



WHITTHORNE PARENT NEWSLETTER

Our Vision:

WMS exists to embrace the community of Columbia to provide rigorous instruction with a compassionate model where hope meets opportunity.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Monday 8/26 - A Day

WMSPA Mum Sale 8/26 - 9/6 *forms sent home on Friday

Student Fun Committee Meeting

Tuesday 8/27- B Day

Whitthorne Wagon – 5th grade

Watch D.O.G.S. Launch Event 6:00

Volleyball VS SHMS 4:00

Soccer VS BCMS 4:00

Wednesday 8/28 - A Day

Whitthorne Wagon – 6^h grade

WE Wednesday PLC Meetings / WE Wednesday Mentor Meeting

Thursday 8/29 - B Day

Whitthorne Wagon – 7th grade

Football @ EO Coffman 6:00

Volleyball @ Zion 4:30

Soccer @ SHMS 4:00

FCA Leadership Day

Friday 8/30 - A Day

WMSPA Mum Sale Turn In Day

Whitthorne Wagon – 8th grade

Best Buddies Meeting & Lunch during TIGER TIME

Monday 9/2 - No School - Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday 9/3 - No School - Teacher PD Day

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*On Facebook - [fb.me/wmssuccess](https://www.facebook.com/wmssuccess)

*On Twitter- @wmstigers

*WMS Website- <http://whitthornemiddlemauryk12.ss9.sharpschool.com/>

NEWS TO KNOW:

WMSPA MUM SALE

- **SALE DATES: 8/26 - 9/6**
- **TURN IN DATES: 8/30, 9/5, and 9/6**
- **VOUCHERS DELIVERED: 9/12**

WMS ATHLETICS

- We greatly appreciate the student spirit and support at our home athletic events. However, students are NOT allowed to stay after school until game time; they must dismiss home and return for the game. Thank you for helping support our TIGERS and follow school safety procedures.
- 5th grade students who would like to join the WMS running club need to pick up forms from Mrs. Beard (room 232) or Ms. Whitacre (room 221). We will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 3:45. Our first meet is on September 25th. Please return the forms ASAP. Our first practice will be Tuesday September 5th. Forms must be returned for you to attend practice.

- If you are interested in trying out for the swim team, the signup sheet is on the bulletin board outside the boys' gym. Please go by and sign up if you want to try out for the swim team.



OFFICER ROSA'S

TIP of the WEEK

There are many security risks when it comes to cell phones and finding a lost phone can be frustrating. Here are a few tips that will help:

- Use a PIN/keylock code to lock your phone.
- Use a code to lock your SIM card.
- Make sure you have FIND MY IPHONE set up for Apple devices and FIND MY DEVICES by Google for Android phones.

GET CREATIVE!!

best buddies shirt design contest!

•any wms student may enter•

ideas must be submitted to mrs.rhinehart by
9/4/19



THE WHITTORNE WAGON

The Whitthorne Wagon is back! Students can purchase items off the wagon with the Live School points they earn by following The Whitthorne Way.

Whitthorne Wagon will come to your classrooms during 1st period

Tues -5th

Wed - 6th

Thur - 7th

Fri - 8th



We look forward to the upcoming Watch D.O.G.S. and filling the halls of WMS with Dads of Great Students! Join us for the 2019-2020 Watch D.O.G.S. Launch Event and Pizza Night - August 27th @6:00. Contact Mrs. Poag or Mrs. Ervin for more information. (learn more at <http://www.fathers.com/>)

FIRE WARNING INFORMATION

A fire can breakout with little or no warning. The more prepared you are, the safer you will be.

- Know your emergency evacuation routes at school and at home. Don't forget to identify a secondary evacuation route in case your primary route is not available.
- Emergency supply kits can help you be prepared. Items to keep in your emergency kit include a flashlight, batteries, first aid kit, whistle, phone lists, paper, pencil, water, and non-perishable snacks.
- Smoke detectors should be located on every floor of your home and near all places that you and your family sleep. Smoke detector batteries should be changed on a regular basis.
- Have a meeting location at school and at home that everyone will gather after a fire evacuation. A meeting location will help you quickly verify that everyone made it out safely.
- Once you evacuate due to a fire, NEVER go back inside a burning building. Once out, stay out. Firefighters will rescue anyone who needs help.

