

# Windham Middle School Newsletter

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## Principals' Corner

Dear Windham Middle School Community,

As the school year comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff and community for a wonderful school year. We have had a great year working with all of you encouraging life-long learning for all.

The month of June is filled with exciting events and activities. Please keep a close eye on the weekly bulletin for the most updated dates and times.

Congratulations to the eighth grade graduating class. The WMS Graduation dance will be held on Friday June 3rd from 7 to 10 pm and Graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

Dan and Brenda



**We're on the web:**  
<http://www.windhamsd.org>

### Coming Events

**May 30 No School Memorial Day**

**June 1 Incoming 6th Graders Camp  
Bournedale Meeting 6 PM**

**June 1 Step-Up Night for Incoming  
6th Graders 7 PM**

**June 2 Box City Presentation  
7-8 PM, WMS cafeteria**

**June 3 8th Grade Graduation Dance  
7-10 PM**

**June 7 Spring Sport Recognition  
Night 6 PM**

**June 8 Academic Recognition Night**

**June 13 8th Grade Trip to Hampton  
Beach rain or shine**

**June 15 8th Grade BBQ 1 PM**

**June 16 8th Grade Graduation  
6:30 PM (Rain Date June 17)**

**June 17 Last Day of School  
Dismissal at 11:15 AM**

## Eighth Grade News

In the 8th grade **Language Arts** dept. Mrs. McCorkle and Mrs. Fournier are finishing up the year with the storytelling unit as well as a reflection project, and Mrs. Williams and Mr. Doneski are reading *The Gospel According to Larry*, a novel on propaganda.

8th grade **French**: Students created a brochure on an assigned region of France. Students used Microsoft publisher to incorporate technology into the World Language classroom.

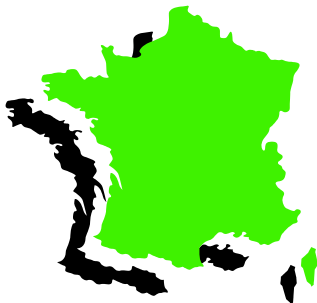
**Pre-algebra**....continuing The Pythagorean Theorem and wrapping up with Histograms and Box-and-Whisker Plots

**Geometry**: wrapping up geometric mean and trigonometry and preparing for transformations and symmetry

**Science**: finished energy transformation and studying bridge design and started bridge project

**ILS**: Students are completing the Type 2 Learn typing program. They complete different levels to improve their words per minute and efficiency. They will also be completing a Cold War webquest as a Social Studies tie in.

**Social Studies**: Mt. Washington is studying Civil Rights and Mt. Kearsarge is studying the Vietnam Conflict. As an end of the year activity the students will be completing a "Most Influential American" debate activity. Students will find out details soon.



The Abbey Foodservice Group would like to thank students, staff, and parents for their ongoing support of the hot lunch program. This school year The Abbey Group switched to over 90% wholegrain pasta's, breads, cereals, and rice. The students have been receptive and we continue to feed over 55% of the student body at our high and middle school levels and over 65% at our elementary school level every day. Taste tests have been done to have the children try new things they may not have had before! They love it! Throughout the year your children have also been getting many homemade meals and products made with local foods we have received from local businesses. We partner with several local farms and small businesses. Just to name a few: Mack's Apples, Ma's Italian Biscotti, Koffee Kup Bakery, and Home Free Cookies (a nice gluten and allergen free choice). Local farmers: Farm n Fools, Donabedian Farms, Smith Farm (meat farm), and Riverside Farms. If you have a local product you would like to share or you are a company and would like to promote your product in our cafeterias please contact Terri Pimentel @ 603-537-2407 or [terri@abbeygroup.net](mailto:terri@abbeygroup.net).

We are looking forward to the 2011-2012 school year, have a safe and happy summer!



## Guidance News

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### Step Up Day

Our district wide annual Step Up Day will take place on June 1<sup>st</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.

### M2M

M2M applications are being reviewed and the acceptance letters will be out the first week of June. M2M polo shirts are required; shirt orders will accompany the acceptance letters. For any questions, please contact Lizz Jodoin or Amy Wagoner.



## Seventh Grade News

In **Social Studies**, we have just completed our study of the Renaissance and Reformation in western Europe and are starting a quick overview of the Age of Exploration and the colonization of the Americas. Afterwards, we will briefly review the American Revolution and its connections with other revolutions in Europe, such as the French Revolution. We will end the year with study of the United States Constitution to prepare students for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum on United States History in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. It has been a great year traveling through time with such enthusiastic students!

In seventh grade **Science** students have begun exploring four of the human body systems. We will cover the digestive, skeletal, respiratory and cardiovascular systems.

Our last whole-class novel of the year in **Reading** will be *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton. Students will engage in large and small group activities and discussions to analyze this exciting, fast-paced novel.

In **Language Arts**, students will be completing their final writing assignments of the year and gearing up to take their vocabulary final exam. For a culminating project in reading and language arts, students will be working collaboratively to create a game board, demonstrating the various skills and concepts that they've learned this year.

Seventh grade **Algebra** will end the year completing the unit on rational numbers. They will solve equations with algebraic rational numbers. They will also investigate box and whisker plots.

Seventh grade **Pre-algebra** will complete a unit on volume and surface area and how changing one unit affects both of those. They will finish with a quick unit on statistics.

Seventh grade **Math** will complete the statistics unit working with histograms, line plots, scatter plots and circle graphs.

**ALL math classes, pre-algebra classes and algebra classes will have a review test the week of June 6.**

**EARTH SHUTTLE:** Informational meeting/sign ups Wednesday, May 25 @ 7:30 in the WMS cafe.

Registering by June 1st benefits you and your students.

- You earn DOUBLE Back to School rewards!
- Students and parents get a significant price discount AND avoid potential increases in travel cost.
- Families can spread out payments over several months.
- Earth Shuttle is an educational program for students interested in learning outside the classroom. Students take notes in all educational programs to use in writing a report when they return.

This year's itinerary includes:

- o Busch Gardens: Behind the scenes animal encounters, visit animal rescue and rehabilitation, get up-close encounters with giraffes, zebra, rare white rhinos and their equally awesome black rhino cousins while you learn about endangered and at-risk animals in the wild
- o Fort DeSoto State Park: participate in a dissection and kayak around mangroves in search of exotic plants and animals. Snorkeling, dip netting and beach study.
- o MOSI- Museum of Science and Industry: Participate in a simulated space mission in the Challenger Learning Center. Create a comet using common household materials.
- o American Pro-Diving: Snorkel w/Manatees; learn about the history and conservation of these endangered animals, explore Rainbow River and its abundant wildlife and search for prehistoric sharks teeth.
- o Discovery Cove - "Dolphin & Coral Reef Experience"

Students may register for the 2012 trip by picking up a registration form from Mrs. Pierpont or Miss Corbin.



# Check it Out!



Worried you won't have enough books to last through the summer?



Students currently in grades 5 to 7 may come to the Media Center at Windham Middle School on Monday, June 13 between 3:30 and 6:30 and check out a box or bag full of books to read over the summer.

Take time to browse the collection, enter the raffle, and enjoy light refreshments.

Please bring your own boxes.