

West Deptford Middle School

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7th & 8th Grade Band and Choir Students are Broadway Bound!

On May 30, 2018, the WDMS 7th & 8th Band and Choir students, along with several WDMS staff members and parent chaperone, will travel to New York City to see Anastasia on Broadway at the Broadhurst Theatre. This trip is the culmination of hard work, dedication and over a year and half of fundraising efforts! Students, staff and parent chaperones will travel to NYC via coach buses. Upon arriving, they will have the opportunity to take in the sights and enjoy lunch before heading into the Broadhurst Theatre to see what is sure to be an amazing performance. The WDMS Music Department appreciates all of the support it has received and is hoping to make Broadway an annual adventure!



8th Grade Farewell - A Night at the Boardwalk!

What better way to end the school year than with a hint of summer vacation and the Jersey shore! On May 18, the 8th grade students will enjoy their 8th Grade Farewell, "A Night at the Boardwalk" from 7pm -10 pm in the WDMS Cafeteria! The night will be filled with fun games, scrumptious food, and beautiful decorations reminiscent of a Jersey Shore Boardwalk. There will be a photo booth with props and a DJ to keep the night moving! Dress attire is casual so students should wear their favorite pair of flip-flops and shorts! The night is sure to be filled with memories to last a lifetime! This event is sponsored by the WDMS Student Council and is free for all 8th grade students! Students should see Mrs. Thurston or Ms. Ramagli with questions.



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1

PTO mtg 6:30 pm, WDMS library

May 1

PTO BOGO Book Fair 3-8 pm

May 2

Stocks Pound Cake pickup

May 2

PTO BOGO Book Fair 8am-2 pm

May 7-10

PARCC Testing- Gr. 5 & 8

May 7

High School Fall Sports Meetings

May 8

PTO Spirit Wear Order Pick-Up

May 9

Spring Concert 7pm

7/8 band & 5/6 choir

May 10

High School Winter Sports Meetings

May 11

High School Spring Sports Meetings

May 11

Early dismissal, 12:29 pm

May 14-17

PARCC Testing- Gr. 6 & 7

May 16

Gr. 5 Legends Ballpark, 3:30-5:30pm

May 16

Spring Concert 7 pm

7/8 choir & 6th gr band

May 18

8th grade Farewell Event

7-10 pm WDMS

May 21-25

PARCC test makeup week

May 24

6/7 gr Legends Ballpark, 3:30-5:30pm

May 28

School closed-Memorial Day

May 29-30

NJSLA-S Science Assessment

Grades 5 & 8

May 30

WDMS Band/Choir Broadway trip

May 30

Lost & Found donated

May 31

8th gr Great Adventure trip

May 31

L.E.A.D. Bowling Party-5th gr

May 31-June 1

NJSLA-S Science Assessment Make-Ups, Grades 5 & 8

PARCC Testing is finally here!

WDMS PARCC TESTING SCHEDULE

This year's PARCC assessment will be administered between May 7 and May 11 for all fifth and eighth graders and on May 14 through May 18 for all sixth and seventh graders. Any student who is absent during the week of their assessment will participate in the make up session the week of May 21. The chart below outlines the WDMS PARCC testing schedule. Morning test sessions begin promptly at 8:26 am and afternoon sessions begin at 12:26 pm. All students will be assigned a testing location and remain in that classroom for the duration of the scheduled testing session. Students will need to bring a charged school issued laptop, a book of choice to read after testing and their own earbuds or headphones for use during PARCC. Any student who is unable to participate in PARCC, but is present during the assessment, will remain in their assigned testing location until the end of the scheduled testing session

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week of May 7 Grades 5 & 8	AM English Lang Arts 1	AM English Lang Arts 2 PM English Lang Arts 3	AM Math 1 PM Math 2	AM Math 3 PM Math 4 (Grade 5 only)	Testing Over
Week of May 14 Grades 6 & 7	AM English Lang Arts 1	AM English Lang Arts 2 PM English Lang Arts 3	AM Math 1 PM Math 2	AM Math 3	Testing Over
Week of May 21 Make-up All grades	Make-up	Make-up	Make-up	Make-up	Make-up