WMS is in session 7:45-2:45. Students may enter the building at 7:00 and report to the cafeteria. At 7:15 all 5th graders will choose breakfast or report to the library. At 7:30 students may move to their 1st period class and BE READY to start the day at 7:45.



Car Rider Procedures for 2019-2020

For the safety of all of our students, faculty, staff, parents, and for an easy flow, the following procedures will be in place for drop off in the morning.

- 1.) Entrance to Whitthorne begins at the stoplight on Hampshire Pk.
- 2.) Proceed to driveway that passes in front of gym. Continue all the way down to the END of the covered walkway before dropping off students.
- 3.) After dropping off students continue forward and loop all the way around the parking lot circle and either exit to the right or go left to return to the stoplight.

If you need to PARK, please drive the entire loop of the parking lot to enter an aisle/parking spot. Please do not cut through the aisles to enter or exit the parking lot. This creates a safety hazard for others.

As we transition to this procedure, please keep the safety of all students, parents, faculty, and staff in mind.

TARDY PROCEDURES:

Car riders that are tardy to school, MUST have a parent/guardian come into the office and sign the student in.

Whitthorne Middle School is committed to working to ensure the education and safety of every student. With this commitment, please follow the tardy procedures. Beginning August 1st, any car rider students that are tardy to school, **MUST** be signed in by a parent/guardian upon arrival. All students received a WMS Attendance Contract in the beginning of the year packet that outlines all attendance procedures, please read, sign, & return.

WMSPA Information:

The Whitthorne Parent Association (WMSPA) encourages you to become part of our organization! Our purpose is to encourage parent involvement and support our students and teachers throughout the year. PLUS we want everyone to have FUN in the process!!

Enrollment forms are attached to the email!

We also know that parents have a lot going on and so involvement in WMSPA can be what you want and need it to be – from a one-time event to year- round participation and there is NO fee to join.

- Contact Deysi Cook, president, for more information. (cooks38401@gmail.com)



#WMSuccess SHOUT OUTS:

- Shout out to **Vanessa Kenderine** for turning in money she found.
- · Shout out to **Nyla Pointer** for turning in money she found
- · Shout out to **Di’Naveah Mitchell** for excellent attitude and hard work!
- · From Ms. Hayes: **Dereon Trice**-Thanks for having a good attitude
- · From Mrs. McDuffee: **Jaiden Logan** is working so hard in math class
- · **ELL students** are doing great
- **Mrs. Short** – for completing the task of checking the checked white cards
- **Saveyon Calahan**, thank you for being a great student and helping your substitute on Friday.
- · Shout out to **everyone** for working so hard every night
- · Shout out to **Ms. Baker and Ms. Sowell** for holding the math class down on the 6th grade team.
- **Coach Armstrong and Coach Bryant** for covering all of the boys PE classes in Coach Bullock’s absence.

THANK YOU for making #WMSuccess

WMS BEST BUDDIES:



Go to: www.bestbuddiesonline.org to join. Last year members must reapply!

FOLLOW WMS BEST BUDDIES

Facebook: Whitthorne Best Buddies

Instagram: WhitthorneBB

Twitter: @WhitthorneBB



ATTENDANCE GOOD NEWS

Let's go ALL TIGERS, WE ALL need to be at school ALL day EVERY day!
Let's work to BE READY & RESPONSIBLE & PRESENT!

Keep coming to school each day, all day- it'll show!

Your attendance matters and leads to #WMSsuccess



DRESS CODE POLICY

Please see the 2019-20 adopted Dress Code Policy -6.310

- Jeans with holes are okay, if there is fabric underneath, we should not see any skin through the holes.
- Shirts should BE short or long sleeved and should NOT be cropped.
- Hoodies can be worn, but hoods must not be worn on the head inside the school.

TITLE I:

Dr. Christopher J. Marczak
Superintendent



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Dr. Ronald L. Woodard
Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

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Assistant Superintendent of Operations

ESSA Parents Right to Know

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law on December 10, 2015. ESSA reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. ESSA is the nation's general education law and, as such, has been revised by Congress many times over the years.

In accordance with the Every Students Succeeds Act/PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW, this is a notification from Maury County Public Schools that you have the right to request and receive in a timely manner: a) information regarding the professional qualifications of your student's classroom teachers.

