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WORTHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WMS News

Welcome to 2019!

I wanted to remind you that all District 518 students get into sporting events at WHS for free. They can bring their student I.D. badge to show at the gate, or get someone to vouch for them. What a great opportunity for them to attend some entertaining activities that are safe and supervised.

WMS Winter sports are in full swing, make sure you get out to see your kids perform!

Please keep track of what your children are wearing to school this winter. We go out for recess virtually every day. Only rain or a wind chill below zero degrees will keep us inside. If students choose to come to school without a coat, they are also choosing to go outside for recess without a coat. If we ever need to evacuate, or a bus has a problem, we are going to have some very cold students. A hoodie is not enough for a Minnesota winter.

Have a great 2019!

Mr. Luke

Media Center News

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. It is one that as a parent you can influence the most. Raising kids as readers means getting involved while they are young. You can make a difference by offering your student opportunities to read. **Thursday, February 14** (conference night at the Middle School) **from 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm** is such a night. The **Scholastic Bookfair** will be held in the Middle School Media Center. The Bookfair will be open throughout the school day and during conferences, starting at 3:00 pm and closing at

7:30 pm. Students will also have time Tuesday February 12; Wednesday, February 13 and Friday, February 15 (until noon) to browse and make purchases during the school day.

We hope to see you there!

Middle School Media Center Staff

Spelling Bee

We have many terrific spellers here at Worthington Middle School and thirteen of them recently competed in a written bee to determine three participants in the SWWC Regional Spelling Bee in Redwood Falls. It was a tight race between **Thomas Anguiano, Dwayne Bouakham, Citlali Chavez Vega, Ye Khing, Austin Kinser, Isaac Kinser, Dillon Maras, Mia Nixon, Alex Reum, Lexi Reum, Isaiah Schultz, Micah Truesdell, and Keyon Xanaxay**, and the top three actually tied for first place! On February 5, **Thomas Anguiano** (5th Grade), **Isaac Kinser** (6th grade), and **Dillon Maras** (8th Grade) will vie with other spellers from our area for the opportunity to move on to the Multi-Region State Bee in Fergus Falls on February 19. These competitions are part of the prestigious Scripps Spelling Bee and a national champion will be crowned in Washington D.C. next May. Congratulations to all of our superb spellers for being chosen to compete in our school competition and good luck to Thomas, Isaac, and Dillon in the next round!

WMS National Geographic Bee

On December 19, thirty students competed in the annual **WMS National Geographic Bee**. Everyone did very well and seven of the thirty competitors went on to the final round. Those students were:



Randy Garcia, Brooke Nordseth, Diego Ramos, Emanuel Saravia, Jacari Swinea, Anthony Towns, and Cody Vorasane. It took several rounds to get to our top three and then quite a few more rounds to determine our Champion. **Way to go Cody Vorasane (3rd Place), Diego Ramos (2nd Place), and Anthony Towns (1st Place)!** Anthony will take an online qualifying test for the state bee in January. If he qualifies, he will compete with 100 other students from around Minnesota for the chance to go on the National Bee in Washington D.C. Good luck Anthony!

5th Grade Participants

Yovany Bartolon Martin, Negasi Belay, Oscar Jiminez Lopez, Clara Joens, Austin Kinser, Thet Lu Tay, Annie Salas, Dylan Schuett

6th Grade Participants

Lauryn Ahlers, Kaw Tha Blay, Mary Dykema, Jorge Garcia Valencia, Isaac Kinser, Emanuel Saravia, Jacari Swinea

7th Grade Participants

Quinn Benz, Dylan Dykstra, Randy Garcia, Diego Ramos, Ben Schreiber, Anthony Towns, Ellie Vis

8th Grade Participants

Cody Vorasane, Ayantu Uli, Lilly Mahlberg, Katie Robinson, Nicholas Schneider, Anthony Beaner, Brian Stern, Brooke Nordseth



WMS Music Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE WMS MUSIC STAFF:

Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Paulsen director, Mr. Andersen, and Mrs. Jenson The WMS "Festival of Music" Holiday Concert went well. Thank you to our December concert chaperones!! Mr. Hubbard, Mrs. Hibma, Mrs. Lord Anderson, Mr. Regnier, Mrs. Truesdell, Mr. Hertz, Mrs. Stock, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Bonnett, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Doyscher, Mrs. Crouch, Mr. Luke and Mr.