WDMS GARDEN CLUB

The WDMS Garden Club, under the watchful eye of advisor and Art Teacher, Mrs. Kate Baldwin, works tirelessly each Spring and Fall to help beautify the areas around WDMS. This year, our Garden Club has been awarded the "Grow Healthy School Garden" mini grant from Rutgers University, Family & Community Health Sciences (FCHS). *Grow Healthy* uses the school garden as a teaching and learning tool where students can connect their food to the natural environment while learning about health, nutrition, science, mathematics, and social studies. Representatives from Rutgers will be visiting WDMS this spring and throughout the summer to help or students pick a location, build the raised beds and select appropriate plants for our WDMS Grow Healthy School Garden. We are hoping for a fall harvest so students can see what their hard work and dedication can produce.

Our Garden Club has also recently received a monetary donation for \$250 from the Greater Woodbury Garden Club. This very generous donation will go a long way to adding additional plantings in gardens currently located around the WDMS.

WDMS STUDENTS VISIT GLOUCESTER COUNTY JUSTICE COMPLEX

The NAACP Youth Council of Gloucester County sponsored forty select WDMS students, in grades 5 through 8, to visit the Gloucester County Justice Complex on April 20, 2018. Students were given a tour of the complex, observed a mock trial, listened to career presentations from various courthouse personnel and participated in a question and answer session with a Superior Court Judge. This is the second year students from WDMS were invited to attend this very worthwhile event. WDMS is grateful for the opportunity!



4th/5th Grade Welcome Dance

The "Welcome to the Middle School Dance" is a great way for 4th grade students to experience a middle school activity, while spending time with the current 5th grade class. This year's dance will be held on June 1. The dance starts at 6:30 and the doors will close at 6:45; the dance will end promptly at 8:30. While attending, students can participate in games, contests, Photo Booth pictures, and Philly Metro entertainment and their amazing dance music!

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

In preparation for the upcoming school year, the Math, Language Arts, and Spanish I teachers have created a summer review assignment to provide the necessary practice for your child to be ready for the 2018-2019 school year. It is required for your child to complete and return the assignments by September 14, 2018 to your child's Math and Language Arts teacher in addition to Mrs. Arroyo if your child has elected to take Spanish I during their eighth grade year.

This summer, your child will read a novel from the school selected reading list. WDMS has partnered with the West Deptford Public Library to offer the opportunity for students to check-out a novel just as they would a library book. Please keep in mind that we have a limited number of novels per grade level. If you would like, you can also purchase the book at a local bookstore or online. After reading one of the novels, the student will complete a worksheet to demonstrate their understanding and comprehension of the reading.

A school messenger will be sent out during the month of June, outlining all of this information as well as providing hyperlinks to the assignments. If you have any questions, please reach out to Laura Sandy, the Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction.

END OF YEAR AWARD CEREMONIES

The End of Year Student Awards Ceremonies will be held in the cafeteria on the following dates: 5th grade on June 11 at 8:30am, 6th grade on June 7 at 8:30am, 7th grade on June 8 at 8:30am. The 8th Grade Awards Ceremony will be held on June 6 at 6:30pm. Invitations will be emailed home to notify parents if their child was selected to receive an award. Family members are welcome to attend their child's award ceremony.

8th GRADE CLOSING CEREMONY

The 8th grade Closing Ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018, at 6:30 pm in the Middle School Gymnasium. The ceremony will last approximately 1.5 hours. At this time, each student attending will receive three tickets for family members. Due to limited space, NO ONE, not even small children will be admitted without a ticket. Students are expected to wear proper dress attire during the ceremony. Boys should plan on wearing nice slacks and a collared shirt. Girls should wear a dress, skirt or slacks and blouse. No jeans, shorts, tank tops or tee shirts will be allowed. All students must be academically and financially eligible to participate in the closing ceremony. Students must also be in school the day of the ceremony.

LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE

June 1

4th/5th grade Welcome Dance
6:30-8:30 pm

June 1

Eagletones visit Auletto's

June 4

Gifted & Talented trip to
Washington DC

June 5

5th grade field day

June 5

PTO mtg 6:30 pm WDMS library

June 6

8th grade awards ceremony
6:30pm, WDMS café

June 6

Algebra 1 final exam

June 7

6th grade awards ceremony
8:30 am, WDMS café

June 7

Spanish 1 final exam

June 8

7th grade awards ceremony
8:30 am, WDMS café

June 8

Geometry final

June 11

5th grade awards ceremony
8:30 am, WDMS café

June 11

Team 7A field day

June 12

8th grade social-WD Park

June 12

Team 7B field day

June 13

Team 6B field day

June 14

Team 6A field day

June 14

8th grade Closing Ceremony, 6:30
pm, WDMS Gymnasium

June 14

Early Dismissal, 12:29pm

June 15

Last day for students, early dismissal,
12:29 pm

PTO NEWS – MAY 2018

- 1 - PTO Meeting 6:30
- 1 - BOGO Book Fair set-up
 - BOGO Book Fair Family Night 3pm-8pm
 - P/U Spiritwear 3pm-8pm
- 2 - BOGO Book Fair during school
 - Concert 50/50 Sales
 - Friendly's
 - Spring Flower orders due
- 11 - Pretzel & Water Sale
- 12 - Flower P/U at Michael William Florist & Greenhouse
- 16 - Concert 50/50 Sales
 - Friendly's
- 30 - Wendy's Night 5-8 pm



WDMS PTO is always looking for volunteers. Please consider attending one of our monthly meetings to find out more about us! Meetings are held the 1st Tues of each month in the WDMS library at 6:30 pm.

BIKES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS

Students who ride bicycles, scooters, or skateboards to and from school must wear a protective helmet when riding as per New Jersey state law. Any student that does not have a helmet will not be permitted to ride their bike, scooter or skateboard home.

Students who ride bicycles or scooters are required to lock them in the racks located in front of the school. The school district will not be held responsible for damage or theft of bicycles or scooters while parked on the school grounds. Students may not ride around the building or on the property while waiting to enter the building.

BACK PACKS AND DRESS CODE

Students must keep all book bags and string bags in their lockers. The only exception is to carry a small book bag or string bag of gym clothes and sneakers to and from Physical Education class.

WDMS is air-conditioned to allow students to dress comfortably during the day. Students are expected to abide by the Dress Code that can be found in their student agenda book or on our website under the "For Students" tab then "Student Handbook".

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

No child will be permitted to ride on other buses for any reason. Students can only ride the bus assigned to them. If you have a one-day childcare issue, the person watching your child should pick them up at the school. No students will be permitted to switch between buses.

Students will NOT be given permission by WDMS administration to walk to any other location except home. (i.e. ice cream stand, pizza place or a friends)

For additional transportation information, please visit our district website at:
http://www.wdeptford.k12.nj.us/district_info/transportation

TRACK & FIELD

Date	Time	Versus	Location
5/4	4:00pm	Haddon Heights	West Deptford High School
5/7	4:00pm	Haddon Township	Haddon Twp Middle School
5/17	4:00pm	Haddonfield Invitational	Haddonfield High School
5/23	4:00pm	Colonial Conference Championships	Haddonfield High School

WDMS ATHLETICS

Individual sport schedules and coach contact information are available on the WDMS website under the Athletic tab. Athletic late buses depart WDMS at approximately 4:30pm. Students may not stay after school without teacher supervision. If attending a sporting event as a spectator, students must leave and return at the beginning of the event. In the event an athletic event is postponed or canceled at the last minute, a "Remind" message will be sent from our Athletic Coordinator and a message will be posted in red at the top of the WDMS website. If interested in receiving Remind texts regarding the WDMS Athletics, please text @wdmsath to 81010 to sign up for Remind Text from our Athletic Coordinator, Mr. Jakubowski.