This includes information about whether the student's teacher:

- 1) has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- 2) is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- 3) is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher; and
- 4) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications. [ESSA 1112(e)(1)(A)(i)-(ii)]

For information on teacher certification and licensing please visit the Tennessee Department of Education's website at <https://www.tn.gov/education/section/licensing>

In addition to the above information you will be notified if your student has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the applicable state certification for licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned. ESSA 1112(e)(1)(B)(ii)]

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's principal or me at 931-388-8403 extension 8121 or via email at gaines@mauryk12.org.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Gaines

Scott A. Gaines, Federal Programs Supervisor

Educating every child for LIFE!

TECHNOLOGY / CELL PHONE REMINDERS

- Students can bring cell phones and devices to school but are expected to follow the district and school policies and procedures.
 - MCPS Policy on Technology
 - Policy #6.300-
http://images.pcmac.org/Uploads/TennesseeSBA/TennesseeSBA/Departments/DocumentsCategories/Documents/6300_%7BSISf3cee2c55210%7D.pdf
 - WMS Handbook on Technology
 - Students are allowed to use cell phones and other electronic devices for educational purposes **only**, with permission from a teacher. This is considered “Green Zone” usage. A “Yellow Zone” areas means the device is face down and permission must be given for use. A “Red Zone” area means the device should be off and students may not use. “Red Zone” areas include the cafeteria, hallways, gyms, locker rooms, band rooms, bathrooms, and any classrooms where teachers have not given students permission to use electronic devices.
- **The Whitthorne Way / WMS School-Wide Expectations:**
 - TIGERS are RESPECTFUL by:
 - Using technology and devices for intended educational purposes
 - Taking care of personal and school equipment
 - TIGERS are RESPONSIBLE by:
 - Following BYOD policy
 - Reporting any technological issues as they occur
 - TIGERS are READY by:
 - Knowing or having login information
 - Having personal devices charged and ready for class
 - Knowing assignments and staying on appropriate sites



STOPIT is an app MCPS and WMS uses for students to report bullying or other items to the school counselors, dean, and administration. Just download the app on your device and use the login code: nobullyWMS.

Students can find this information on the posters near each restroom.



TIGERS Year at a Glance

September-

- 2 Labor Day Holiday
- 3 Professional Development Day
Volleyball @ Zion 5:30
- 4 Volleyball @ EA Cox 4:00

- WMS Faculty Meeting
- Band Fundraiser Kick Off
- 5 Football VS Bridgeforth 6:30 – TIGER Night
- Soccer @ Bridgeforth 4:30
- 9 Volleyball @ BCMS 4:00
- Soccer VS EA Cox 4:00
- 10 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 7:00
- Volleyball @ Culleoka 4:00
- 12 Football VS EA Cox 6:00
- Volleyball @ HUS 4:00
- Soccer @ MPMS 4:00
- 13 Volleyball VS SFUS 4:00
- 8 grade band night @ CHS
- 16 Jr. Beta Inductions
- 17 Volleyball @ SHMS 4:30
- Soccer VS SHMS 4:00
- 18 WMS Leadership Team Meeting
- 19 Football @ Dickson Co 6:30
- Volleyball VS CA 4:00 / 8th Grade Nights
- Soccer @ EA Cox 4:00
- Discovery Club (5/6 grade) @ 3:00
- 21 Volleyball County Tournament @ WMS 9:00 – 4:00

- 23 Soccer @ Culleoka 4:30
- 24 Fall Picture Day
- Soccer @ BCMS 4:00
- STEAM Night 5:30-7:00
- 25 WMS Mentor Meeting
- 26 Soccer VS CA 4:30
- 30-4 Q1 Exam Week

October-

- 1-4 Q1 Exam Week
- 2 WMS Faculty Meeting
- 4- Q1 Ends
- 7-11 Fall Break
- 14 Grades Due to be Posted
- Verification Reports Printed AND Due
- 16 Q1 Report Cards
- WMS Leadership Team Meeting
- 16-21 Q1 Data Days
- 18 Duck River Education Day (5th grade)
- 23 WMS Mentor Meeting
- 24 Fall Band Concert 6:00 pm
- 25 Q1 Awards Day
- 7:50 – 8th grade

