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**Important Dates**

Please continue to check the school calendar for changes:

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

- June 2—Volunteer Breakfast—7:30-10:00 AM
  - June 4— 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Dance 7–10 PM
  - June 8—Spring Sports Awards—6:30 PM
  - June 9—Camp Bournedale Information Night for incoming 6th grade parents 6 PM
  - June 9 – Parent Step-Up Night for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders 7 PM
  - June 10 – PTA Academic Recognition Evening 7:00 PM
  - June 11– Salem HS Graduation 7:00 PM
  - June 14 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Hampton Beach Field Trip 4:00 Return to School (Rain date 6/15)
  - June 17 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 6:30 PM (Rain date 6/18)
  - June 18 – Last Day of School for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade 11:15 Dismissal
- Enjoy the Summer**

**MEDIA CENTER NEWS**

The end of the year is still busy in the Media Center. We are currently collecting all items that are checked out (they are due June 7<sup>th</sup>) Please help your child look for any items he/she may have at home. We will be hosting Mrs. Morrow's classes the first week in June as they create digital book trailers. We will also be packing, sorting, moving and rearranging in preparation for the loss of almost half of the media center next year to a classroom.

Any students who are worried about not having enough books to read over the summer are invited to come to the media center on Monday, June 14 between 3:30 and 6:30 PM, to check out a box of books for the summer. Students currently in grades 5 – 7 may participate and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There will be a raffle, and refreshments will be served.

**6TH GRADE NEWS**

During their last term of this school year, the sixth grade students have been very busy academically. In math, our students have wrapped up Bits and Pieces III and will move on to 2-Dimensional and 3-Dimensional Geometry. Pre-algebra students will finish up their unit on 3-Dimensional Geometry and end the year working on inequalities.

Social studies classes are completing their unit of study on Mexico and Central America, our neighbors to the South. The year will end with an introduction to Ancient Civilizations to prepare students for grade seven. The Super Bowl will be on June 18th.

In reading, our sixth graders have had a varied experience this term. Some are enjoying *Where the Red Fern Grows*, *Flipped*, or *Hoot*. Many students will end the year working on poetry.

In our language arts classes, both the Lincoln and Liberty teams are completing their Immigration Research papers, and also continuing to work on vocabulary and spelling enhancement.

Our science classes are all finishing a unit on Weathering, Erosion and Deposition, the forces that change and shape Earth's surface. Students will complete an in-class land formation map which will include features such as meanders, flood plains, and oxbow lakes.

We hope that all sixth graders and their families have an enjoyable and safe summer vacation!! Best of luck in Grade Seven!!

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS**

All students and staff at WMS would like to thank our volunteers for all you have done to make this school year successful! From volunteering in classrooms to providing many delicious meals for our staff, you are the best!! Please join us Wednesday, June 2nd for breakfast anytime between 7:30 and 10:00 AM.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Windham Middle School needs three parent volunteers to serve on our school council. Next year, council will meet every other month. Please contact Mrs. Becht if you are interested.

**LOBSTER TAIL**

Lobster Tail restaurant is offering a free dinner for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates accompanied by an adult. The offer is good from June 17<sup>th</sup> until June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **7TH GRADE NEWS**

This month, we're wrapping things up in reading and language arts. In reading, we'll be completing *The Outsiders*, our last whole class novel. In language arts, we'll be finishing up our review of the parts of speech. In addition, students will be taking a vocabulary final exam that includes all of the words they've studied this year. Lastly, students (and teachers!) are excited about the students' final project in language arts and reading: a board game that they're creating to demonstrate concepts, skills, and information that they've learned this year. Students have the opportunity to work with any seventh grader for this project, even crossing teams if they wish (thus, the enthusiasm for the project!). The culminating activity will be a Game Day, an opportunity for the students to play all of these wonderful games with their friends!!!

Math students are working on ratios, proportions, and percents. Pre-algebra students completed a unit on solids and are now working on square roots and scientific notation. Algebra students finished quadratics and currently are working with irrational numbers.

Seventh grade science students are finishing up the skeletal system and moving on to the circulatory system. We will finish the year with the respiratory system.

Seventh grade students created Crazy Menus in Spanish, using adjectives to describe certain foods. Students needed to use the proper agreement of nouns and adjectives when describing foods. It was a great activity!

In social studies, we will be winding down the year with a quick look at the Enlightenment period, the revolutions in Europe and America, and the United States Constitution. It's been a whirlwind tour this year of about 3,000 years of history!

## **LOCKS OF LOVE AND PANTENE BEAUTIFUL LENGTHS DONATION**

Thanks to the efforts of seventh grader Jillian DiPersio, a group of students donated between 8 and 10 inches of hair to Locks of Love or Pantene Beautiful Lengths. On May 25th, five students traveled to Salon Soleil & Spa for haircuts. Thank you to the Salon for their gracious donation of service, with special thanks to stylist Alexis. Students who should be commended for their generous donation: Jillian DiPersio, Amy Caron, Kayla Allard, Niki Kuchipudi, and Kyana Baiguy.

## **EIGHTH GRADE NEWS**

The eighth grade teachers would like to thank the students for a great school year. The students have worked hard in all of their academic classes. The LA classes have recently concluded poetry and storytelling units. The students wrote beautiful poems and did a nice job re-telling folklore in a creative way. In social studies, students will be covering several Supreme Court cases that touch on issues of the past 30 years. The focus for the students will be to understand how the Court works and its role in our government. To end the year, social studies classes will be conducting a bracket style competition for each class to determine the most significant individual that we studied this year. The students in ILS are working on completing a Freshman Flag for their class to follow them up to the high school. When they are completed, there will be a voting process which will select which of the designs will be displayed in the high school along with the flags of the classes 2012 and 2013.

