

Windham Middle School Newsletter

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Eighth Grade News

In 8th Grade Social Studies we are studying the Progressive Era and Women's Rights.

The school-wide Geography Bee will take place on January 6th in the cafe.

In ILS we are finishing our Gift Catalog and will be shortly starting the interactive simulation "Building Homes of Our Own" where students will need to get a loan, build a house, and hopefully sell it for a profit.

Students in Algebra have finished their investigation of slope-intercept form and will be learning about standard form of linear equations and then move on to writing and solving inequalities. There will be a midterm exam towards the end of January.

Students in Intro to Algebra have completed their unit on linear relationships and will be solving multi-step equations in January.

Students in Pre-Algebra will continue their investigation of linear relationships, looking more formally at slope and y-intercepts to help with graphing and solving problems.

In Language Arts this past month students wrote a compare/contrast essay for the *Flowers for Algernon* unit. For January, Mrs. McCorkle and Mrs. Fournier's classes will be working on the persuasive unit and Mrs. Williams and Mr. Doneski's classes will be studying utopian v. dystopian societies in conjunction with reading *The Giver*.



Coming Events

Jan 5 Earth Shuttle Meeting 7:30 PM in cafe

Jan 6 Geography Bee 7:00 PM

Jan 7 Ski and Ride Trip to Pat's Peak, leaving school at 2:30 PM

Jan 11 Early release day

Jan 14 School Dance 7-9 PM

Jan 17 No school

Jan 21 End of 2nd Quarter

Jan 22 Ski Club trip to Killington

Jan 25 Spelling Bee WMS café 7 PM

Jan 28 Ski Trip to Pat's Peak

Feb 4 School Dance 7-9 PM

Feb 7 Winter Sports Award Night 6:30 PM



Guidance News

Health and Wellness Fair

On January 19th the Windham School District will host their first Health and Wellness fair at



Windham High School from 7:00- 8:30 PM.

We will have medical professionals conducting many free services

such as: blood pressure checks, cholesterol screenings and offering nutritional information. In

addition there will be local vendors offering giveaways and raffles. What a great way to start the new year off in a "Healthy" manner!

M₂M & Advisory Goals

The theme for January is Personal Responsibility.

Our M2M connection will take place on January 12th in 6th grade homerooms during Advisory.

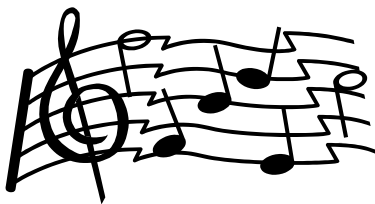
Yearbook

The Yearbook Committee will sponsor a Windham Middle School dance on January 14th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Admission is \$6.00.



Music Department

Congratulations to the band and chorus for a great winter concert. You should be very proud! Just a reminder that DVD's are available for purchase. If you need an order form, you can download one from Mrs. Cuneo's Moodle page or come pick one up outside the band room.



Ski N Ride Club News

- The January trips are just around the corner. On Friday, Jan 7 - we will be heading up to Pat's Peak with a bus load of 45 students. Anyone else interested in attending may email or leave a message with Mrs. Shirley for the waiting list.
- As the highlight of the month, our trip to Killington, has the necessary number of students but we can take up to 3 more. Contact Mrs. Shirley, with payment, when we return from vacation, to join this trip.
- Our final January trip has 31 students and we need 40 to cover bus costs. After vacation, announcements will be made to round up a few more students who are looking for a fun Friday night out with friends.
- February trip date - Saturday the 12th - Waterville Valley. Check out the Moodle site for details and sign ups.

To contact Mrs. Shirley 893-2636 ext. 55141 or eshirley@windhamsd.org



Sixth Grade News

6th grade students got a visit from assistant coach, Scott Pellerin, of the Manchester Monarchs on Monday! He came in to kick-off the Hockey Unit "On Thin Ice"; an activity where students will construct their own to-scale hockey rinks. Thank you, Mr. Pellerin!

We hope that all students and their families enjoyed the time away from school and are ready to get back to the books! The sixth graders are working on identifying figurative language techniques in reading and creating their own original examples in their writing during language arts class. Some students are

reading *Esperanza Rising* while others are reading *Flipped*.

