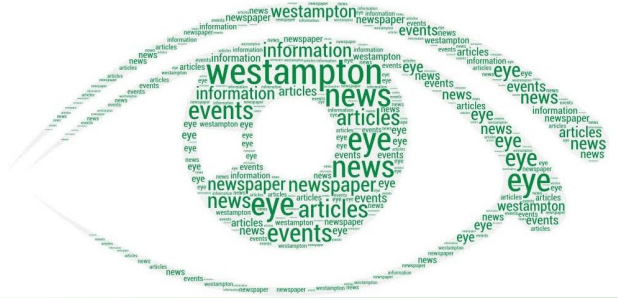


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The Book Fair Is Coming!

By:
Aaliyah T., Alexis C.

Looking to expand your bookshelf? WMS' PTO is running the annual book fair in the school library from November 17-22 with help of parent volunteers. The book fair is a showcase of new and popular books where students have an opportunity to buy books they may otherwise not have access to. It is like having a Barnes & Noble in your own school for a week. Students can come down with their LA

teachers to make purchases and can purchase books during parent teacher conferences. It's important that you bring money to purchase your books. The books are typically between \$1-20. The book fair also serves as a fundraiser to help the school buy library books and to organize other events. A few of the books that will be there include Cruel Crown (Prequel to New York Times bestseller Red Queen) and Ghosts By

Raina Telgemeier (author of Sisters and Smile). The event will also showcase the novel Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children and Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life, both of which have movies coming out soon. Some of the genres and types of books featured are historical stories relating to war, especially WWII; tween/teen drama; horror and thrillers; popular artists and series; preschool books; and nonfiction. There is merchandise there for everyone, so be sure to look around!



Student Council Lip Sync Battle

By Aaliyah T. & Hailie Anne W

Taking place on December 2, 2016 WMS will be having its first ever Lip Sync Contest in the All Purpose Room at 7:00pm. WMS StuCo and the WMS Music Dept. will be hosting the fundraiser. The goal of the event is to raise funds for the WMS StuCo. as well as the music department. Groups of 4+ students and groups of 4+

teachers will compete in the competition. The best group of the students and the best group of teachers will go head to head in the final round. Auditions were held to determine the performers. One of the best parts is that you don't have to be able to sing, just be able to lip sync and have fun! The

event will bring something new to the school, and will be a great experience for teachers, students, and competitors.



SEPTEMBER WINNERS

8th Grade:

DeAndre L.
Kierra S.

7th Grade:

Nia P.
Xavier G.

6th Grade:

Christian M.
Anna C.

5th Grade:

Natus L.
Tatiana M.

Others:

Shawn R. (Gold Card)
Megan R. (Musician)

Student Of The Month

By Ian M.

What pops into your mind when you hear “Student of the Month” (SOM)? Someone who’s respectful? Disciplined? Kind? A few weeks ago, I had the privilege to sit down with some of the September Students of the Month during their breakfast to ask them a few things. Here’s what they said.*

IM: How does it feel to win SOM?
Anna C.: “Really good, actually. I won last year, last month, in May.”
DeAndre L.: “It feels great. It’s

a lot of stress to see if I won, with all the good stuff I’ve done this month.”

IM: Shawn, has winning SOM made you a different person?
Shawn R.: “It has made me a different person.”

IM: Megan, has winning Musician of the Month made you a different person?

Megan R.: “Yeah. It’s cool, being the first one to win, you know.”

IM: Have you told your parents? If so, how did they react?
Nia P.: “Yes, I have. They said ‘good job’. It’s been my third time.”

Christian M.: “Yes, they were very happy; very, very happy.”

IM: Mr. Andris, what’s it like preparing for this every month, time and time again?
Mr. Andris: “Well, I grew up feeding a large family, so it feels right at home... I love my people and family.”



**Editor’s Note: some quotes may have been edited for*

Middle School Transitions: What It’s Like to be the Youngest Kids in the School

By Zaya M.

Remember when it was your first day of fifth grade? We interviewed some fifth and sixth graders about their experiences as young middle school students. Here’s what they said:

Question 1: Do you feel any younger than you did in 4th grade since you are now the

little ones?

“No, it’s actually a lot harder.”~Arda O.

“Yes, now I feel like a baby when I used to be the boss!” ~Carly S.

Question 2: Is WMS boring to you? Or is it a lot more fun than you expected?

“Both, because we get more fun Friday, but a lot of homework.”~Miranda C.