Perish. Thank you Ms. Massey, and Mr. Burns for recording the concert. We appreciate you very much!

WMS 2018 MUSIC FUTURE EVENTS:

March TBA- Fifth grade Band Solo/Ensemble Festival at WMS

Friday, March 15- WHS and WMS Jazz Night at WMS- 6:30 PM

Monday, April 15- 5-8 grade Band Concert at Memorial Auditorium-7pm

Thursday, Friday-May 2 & 3- WMS Choirs at Memorial Auditorium-7pm

Monday, May 13- All-School Orchestra Concert at WHS Gym- 7 PM

Thank you parents and administration for your support of music in our schools!

BECOME A MEMBER OF WAMBO: Worthington Area Music Booster Association.

This organization's board wants everyone to know this is just not for high school parents but open to ANY and ALL parents/grandparents. WAMBO strives to support music at all levels of the district.

New color guard uniforms.

One-day residency with The Copper Street Brass Quintet from Minneapolis, MN. This brass quintet worked with the band students and presented a free concert to the public.

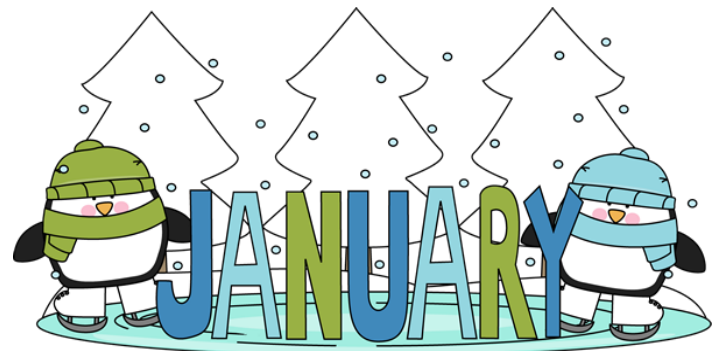
String bass for the 5th grade orchestra.

New sousaphone for marching and practice.

We are always actively seeking new membership. Presently the yearly membership dues are \$20, which is similar to the athletic booster's organization. Monthly meetings are generally the 4th Monday of the month. We are also looking for members to serve in various board positions or to volunteer a few hours at musical events. For more information on how to become a member of WAMBO, see the Facebook page or speak with a music teacher.

Bus Company

Please direct any questions you may have to Bud's Bus Service. You may contact them at 507-372-5552



6th Grade News

The sixth grade Students of First Quarter were recognized at our full team meeting. They received an award, a pencil, and an AI A Carte coupon.

Physical Education – Chloe Martinez, Fanuel Wolday, Drew Everett, and Juicy Mi.

Health – Nelson Lopez Martin and Zuleika Monjaraz

Music/Band/Choir – Keyon Xanaxay and Isaac Kinser

Language Arts – Josiah Banega, Alondra Leon Flores, Alli Fellows, Emanuel Saravia, Natalia Granados, Quin Mathis, Kinberly Thammalong, and Hailey Como

Math – Akwata Oman, Diego Montoya Mendez, Amy Gutierrez Garcia, Johanna Miranda Lopez, Taylor Michelson, Jordis Weber, Brianna Morales-James, Nataly Najera Murillo, Karen Hser, and Celso Almanza Hurtado

MN Studies – Mykayla Phouangphet, Kiana Nordby, Iris Ramirez Velasquez, Erin Doyscher, Bryly McCuen, Christian Ayala Orozco, Lauryn Ahlers, and Fanuel Wolday

Science – Jacari Swinea, Eduar Lopez Camas, Patricio Castro Casto, Kaw Tha Blay, Diana Martin Lopez, Genesis Padilla Garcia, Peyton Nickel, Diahviohn Stanley-Mendez, Diego Morales Ortiz, and Christian Sandoval

The end of second quarter is January 18, 2019. Please encourage your child to do his/her best for the remainder of the quarter.

Earbuds are needed each Friday and are necessary to complete tests. Pencils are also needed every day.

8th grade:

Advisory Curriculum- January's theme is Connected. It is important as we work to reach our goals that we stay connected to positive people who support us and people who reinforce our healthy habits.



Student handbook is located on school website and also on your student's iPad! Please take a moment to read.