10:33 – 6th grade

12:50 – 5th grade

1:44 – 7th grade

29 NAEP Testing

POE Night & Event 6:00

30 Picture Retake & Band

November-

4 Basketball VS Zion 6:00

5 Basketball VS CUS 6:00

6 WMS Faculty Meeting

7 Basketball @ BCMS 6:00

11 Basketball @ SFUS 6:00

12 Q2 Parent Teacher Conferences

14 Basketball @ EA Cox 4:00

16 Fall Festival

19 Basketball VS Lewisburg 6:00

20 WMS Leadership Team Meeting

21 Basketball VS SHMS 4:00

22 Professional Development Day

23 Midstate Band Auditions (7/8 grade)

25-29 Thanksgiving Break

NO Mentor Meeting

December-

- 3 Basketball VS CA 6:00
- 4 WMS Faculty Meeting
- 5 Basketball VS BCMS 6:00
- 6 Jazz Band Christmas Tour
- 9-14 All Maury Basketball Tourney
- 16 Basketball @ Zion 6:00
- 16-19 Q2 Exam Week
- 17 Winter Band Concert @CHS
- 18 WMS Leadership Team Meeting
- 19 Basketball VS MPMS 6:00
- 20 Q2 Ends / Half Day
In school Band Concert
- 23 Winter Break Begins
NO Mentor Meeting

January-

- 3 Winter Break Ends
- 6 Professional Development Day
- 7 Q2 Verification Reports Run & Due
Basketball @ CA 6:00
- 8 Q2 Report Cards
WMS Faculty Meeting

- 8-10 Q2 Data Days
- 9 Basketball VS EA Cox 4:00
- 9-11 Midstate Concert Band
- 13 Basketball @ MPMS 6:00
- 14 Basketball @ Lewisburg 6:00
- 15 WMS Leadership Team Meeting
- 16 Basketball @ SHMS 4:00
Parents, Principals, & Pastries 9:00 am
- 16-18 Midstate Jazz Band
- 17 Q2 Awards Day
7:50 – 8th grade
10:33 – 6th grade
12:50 – 5th grade
1:44 – 7th grade
- 20 MLK Holiday
- 22 WMS Mentor Meeting
- 30-31 All County Honor Band

February-

- 4 Q3 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 7:00
- 5 WMS Faculty Meeting
- 12 Fundraiser Kick Off
- 17 President’s Day Holiday

- 19 WMS Leadership Team Meeting
- 25 Literacy Night – Bingo for Books 5:30
- 26 WMS Mentor Meeting

March-

- 4-10 Q3 Exam Week
- 4 WMS Faculty Meeting
- 10 Spring Pictures
- 11 Q3 Ends
- 11-13 CPA Performance (Concert & Honors Band only)
- 16 Professional Development Day
- 17 Q3 Grades Due to be Posted
- 18 Q3 Verification Reports Run AND Due
WMS Leadership Team Meeting
- 20 Q3 Report Cards Issued
- 21 Solo & Ensemble Band @ EA Cox
- 23-26 Q3 Data Days
- 24 March Band Concert
- 25 WMS Mentor Meeting
- 27 Q3 Awards Day
7:50 – 8th grade
10:33 – 6th grade
12:50 – 5th grade

1:44 – 7th grade

30 Spring Break Begins

April-

3 Spring Break Ends

4 Mule Day

8 WMS Faculty Meeting

10 Good Friday Holiday

14 Q4 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 7:00

15 WMS Leadership Team Meeting

20 TCAP TNREADY / EOC Testing Window Opens

20 - 5/1 5th grade Band Recruitment

22 WMS Mentor Meeting

25 WMS Jazz Festival

28 5th grade Band Parent Meeting

May-

2-3 7/8 grade Honors Trip

2 Instrument Placement Day

4-8 Q4 Exam Week

4-14 Honor Band Auditions

6 WMS Faculty Meeting

9 5/6 grade Honors Trip

11-15 Q4 Data Days

- 12 May Band Concert @CHS
- 13 Q4 Grades Due to be Posted
Tea with a TIGER
- 14 Whitthorne Today May Madness Kickball Tournament
- 15 Q4 Verification Reports Run AND Due
- 19 Q4 Ends
Last Day / Report Cards Issued
- 20 Admin. /In-Service Day