“A lot more fun because of clubs.”
Kayla P.

Question 3: What is the main difference you’ve seen throughout the middle school that is different from HHS?

“Switching classes, lots of



Middle School Transitions: What 8th Graders Wish They Knew in 5th Grade

By Alex M. and Hailie Anne W.

The question “what do you wish you knew in 5th grade?” can yield different responses based on our experiences at WMS. As the oldest students in school, we have the ability to share our knowledge from experiences with younger students as they begin and continue their middle school journey.

Our questions to the eighth graders were:
Q1:What are some things that you wish you would have known in fifth grade that

you now know as an eighth grader?

Q2: If you were to tell a fifth grader something about the school or a teacher what would it be?

Q3: Who is your favorite teacher?

Six out of the 15 students interviewed said that Mrs. Perry was their favorite teacher.

One student in particular stood out when asked the second question was Myles B. when he told interviewers he would tell a fifth grader to “be prepared to what comes

next.” This stood out because it has a lot of meaning, as high school is just around the corner.

Gracie B said that she wishes that she knew how each category of her grades weighed in. This would be very helpful to know in case you bombed a homework or classwork.

8th graders are in a position to be role models for younger students in this school. Think of what you wish you knew in 5th grade and help out our new students.

Staff Spotlight of the Month

By Assata A., Saniya S., and Noor E.

November's staff spotlight is awarded to **Mrs. Palmese**. Mrs. Palmese is a sixth-grade Language Arts teacher.

One thing you might not know about Mrs. Palmese is that she wanted to be a pediatrician growing up. Mrs. Palmese can be described as empathetic. She was motivated in different ways. For example, in college she liked all subjects, so she decided to be an Elementary

school teacher because they teach all subjects.

She has taught 4th through 8th grade. Her favorite grades are 6th and 7th. She has taught at our school for 3 years. What she would like her students to achieve this school year is to realize that "writing is important to be successful in life".

Some of Mrs. Palmese's hobbies are reading, writing, cooking, yoga, and travel. Her favorite sports team is the Eagles, and her

favorite color is black. Last but not least, she is surprised and honored to be teacher of the month and thanks everybody who voted for her.



Students, if you feel that a teacher is doing great things, be sure to check your student Gmail account and vote for December's Staff Spotlight.

Advice

By Sophie L.

I am a new student at WMS and am having trouble making new friends. How can I make new friends here?

When you're adjusting to a new school, some advice is to join clubs, such as chorus, drama, sports, or

newspaper. To do well in a new school, pay attention to all the teachers and work hard. For me, when it was my first year here, I had a lot of trouble with work and grades.

Sometimes I had trouble being confident answering questions. When you meet new people in your class, try and talk to them.

Join other tables at lunch with other people from your grade. Good luck!

**Editor's Note: Mrs. Malecki was consulted for this article and is a great resource for*



Game Review: FIFA 17

By: Tony T.

One of the best looking games that came out recently is FIFA 17. It was released on September 23, 2016. FIFA 17 rated E for Everyone which means it is acceptable to play for all audiences. It is for the platforms PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, and

Xbox 360. I have seen commercials and it looks very intriguing. With soccer players like Messi and Ronaldo, both of which were also featured in FIFA 16, however with slightly different rankings, it is bound to be great. There's another magnificent player named Neymar Jr. featured in the

game with a ranking of 92; this is two less than Ronaldo (94), and one less than Messi (93). Marco Reus is on the cover. Like FIFA 16, they have the Women's National Soccer League available on the game as well. It looks like a lot of fun to play!





Welcome New Staff!



By: Nicholas M., Krysten W., Jada G., and Saniya S.

Westampton Middle School is a great place to learn and grow. This school year, WMS was washed away with a wave of new students from Holly Hills. Along with the fifth graders came some new teachers as well. We would like to recognize new teachers Dr. DiSalvio, Mrs. Wesolowski, and Mr. Krisch. Fun fact: Mr. Krisch and Mrs. Wesolowski are from Holly Hills too! Here are their views on their new school, and the upcoming year.

Mrs. Wesolowski

We interviewed former Holly Hills' fourth grade math teacher, Mrs. Wesolowski:

Question: How does it feel to be a new teacher at Westampton Middle School?

Answer: It feels great to be a WMS teacher. There are so many cool events and assemblies! I love the school spirit here at WMS.

