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Important Dates

Please continue to check the school calendar for changes:

<http://www.localendar.com/public/WindhamMS>

February 6—Spelling Bee 7:00 PM

February 7—Early Release –11:15 Dismissal

February 7—Spelling Bee Snow Date 7:00 PM

**February 13—Nashoba Valley Snow Tubing Trip
2:30—7: 00 PM**

February 15—School Dance 7-9 PM

February 18—M2M Executives Meet at 7 AM

**February 21—M2M Snowman Building with 6th
Graders—2:30-4 PM**

February 21—Midterm Reports

February 25-February 29—Winter Vacation

7TH GRADE NEWS

In Seventh Grade Social Studies, we are now studying the reasons for the decline of the great Roman Republic and the subsequent rise of the Roman Empire. Our study of the Middle Ages will be coming soon, culminating with our annual Medieval Banquet and Tournament at the end of March.

Seventh grade science students are beginning a unit about genetics. We will be looking at traits and learning how characteristics are passed down from parents to offspring.

FRENCH NEWS

Eighth grade students are beginning a new unit on shopping! The focus will be on clothing as well as describing clothes, expressing opinions about them, and of course asking a clerk about a given item as well as paying for it.

Seventh graders are also in a new unit that expands grammar skills. This unit focuses on verbs dealing with day-to-day activities. Students will soon be able to discuss things they do, as well as express activities that they like and dislike.

SPANISH NEWS

Seventh grade students had a wonderful time in the computer lab. They practiced their pronunciation and intonation in the target language through short dialogues.

To the new 6th grade students for the third quarter: ¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español! Welcome to Spanish class! It will be a wonderful quarter as we explore and develop new skills, and broaden the understanding of other cultures in a new language.

GEOGRAPHY BEE

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Geography Bee. Many of the questions were difficult. The winner of this year's Geography Bee is Maggie Cochrane, with Stephen Dennison in second place.

6TH GRADE NEWS

In Social Studies we are completing our unit on Southwest Asia and North Africa. The downstairs Language Arts teachers have just finished the Immigration paper. The students should be very proud of their effort. Upstairs in Language Arts classes, the students just finished a "cosmic orange" activity which concentrates on the use of adjectives and descriptive writing. In Science, the students are entering their Unit of Earthquakes and Volcanoes and of course the Shake-Rattle-&Roll. In Math the students are in the Shapes and Designs Unit, two-dimensional Geometry. The sixth grade team wants to wish our best to the sixth grade representatives to the school wide Spelling Bee.

EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

Students in Algebra will continue their investigation of inequalities and linear equations by writing and solving systems of equations and inequalities using different methods.

Pre-Algebra students will continue to build on their previous unit of graphing and studying relationships between two variables, but now they are concentrating on linear relationships represented in graphs, tables and equations.

After wrapping up the Persuasive Research Unit, Mrs. McCorkle's and Mr. Kirste's Language Arts classes will be following different tracks in February as we look ahead to a busy spring. Mrs. McCorkle's classes will be beginning the Health Unit with the assistance of Mrs. Rawley, while Mr. Kirste begins the extensive Holocaust Unit with a reading of the play "The Diary of Anne Frank." Mr. Kirste's classes will move on to Health in March, while Mrs. McCorkle tackles "Anne Frank" with her students.

The Social Studies classes are winding up their study of the Civil War and will be moving into the Reconstruction era. The study of the Reconstruction era will be done largely through a Document Based Question (DBQ) essay. These essays are expected to be formal five paragraph essays, using both information from the primary source documents students are handed, as well as information they gather from outside sources.

Science 8 is working on Physics with the study of motion, forces, and gravity. We have conducted labs on acceleration and speed of a marble. We have scientifically determined where the out-of-bounds line belongs on a basketball court.

ILS 8 is working on board games for a topic discussed during their eighth grade year and making music videos using Hyperstudio.

SNOW TUBING AT NASHOBA VALLEY FEBRUARY 13TH

PTA and Middle School are sponsoring a trip to Nashoba Valley Ski Area in Westford Mass for a fun-filled snow tubing event. Students will leave school at 2:45, travel by school bus to Nashoba Valley, and return to school at 7:00. The cost for the event is \$10, plus students should bring money for dinner. Please dress appropriately for an outdoor winter event.

GUIDANCE NEWS

National School Counseling Week

February is a very busy month for the Guidance Department. National School Counseling Week is being celebrated February 4-8th. Stop by your counselor's office and just say, "Hi."

M2M Monthly Theme: Rumors

Meeting date changed to February 18th

All Executives please meet in the Café at 7am.

Attention all 6th graders

Meet your Mentors for the 1st annual M2M Snowman Building Event on Feb. 21st. Join us after school for a fun filled afternoon of snowman building and hot cocoa. Dress warmly and please bring a note with permission to stay after school.

SHS Course Selection

All final (SHS) course selection sheets are due into WMS by Friday 2/1/08. If you need any help completing these forms, please see Mrs. Lichtmann.

Internet Safety Presentation

All Windham Middle School Students will attend an Internet Safety Presentation by Be Net Safe. Presentations will take place during the morning of February 5th.

High School Transition Dance

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 28th. All Windham Middle School 8th grade students are invited to join Woodbury Middle School students at Salem High School for a fun Friday night dance.

Yearbook Winter Sale

Show your school spirit and be a part of the Windham Middle School yearbook. The yearbook will represent all three grades. We have representatives from 6th, 7th, and 8th grade to include the Bournedale experience, Browne Center, Washington, DC to dances, sports and various candid photos.

Order forms have gone home. Yearbooks will be \$30.00 each. Buy your books now. We will accept cash or checks made out to Windham Middle School.

Yearbooks make great gifts. Yearbooks can be ordered directly online by going to shop.jostens.com. or going directly to Jostens through Windhamsd.org. Contact Julie Lichtmann or Kathy Rawley for further information.