As the school year comes to a close, there are several important events for the eighth grade class. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Dance will be June 4<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 10pm. Remember this is not a prom; no limos will be permitted. Academic Recognition Night for those students who have been invited will be held on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The PTA has sponsored a BBQ for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> during lunch. Our annual trip to Hampton Beach will be on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The students will not return from the beach until 4pm. Please dress accordingly, as the beach can be chilly.

Congratulations to the eighth grade graduating class. Graduation will be held on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

## **GUIDANCE NEWS**

Our district wide annual Step Up Day will take place on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-10:30. This is a great opportunity for your children to meet their new homeroom teacher, tour the building and become more familiar with the expectations of the next grade. Students will be traveling to Center, Middle and the high school.

### **Mrs. Jodoin joins WMS Full time**

Windham Middle School is pleased to announce that Mrs. Jodoin will be joining us full time starting in September. Mrs. Jodoin will still work with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students as well as Team Attitash from 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Mrs. Lichtmann will work with students from Team Loon and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We look forward to expanding our Guidance programs and meeting all the needs of your students.

### **M2M**

M2M applications are being reviewed and the acceptance letters will be out the first week of June. Please mark your calendars for the summer training to be held at WMS on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Executives will come early at 8am and train until 10. At 10am all other mentors will join the training until 12:00. Attendance is mandatory. M2M polo shirts are required, shirt orders will accompany the acceptance letters. For any questions, please contact Julie Lichtmann or Lizz Jodoin.

### **Anti-Bullying Committee**

WMS will be forming an Anti-Bullying Committee starting in September. The committee will consist of members from Administration, Guidance, parents, students and members of the community. Meetings will be held during the day and at night to accommodate more members. Windham Middle School takes Bullying very seriously and we are always looking for new ways to combat this nationwide problem. If you would like to get involved with this committee, please contact Mrs. Lichtmann or Mrs. Jodoin.

### **New Student Orientation**

We will be having our New Student Orientation on Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Any student that has registered over the summer and would like to know more about WMS please join us.

### **Fitness Boot Camp-Mark your Fall Calendars**

Look for 5 consecutive Boot Camp sessions to be held at Flex Appeal. Session 1 will begin on Sept 21<sup>st</sup> and run until October 28<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$59.00 and at this time **no** bus transportation will be available from WMS. The Fitness Boot Camp will run from 3:00pm until 4:30.

Session 2	Nov. 9-Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>
Session 3	Jan 13 <sup>th</sup> -Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>
Session 4	March 8 <sup>th</sup> -April 14 <sup>th</sup>
Session 5	May 10 <sup>th</sup> -June 9 <sup>th</sup>

Fitness Boot Camp is a great way to get in shape, build confidence and make new friends. Activities include: Kick boxing, weight lifting, cardio, circuit training and much more.

## **SNOW CONES SALES - A SUCCESS!**

Mrs. Shirley's advisory, with help from Mrs. Taylor and custodian Mr. Gormley, served over 100 snow cones during advisory on Friday May 21st. Students enjoyed the watermelon, cherry, and polar punch flavors most, as those ran out first.

The turn out was so overwhelming, that about 30 students were not able to be served, so we hope to remedy that on another day. Students did a fabulous job keeping the area clean of trash, making clean up easy and adding to the positive experience.

The profits of \$83 will be donated to Bella Tucker, a little girl in Londonderry, whose recent illness compromised the circulation to her extremities. The damage was so extensive, that doctors had to amputate both hands/forearms and lower legs. This money will assist her family for their extensive needs during this traumatic experience. Maybe gas for transportation to medical treatments, or to lessen the cost of other medical needs.

Any further donations from staff and students will be accepted through May 28. Thank you to Mrs. Becht and Mr. Moulis for their support of this event. And congratulations to the 8th graders in Mrs. Shirley's advisory: Anna Taylor, Sarah Reny, Emily Langon, Danielle Murray, Beth Fennessey, Joe Forti, Anthony Cappiello, Chase Hovey, Jake Mathews, and Bobby Pantano.

## **BAND AND CHORUS NEWS**

Congratulations to those band and chorus students who participated in the South Central District Music Festival on Saturday, May 8. The band participants were Jillian DiPersio, Olivia Bono, Timmy Raymond, Alessandro Fabiano, Dan Khabbaz and Andrew Lewis. Chorus members were Taia Tieland, Meghan O'Connor, Julia Enos and Graham Smith. They were all students who were nominated and chosen by Mrs. Cuneo and Mr. Szopa because of their higher level of musicianship. They joined hundreds of students from all over the district and performed a concert that evening. Nice job!!

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MUSICIANS WHO PARTICIPATED IN GREAT EAST FESTIVAL.**

Once again our 7th and 8th grade chorus and bands, along with Select Chorus and Jazz Band represented Windham Middle School with flying colors. 7th Grade Band came home with the Silver Plaque while 8th Grade Band, Jazz Band, 7th grade chorus and 8th grade chorus all returned with the Gold Plaque awards. The Select chorus earned the highest level of Platinum. Way to go everyone - we are very proud of you