Question: Would you have wanted to stay in Holly Hills. If so why

or why not?

Answer: If I stayed at Holly Hills then I wouldn't have had to leave so many great colleagues. I really miss working with so many awesome and talented teachers. But, it is great to meet and learn new things from the WMS teachers.

Question: What is the best part of your job?

Answer: The best part of my job is working with and getting to know so

many amazing students. I love watching my students learn and grow as the year progresses. This has been unique because I am teaching many of the same students I had in 4th grade. It is a cool experience!

Mr. Krisch

Next, we have Mr. Kirsch's interview:

Question: What is it like being a teacher in middle school?

Answer: It is very rewarding to be again teaching at WMS

Question: What is the best part of your job here at Westampton Middle School?

Answer: Seeing all my former students grown

up!

Question: What's your goal for your students this year? Do you have a goal set for yourself as well?

Answer: For students to continue doing well and for me to create lessons meeting the curriculum.



Dr. DiSalvio

Finally, we have Dr. DiSalvio's interview:

Question: What is the best part of your job here at Westampton Middle School?

Answer: I get to teach young people music. All day. Every day. What's better than that?

Question: What do you want to achieve being here at Westampton Middle School?

Answer: I'd like to get as many students as possible active in music. This doesn't mean that everybody in school should join band, chorus, or strings! I'd

just like to see all of our students cultivate an understanding and deep appreciation for the impact that music has on all of our lives.

Question: How do you feel about teaching in general? Did you always want to be a teacher?

Answer: Teaching is an amazing profession. It's not easy, and there are certainly difficulties that come along with it, but being a teacher has always been something that was important to me. Teaching is one of my favorite things to do!



Fall Sports Scoreboard

By: AJ G. and Darrien G.

With a 4-0-2 record, Westampton Middle School's soccer team as had much success this year. Mr. Yuerke's talented players have made him proud. We had a chance to interview him.

When we asked him if he thought the Giants were the best team, here's what he had to say.

"All teams are equally matched. 4 wins, 2 ties and all of our games are close."

Mr. Yuerke says that his team works hard the entire game. They've been losing or tied late in the game, but they always find a way to win.

Mr. Yuerke likes to have new additions to

his team every year to the soccer. He encourages students not to wait until 8th grade, but to try-out for the soccer team every year.

The soccer team's last game was on October 26th. Below are the stats for the soccer team.

Games: Score/Outcome

Giants vs. Riverside	W 3-1
Giants vs. Willingboro Memorial	W 4-0
Giants vs. Eastampton	T 1-1
Giants vs. Moorestown	T 2-2
Giants vs Westfield Friends	W 5-1
Giants vs. Northern Burlington	W 3-2

Name Goals

Alexis L.	6
Kendall D.	3
Trevor J.	2
Brent O.	2
Owen D.	2
Rachel S.	1
Brianna O.	1
Gianni R.	1

* These results were prior to October 15

Fall Sports Poll

By AJ G. and Darrien G.

The Westampton Eye surveyed numerous students to see what their favorite MLB team, and the poll was lopsided. The Philadelphia Phillies were the most chosen for a favorite sports with 106 votes followed by the New York Yankees with 47 votes.

Logo	Team Name	Votes	Logo	Team Name	Votes
	Philadelphia Phillies	127		Kansas City Royals	19
	Boston Red Sox	63		Atlanta Braves	16
	New York Yankees	54		Arizona Diamondbacks	13
	Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim	49		Milwaukee Brewers	12
	Toronto Blue Jays	36		St Louis Cardinals	9
	New York Mets	29		Tampa Bay Rays	8
	Los Angeles Dodgers	26		Oakland Athletics	1
	Pittsburgh Pirates	19		Cincinnati Reds	1

Congratulations, Kelton!

By Ian M.

Recently, a special someone at WMS won the JBT bowling tournament on October 15th at the King Pin Bowling Alley. The name? Kelton B. from the 7th grade! Kelton competed against the state's best bowlers and took the title, and the Grand Prize of \$1,600 is scholarship money! Now, Kelton has a new Junior Gold Tournament Coach and hopes to win 2017's Junior Gold Championship title. Huge round of applause to Kelton!