In Math, students are learning how to find surface area and volume of given shapes and designs; while continuing their study of fractions. In Science, students are learning chemistry and studying the universe.

Finally, in social studies, students are "traveling" to Southeast Asia and North Africa as they continue their study of all things related to people and the world. Our foreign language students continue to learn how to commu-

nicate with family and friends using the days of the week, months of the year, and counting down the days until the next vacation!

For those of you who did not get an opportunity to send in a donation for the Camp Bournedale DVD- minimum donations of \$10 will receive the video as a thank-you gift. We have some extra for those who are interested! The money goes toward scholarships for those in need of assistance for the trip. Please contact twilbur@windhamsd.org for more information.



Sixth grade students enjoy Scott Pellerin, Assistant Coach of the Manchester Monarchs, as he helps to kick off their unit *On Thin Ice*.



Principals' Corner

Dear Windham Middle School Community,

The winter months and January in particular is a time of reflection and bringing forth new resolutions and ideas for the New Year. Powerschool continues to be our reporting vehicle with students' grades with the end of the 2nd quarter marking period January 21st and report cards going home January 28th. The I=Incomplete is being used for students who have not completed a summative assessment in a particular subject on Powerschool. As educators we are all working to ensure students complete all their work in a timely manner and with a high level of understanding on the particular learning objectives/goals.

In January there are a few events on the horizon that are of importance. One date to highlight is Jan. 14th the Principal's Coffee, to be held at Windham High School at 8:00-9:00 AM to speak to administration from both the middle school and high school with questions you might have relative to your child's education. We are looking forward to the opportunity to speak with parents and community members. Another date to note would be the Geography Bee held on January 6th at WMS in Caf  at 7:00 PM. The date for the Spelling Bee is January 25.

I would like to commend our students who participated in the winter concerts for both Chorus and Band. As both concerts went exceptionally well and our students played some wonderful musical pieces. Our winter athletic programs continue to be competitive with both Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams sporting winning records. Both the Girls' and Boys' I-Basketball teams have 7-2 records. Additionally, the Girls' A-1-basketball team has a 4-3 record and the Boys' A-1-Basketball team has a 6-1 record. Our Cheerleading program continues their long-standing tradition of being one of the best cheerleading programs in the state. The upcoming Cheerleading Championship on February 11th at Sanborn Regional High School beginning at 4:00 PM is the culmination of our students' hard work and determination.

An additional curriculum opportunity will be offered starting in January with all our sixth grade students working in their Skills for Success class on keyboarding skills to enhance and strengthen students' ability to be proficient with speed and accuracy in computer keyboarding. We are also looking at best practice to implement keyboarding for seventh and eighth grade students to afford students with the skills necessary to be ready for the 21st century learning experience in high school.

We encourage our parents and community to contact us at any point if you have any questions, thoughts or concerns you would like to share with administration.

Happy New Year!

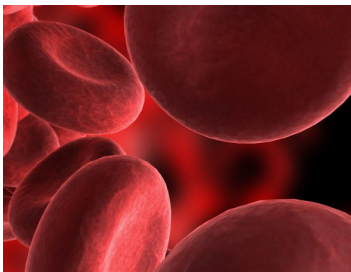
Sincerely,

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<http://www.windhamsd.org>

Seventh Grade News

Seventh grade science students are beginning the first of two chapters on cells. As part of this chapter on the structure and function of cells, students are creating a 3-D model of a cell.



In reading, we will begin the new year with some short stories revolving around the theme of "Facing Choices." Two stories we will read are "The Scholarship Jacket," by Marta Salinas and "The Noble Experiment," by Jackie Robinson. We will also read about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X this month. In addition, students will be finishing up their free-choice novel and completing digital book trailers for their next book report.

In language arts, we will continue with grammar and vocabulary using *Classical Roots*.

We are now in the process of completing our 7th grade Geography Bee. Several students answered 7 out of 7 questions correctly, so they will be going into a Preliminary Run-off Competition to determine our three contestants for the School Geography Bee in January. In classes, we are beginning our study of the Roman Republic and Roman Empire to start out the new year.