

Nov 15, 2017

B Day

For Students (read in the morning over our PA system)



6th grade students intramural basketball is every day, before school, starting at 8:15 but you can join in whenever you get to school. It is a drop-in basis, no need to sign up – just head to the big gym.

Attention performers and those who enjoy watching performances:

Our QSA Club, in conjunction with the other middle and high school QSA clubs, will be participating in an Open Mic Night on November 17th from 6-8:30 at Bellingham High School. All middle and high school students and their families are welcome to attend, and all students are welcome to perform. Pick up a flyer in the library, the art room or Ms. Kulaas's room for more details.

Attention readers – that means all of you!

Team library wants to see your cards!

We're kicking off a school-wide campaign to get a Bellingham Public Library card in every students' hand before 2017 wraps up. So, between now and winter break, either show your library card to a member of Team Library or bring in an application signed by a parent or guardian and you'll be entered to win prizes. A pile of library card applications can be found on the library counter or you can ask your reading teacher for one.

Attention Fishing club members: We will meet tomorrow morning at 8:15 am in Mr. Walsh's room.

For Parents:

THE SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS REGISTRATION

Participating families will be registered for the Giving Tree clothing, and Toy Shop programs. The program helps provide Christmas presents to those families who are in financial need with children ages 0-14. Items given are based on donations received and NOT guaranteed. [Click here for more information.](#)

Lost and Found

There are numerous lunchboxes, food containers and a completely full bin of lost coats, jackets, shoes, etc. Please stop and take a look! If your student is missing a lunchbox, there is a good chance it's in the lost and found just inside the cafeteria doors.

The Whatcom Middle School Jingle Bell Run team is forming. [Follow This Link](#) to visit our team web page and sign up now. Your registration supports the Arthritis Foundation and is greatly appreciated.

Food Education Volunteer Opportunities

By now, your WMS student has hopefully told you about Garden Day each week! WMS is incredibly lucky to host and maintain a garden in connection with Common Threads Farms, a local non-profit dedicated to

teaching kids where food comes from, how to grow it, and how to become a healthy eater. Each week, your middle schooler gets a hands-experience with the science and ecology of our food system.

Common Threads would love to have parents engaged in Food Education at Whatcom Middle School. For available volunteer opportunities, please complete the [attached volunteer form](#) and return it to the office or e-mail it to robyn@commonthreadsfarm.org. To keep up to date with happenings and events, please follow Common Threads Farm on Facebook, Twitter ([@ctfgrown](#)) and Instagram.

Additionally, all volunteers must complete [online registration through the Bellingham School District website](#) at least one week prior to service.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Laura Plaut, Executive Director

Common Threads Farm

www.commonthreadsfarm.org

(360) 927-1590

[Be sure to check out our newsletter on the WMS Website for more information!](#)

Students are expected to turn their cell phones off and not use them during the school day.

Please call the office if you need to contact your student. We will have your student return your call as soon as possible. Phones will be confiscated if a student is seen using it during school hours. A parent or guardian will then need to come in and sign for the phone. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please remember to not drive in front of the school in the morning. Because there are many students walking back and forth across the road, the road is closed to all traffic except school buses.

Do you think you might volunteer at WMS this year? Volunteers need to register at a least one week prior to service and this year there is a new online registration system (No more paper packets!). Go to the Bellingham School District website/Jobs to register or click on this link:

<https://bellingshamschoolsvolunteers.hrplus.net/>

I HAVE TO PULL MY STUDENT OUT OF SCHOOL EARLY – WHAT DO I DO?

When students need to leave school early – please send a signed note with them the day they need to leave early. Students take the note to the attendance window first thing in the morning in exchange for a “permission to leave” slip. This slip is shown to the teacher and your student leaves the premises at your specified time to meet you outside at your prearranged location. You do not need to come in.

Bus Passes:

Requests for bus passes must be submitted in the morning. Any requests after school will be denied.

Students must bring a signed note from parent/guardian to the attendance window before school starts. Mrs. Erickson will write out a bus pass which can be picked up later in the day.