Community Events

By Juliana P

Do you like going to clubs, festivals and volunteering? Read this article on some of the events that are going on around Westampton. Places in Cinnaminson, Hainesport, and Burlington are hosting upcoming events. You might not have to go anywhere and just sit and watch the exciting events on your television. Eat some popcorn and relax. I'm sure you all are excited for November 6. Get to sleep in and sit around in your fuzzy pajamas all day eating ice cream. It's daylight savings time! Who do you like: Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

Who would make a better president? November 8 is your day! Vote and see who becomes president on Election Day.

Hanging out with your family can be boring; however, winning prizes and eating chocolate popcorn can make it fun. I think the Fall Festival would be great for you and your family to go to. Go to this cool festival on November 6 106, Broad Street. Are you bored at home watching television? The Friends animal shelter in Burlington will keep you busy all November long. Give food, toys, or money to the shelter in the donation drive. You can help all of the animals in the shelter by just giving something little. Do you need some time off just to have some fun? Go to BCLS library in

Cinnaminson for dancing, short stories, and more. For ages 5-12 on November 12. Like scavenger hunts? Make crafts and look for clues on November 7 In BCLS Burlington County Library from 4-6 pm for ages 4 and up. Have a new Iphone or Ipad and don't know how to use it? The workshop would be great for you. All you need is your device fully charged, paper, and your username and apple password at the BCLS library in Cinnaminson. Hope you go to some of these events and enjoy them.



Quirky Holidays

World Peace Day

By Aaliyah T.

November 17 marks World Peace Day. World Peace Day falls on November 17 every year. It was started by a man named Don Morris of Miami, Florida in 1997. World Peace Day is supposed to encourage people to be kind and peaceful toward one

another. Its intent is to get people talking and teaching each other how to be peaceful and avoid war. Individuals should take part in making the world a better place. One activity people are encouraged to try on world Peace Day is to fold origami cranes and place or hang them

around your town.

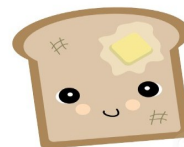
French Toast Day

By Juliana P.

French Toast Day takes place on November 28, 2016. French toast is an awesome food. In other parts of the

world, French toast is also called Spanish Toast, German Toast, and eggy bread. We don't know specifically when it originated, but we know that it was around or before Roman times. On this Holiday, be sure to remind your families to eat French toast. Do you want to know how to make homemade French toast? Look to the left for the recipe!

Ingredients	Directions
1 egg	1) Beat egg, vanilla, cinnamon, and milk in bowl.
1 Teaspoon Vanilla Extract	2) Dip bread in egg mixture, turning to coat both sides evenly
½ Teaspoon Ground cinnamon	3) Cook bread slices on lightly greased non-stick griddle or skillet on medium heat until browned on both sides
¼ Cup Milk	
4 Slices Bread	



More Quirky Holidays

Fast Food Day

By L'Nasia B.

What's your favorite fast food place? What if there was a day that you can go to that fast food place to celebrate it? Well reader, you are in luck! National Fast Food Day is a "quirky holiday" that people celebrate on November 16th. On this day, people from all around the world can go to any fast food place that they please. Some examples are:

- McDonald's
- Burger King
- Checkers

- Chick-fil-A
- Wendy's
- In and Out burger
- Sonic
- Popeye's
- Arby's

Go to these places to get delicious food! Also, there are usually coupons and low prices for fast food on this day. You should check it out!

Square Dance Day

By Jada G.

Love to square dance? Maybe you can celebrate that on the twenty ninth of November. You can go all cowboy on



that day! Square dancing has a history in traditional English, Irish and Scottish folk dance. The dance normally forms in patterns of lines, circles, and squares. The person who tells the dancers what to do is called a caller. Square dancing is associated with an image of the old Wild West. The Western American Square Dance may be the most famous type of square dance! Square Dances were first documented by the European settlers. The Square dance is the official dance in 19 American states. Here's how to celebrate this day to the fullest: learn how to square dance. Go to a dance school that teaches a square dance class, or try finding a video on YouTube. If you don't do good at first, keep practicing and maybe you'll get the hang of it! You can do this with your friends and

Our School's Creativity Corner

By Alexis C.

The Creativity Corner is a competition open to every student in Westampton Middle School. Students are allowed to submit a large range of mediums including, but not limited to: inspirational quotes, photographs, poems, drawings and short stories. The rules are that the piece must be original and appropriate; students can't submit pictures of other students, portraits, or selfies, as the newspaper goes online and such would be a privacy concern. Students will be expected to submit their piece in the box in the library which is clearly labeled at Ms. Soult's desk. For any additional information, please contact Ms. Soult in the library.

