctive nature of middle school students.

6th Grade News:

6th Grade Field Trip Reminder: Zoo Field Trip is Thursday, June 5th. Students should ride the bus to the zoo, but if parents would like to sign out their child at the end of the day you may have your child ride home with you. Please sign out with your child’s first hour teacher.

Geography: Students are reviewing the Geography of the Western Hemisphere and continuing to practice location of countries with map games.

Science: We are wrapping up our study of the Universe. Final Exam will be Wednesday, 6/4.

Math: We are continuing our unit on Describing Data. Students learn about a second way to measure center (median) and other ways to measure spread (interquartile range and range). They create box plots to visualize data and make choices about which measures of center and spread to report based on the data. Our final assessment will be on Wednesday, June 4th.

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ELA: English students are currently working on creating a three-panel pamphlet about a hidden figure. This pamphlet includes an argumentative writing and graphic sources regarding the hidden figure’s accomplishments and the barriers they faced. Due to there being only a few work days left in school, any part of the project that is not completed during the allotted time in class will have to be completed as homework. Please note that teaching slides and other information (including due dates) are published in Google Classroom. This project will be included in the final grade and is considered a test grade. Please encourage your child to put forth their best effort and make sure that their work is done on time.

7th Grade News:

Math: Students are finishing up with some Unit 7 concepts. Next week we will spend a few days in Unit 8, Probability. Students determine the probability of unknown events and compare the results of repeated experiments and the expected probability.

Science: Mr. Huizenga’s Science Classes will be wrapping up the school year by completing our ecology unit. We will be finishing the year strong with a final assessment and some research looking into job opportunities in the field of ecology. Have a GREAT SUMMER!

8th Grade News:

ELA:
As we near the end of the year, students are finishing our class novel Farewell to Manzanar. We tracked connections and distinctions throughout the novel as well as related the happenings of that book to what we see going on in our world today.

Math 8:
The students are actively working on their Spiral project which is related to the Pythagorean theorem. There will be a short quiz on the Pythagorean Theorem on June 4.

Algebra:
In Algebra, students are working on completing the square and quadratic formula. We are working our way toward the final exam, which will be on June 4th.

U.S. History:
This week and next we will be completing a career project.

Science:
What will the earth look like in the next 1,000-2,000 years? As students learn about Climate Change, they are creating a new species from the genes of current plants or animals that can survive a warming earth Students will be doing the last of their 13 speeches by presenting their new species and talking about the structural and behavioral characteristics that help them survive.

Electives News:

Spotlight on Arts Exploration:

6th Grade Arts Exploration - Student artists are creating a realistic flower drawing using oil pastels as their medium. This project is inspired by the artist, Georgia O’Keeffe. The students are learning how to blend pastels to create a smooth transition between colors and to achieve a realistic look.

7th Grade Arts Exploration - Student artists are developing creative lettering techniques to draw their names. Students will practice shading to create depth and dimension using colored pencils and markers. A fun brick wall will be drawn to use for the background of our name designs.

8th Grade Arts Exploration - Student artists are exploring the art of paper weaving. Students are learning about different patterns and color combinations while creating a unique design of their own. Throughout this project, students will learn about contemporary artist Julie VonDerVellen and her paper weaving techniques and sculptures.

As we wrap up another great year in art class, your child will bring home their art portfolios to share their accomplishments with you!

Clubs:

Culture Club:

The final meeting for Culture Club will be Tuesday June 2nd.

Fishing Club:

Our final Fishing Club meeting of the year will be on Wednesday, May 29th, at 3:15 PM at Goodrich Park. We want to extend a big thank you to all the enthusiastic students who joined us throughout the year. We hope you all have a wonderful summer break and get plenty of opportunities to cast a line. We look forward to seeing returning and new members next fall!

Athletics:

8th Grade Sideline Cheer Tryouts:

Location: VAC

Monday (6/2) 4-6 pm

Tuesday (6/3) 4-7 pm

Wednesday (6/4) 4-6 pm

Parent/Athlete meeting (6/4) 6:00pm-6:30 pm