

WMS NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES:

10/10
NO SCHOOL –
Teacher Prof. Dev.

10/12
6th Grade STEM
@ Delta College

10/18
STEAM NIGHT

10/22:
Choir Concert

10/24:
Bandorama

10/26
Midterm

10/29
Halloween Dance

10/30
Parent Teacher
Conferences 4-7

10/31
Spirit Day
(black/orange)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

It has been an amazing start to the school year! We have many fun activities planned in October along with many of our clubs are in full swing. To keep up on some of these activities we ask that parents LIKE us on Facebook.

If you ever need anything please do not hesitate to call. We are here to provide your child with the best educational experience as possible.

Thank you to all of the parents, students, and staff members that make Western Middle School such a wonderful place to work and learn!

–Mrs. Bailey

NWEA Testing

Students have been NWEA testing over the past few weeks. Students will be bringing home their Goal Summary Sheets on Friday, October 5, 2018. You will also receive a detailed explanation of how to read the data. Please feel free to contact the main office if you have any questions or concerns.

FAMILY STEAM NIGHT

When: Thursday, October 18, 2018 / 6:00 PM -7:30 PM

Where: Western Middle School Classrooms/Science Lab

Why: There are a variety of careers requiring STEAM skills that our students will need for the future.

***More information will be coming home on Tuesday, October 9th.

One of our School Improvement Goals for the 2018-19 School

Year! One of our School Improvement Goals this year is to focus on Skill Building Strategies. Monthly in all core subject areas students will be provided with activities that focus on the following:

- Graph of the Week
- Informational Text
- Claim, Evidence, & Reasoning
- PSAT/MSTEP Practice Program

We believe that working on these skills will help our students be more successful in the future. Please talk with your students about the activities they are doing in their classrooms related to the above.

Choir & Band Concerts

- Choir students from all grade levels are busy preparing for their upcoming fall concert on **October 22nd at 7:00 PM** in Western's Bryant Auditorium.
- Bandorama will be held on **October 24th at 6:30 PM** in the gymnasium. There is a \$3.00 charge at the door for non-performers.

Halloween Dance

October 29, 2018 (6th Grade: 5:00-6:15 PM & 7th /8th Grade: 6:30-8:00 PM)

Students can only attend their grade level dance.

This will be a fun night for students to show off their costumes and enjoy some time together. There will be costume contests with prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places in the categories of: Scariest, Funniest, and Most Original.

The cost is \$5.00 to enter and there will be Pizza, Pop, and Water to purchase as well.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 30th. You do not need to make an appointment and parents may come at any time during the designated hours.

Conferences will be held in the gymnasium on a first come, first served basis. Please check Skyward for your child's schedule. If you are unable to access Skyward, please report to the middle school office for assistance. We ask that conferences are limited to five minutes to ensure that all parents have a chance to speak with the teachers. If you are in need of a longer conference time, please contact the teacher to schedule an alternate time.

We look forward to seeing you!

Entertainment Books

Thank you for another successful fundraiser! Entertainment books purchased will be sent home by Friday, October 12, 2018. Prizes have been ordered and will be delivered to student before Friday, October 19th.

Capturing Kids Hearts

The Western Middle School staff has been trained in the Capturing Kids Hearts program. You may hear students speak at home about Social Contracts created in the classroom along with Good Things and teachers welcoming them in the classroom with a handshake. We will continue to strive to provide your child with the best academic experience possible. Please ask your child about these experiences this year.

WESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS: 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONAL DAY: 7:30 A.M. – 2:08 P.M.

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