Photography Submission: Which Fall Are You?

by Hallie Anne W.



The Maze

By Assata A.

Be a maze runner in our school and find these items before December 16th. Before the maze closes!

1. Where is the picture of D.Elaine Harris, principal with 31 year dedication service,
2. What hallway is the Daniel J.Martin Computer lab? located?
3. Whose room is room 31?
4. Where the picture of Mark Wilczopolski?
5. Where is small group Room 3 located ?
6. Where is the square cup of red pens?
7. What hallway is the memorial of James A. Noonan?
8. What door does Montez homeroom go out for fire drill?
9. How many tables are normally in the lunchroom?
10. Guess how many square tiles are throughout the school.

Please hand in your answers on a separate piece of paper to Ms. Soult in the School library Media Center.

By Matthew R.

JINKY

BY M.R



It's another fantastic Saturday in Cat City.

Today, Jinky is playing Minecraft. He is having lots of fun.

Suddenly Jinky got sucked into his computer.

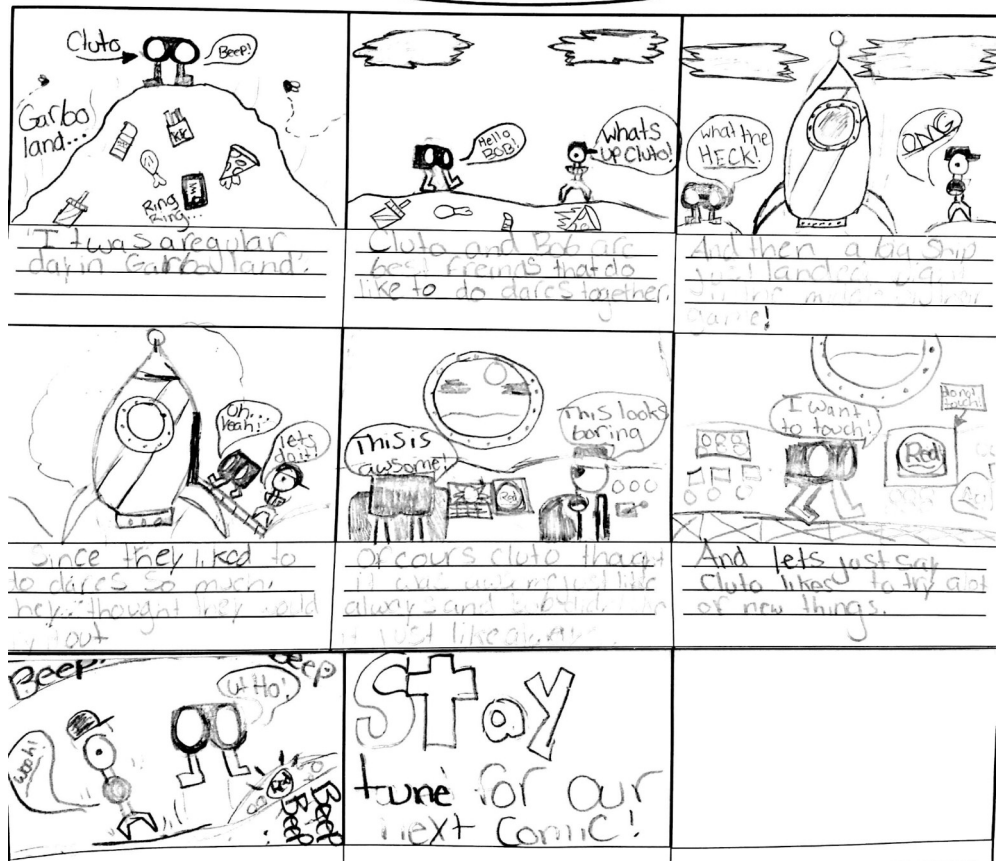
He opened his eyes and appeared to be in Minecraft. A Creeper ran away as he chased it.

Suddenly, a block of TNT fell out of the sky. Jinky was blown out of his computer.

At last, Jinky told all his many friends about his awesome adventure!

Cloto!

By Riley S.



It was a regular day in Garbo land.

Cloto and Bob are best friends that do like to do dares together.

And then a big ship just landed in the water. What a mystery!

Since they liked to dare so much, they thought they would do it.

Of course Cloto thought it was awesome and Bob thought it was boring.

And let's just say Cloto likes to try out new things.

Stay tuned for our next comic!