

WILLARD 6-8 NEWSLETTER



It's hard to believe that we are already in the month of November, with Parent/Teacher Conferences right around the corner. All of the teaching, learning, and growth we experience in the 6-8 pod really keeps our calendar moving. With that said, attending school is very important. Therefore, anytime a student is tardy or miss school, valuable classroom instruction is missed. We miss our students when they are not in school, so please make every effort to get your child to school and on time.

Students have homework daily so please check with your child each night they come home. Also if you have questions concerning your child's grades and/or behavior do not hesitate to call the school to speak to his/her teacher(s). Finally, you can check on your child's grades and assignments daily through Progress Book. If you need your username and password, please call the school and we can provide you with all the necessary information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carly Polder
6-8 Pod Principal



Yearbooks are on sale now. The cost of the yearbook is \$16.00. Please send money in an envelope with your child's name on it and their classroom teacher's name. Cash and checks will be accepted. Please make checks payable to Willard School. A receipt will be provided. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Feeney at 330-675-8700 ext. 1301.

Art

8th Grade- Students will begin an in depth look at shading. Eighth graders have an understanding of what shading is, but need practice and reinforcement to shade images in a way that really improves how dimensional the image appears.

6th Grade- Students will begin working on projects based around art from different cultures around the world. Students will be learning how to create art in different styles and will use different mediums to achieve the desired artwork.

6-8 BAND

The 8th Grade Band members attended the WGH Football Game on October 25th. The band members played along with the WGH Marching Band during Pre-Game and played Band Cheers throughout the game. Thank you to all the chaperones that helped out. GREAT JOB 8th Graders. Also, our Willard Band sweatshirts looked awesome!!! Also, the Band and Choir Holiday Program will be on December 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.



- Nov 5 - NO SCHOOL WAIVER DAY
- Nov 8 - Academic Awards 6-8
- Nov 14 - Picture Make- Up Day
- Nov 15 - 8th Grade to Stambaugh Auditorium
- Nov 18- 22 Book Fair
- Nov 19 & 21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 pm
- Nov 27-29 Thanksgiving Break, Students Return December 2



Attached to this newsletter is the parent/teacher conference form for you to fill out and return to the school office.

Conferences will be held on:

Tuesday, Nov 19

Thursday, Nov 21

4:00 pm — 7:00 pm each evening

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU**

GEOGRAPHY BEE

If any 4th-8th grade student would like to participate in the National Geography Bee, the practices will start on Monday, November 4. The practices will meet in the band room (Rm 144) from 4:00-4:45. You must have a way home. Busses will not be available for this afterschool activity. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Feeney at 330-675-8700 ext. 1301. The National Geography Bee will be on Wednesday January 22 at 9:30 a.m. in the small gym.

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EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

At Willard PK-8 School, one of our top priorities is keeping your child safe. In the event of an emergency situation, your child will be kept with our staff until that situation is resolved. We understand that you are concerned about your child, and that these situations are scary, but we ask for your cooperation so that we can utilize our resources to care for our children. We will do our best in these situations to stay in contact with families through automated phone calls. If you are not receiving our automated phone calls, please make sure we have your correct phone number on file. If you have any questions regarding our procedures, please contact one of our administrators.

Guidance

November is National Gratitude Month. Prior to the Thanksgiving holiday, staff and students will participate in the You Matter Marathon. They will give and receive small cards with the words "You Matter" on them as a way to build connectedness and let others know they care.

Second Step lessons this month will focus on building and maintaining healthy friendships. Activities and discussions will challenge students to think about what kind of friend they are, discover what they value in friendships, and how they expect their friends to treat them.



Grade 6 During our new unit, students will learn about the special relationship between people and animals, considering how humans and animals can benefit each other. Students will read a variety of texts and view media as they discuss the Essential Question for the unit: How can people and animals relate to each other? We will start working on Informative/Explanatory writing based on this question as well. Please give your student the opportunity to continue the discussion at home through these guiding questions: What are some of the ways you could answer the question How can people and animals relate to each other? What do these selections say about our relationship to animals? How can animals teach us to be better people? Why do you think stories about animals are so popular in the media and in books and film?

Grade 7 The Essential Question in grade 7 is Should we make a home in space? During the month of November the students will be writing an Argument essay on the topic of Should we spend valuable resources on space exploration? All of the texts the students will be reading this month are selected to help them answer the question one way or another. Lessons that will be taught during this month are; Central Idea, Theme, Citing Evidence, Point of View and the TAPE strategy. Homework is given out every Monday-Thursday, please contact me at any time, if you have any questions about what the assignments were. Any time a student does not have homework, for reason, please encourage them to read at least fifteen minutes every night. Thank You very much for help, and for all you do with your child.

Grade 8 In 8th grade language arts we are working on a unit on the Holocaust. Students are reading "The Diary of Anne Frank, Act I" and will be reading an excerpt the graphic novel "Maus". We will begin an informational essay about the struggles of those who lived through the Holocaust. Please make sure you check in on your child's Progressbook to see where their progress is. Students need to be turning in assignments on time and come to class with all materials on time. Please reinforce the Warren acronym at home: Work ethic, Accountability, Responsibility, Respect, Effective Behavior, and No excuses.



Scholastic Book Fair is taking place during conferences November 19 and 21 from 4-6:30. The students will be able to shop during their scheduled day. K-2 pod's scheduled shopping day is November 18. 3-5 pod's scheduled shopping day is November 19. 6-8's scheduled shopping day is November 20. The book fair closes on Friday November 22 at 12 pm. Any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Whitmore at 330-675-8700 ext. 1032 or christine.whitmore@neomin.org.

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www.warrencityschools.org



You'll find lots of helpful information including our calendar, lunch menu and academic updates

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MATH

Grade 6 Students will continue to develop their algebra skills. They will be learning how to use variables to represent a quantity they don't know, how to use that variable to write an expression as well as solve it. Later in the month we will be learning how to reduce and enlarge figures appropriately/proportionally.

Grade 7 I hope that you have notice that your child has homework Monday-Thursday. You should see their blue binder and book on these days. Homework is a bit of a problem. We ready to finish chapter 2. Your child will be assessed as an individual and on a TEAM basis. When we start Chapter 3, "Arithmetic Properties," the content that will be covered in this chapter is as follows: 1- Strategies for grouping operations, 2-subtraction of integers and 3-extending the students understanding of operations with fractions and decimals to include division. Parent/Teacher Conferences for PK-8 will be held on November 19, 2019 (Tuesday) and November 21, 2019(Thursday). Both days will be from 4-7 pm. I hope to see you at this time. If you need to contact me for any reason, please call the school 330-675-8700. My extension is #1106. Leave a message with a phone number where I can reach you.

Compacted Math We are working on ratios and proportions. Homework is sent home on Monday and turned in by Friday of that same week. Students will not have homework on the week of tests, since they need the feedback from their homework to help them prepare for tests. Students need to be turning in assignments on time and come to class with all materials on time. Please reinforce the Warren acronym at home: Work ethic, Accountability, Responsibility, Respect, Effective Behavior, and No excuses.

Grade 8 As we progress through Chapter three, 8th graders will continue to work with graphs, tables, and equations to represent situations mathematically. Later in the chapter we will be working with Algebra Tiles again to solve equations. We will progress to solving equations without the tiles and determining if our equations have one, none, or many solutions. Into chapter four, we will continue our practice of making connections among graphs, tables, patterns, and rules with word problems. We will be putting our situations into $y = mx + b$ to make an easy transition to graphing our equations. Additional help is provided in the ebook if students are having trouble; all students have been given a sign-on to get the textbook via the internet. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns: valerie.thomas@neomin.org or at the school at 330-875-8700 ext 1108

Science

6th Grade Science I can't believe it's November already. Our sixth grade scientists will be working on our rock unit in Earth Science. We will begin by learning about Rock properties. Then, the students will learn about the different types of rocks and how they are formed. If time in November, our scientists will be studying and learning about Fossils.



7th Grade Science - Seventh grade science will be focusing energy transformation and the conservation of energy. Students will analyze the ways in which energy changes form, but the energy is neither created nor destroyed. In addition, students will evaluate the way energy is transferred by conduction, convection and radiation and how these concepts apply to everyday life.

8th Grade Science- "Hello 8th Grade Families! We are leaving Physics behind for now, and diving into Earth Science. During the month of November, your student will brush up on the concepts of Earth's Interior, Plate Tectonics, and Continental Drift. This unit places a large emphasis on reading, writing, and practical problem solving skills. Ask your child to talk with you about our Earth's rich Geological history to support learning at home! Go Raiders!"

Grade 6 Sixth grade social studies will have the opportunity to see a world beyond the borders of our town, state, and country—and particularly to see the world as it was before our time. Students will begin studying Ancient Mesopotamia. Learning to do research on the internet and creating presentations or writing papers using this information is an important part of our social studies curriculum. Students will become archaeologist

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Grade 7 In seventh grade social studies we are working on Ancient Rome. We will explore the legacy of Rome and look closely at their government and compare it to our government in the United States. We will also look at their achievements and the legacy that they left on the world. We will examine how their government changed from a republic to an empire. Lastly we will examine how their civilization came to an end.

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Grade 8 Our eighth graders are enjoying finishing up our learning about early explorers and settlements. In November, we will be learning about the American Revolution. The students will be focusing on the causes of the American Revolution. The students are really enjoying learning about the history of our country.