

# Jan 9, 2018

## A Day

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



The PTSA spirit sale is going on now through Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. You may order Wildcat t-shirts and sweatshirts through the Prostock website or pick up an order form in the main office.

Have you seen a black and yellow bag that says Northrup Grummon on it? Please come to the main office if you know of its whereabouts.

Sign-ups for Volleyball and Wrestling have started. If you would like to participate, please make sure you put your name on the sign-up sheet in the main office. The deadline to sign-up is Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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### For Parents:

**Winter Sports:** The signup deadline for Girls Volleyball (7th & 8th Grades only) and Wrestling is January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The season begins on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Students participating will need to have:

- 1) A current physical (good for 2 years)
- 2) Online registration completed
- 3) Purchase an ASB card for \$10 (online or by check or cash in the office).
- 4) Confirm their sport by signing up on the clipboard in the office.

**Uniform Reminder:** If your student still has a uniform from a previous season, they will NOT be issued a new uniform and will NOT be able to play until their uniform is returned.

**Practices:** Practices for each middle school sport will be held on Monday through Friday from 4-5:30 PM. Practices will NOT be held on early release days and non-student days.

**Game Schedule:** Please check the Whatcom Middle School website for the updated game schedule

**Contact:** For questions about registration, please call 360.676.6460 option 2 or email [pamela.behee@bellingshamschools.org](mailto:pamela.behee@bellingshamschools.org). Contact information for coaches can be found on the WMS website under Activities and Athletics.

### 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](mailto:robyn@commonthreadsfarm.org). To keep up to date with happenings and events, please follow Common Threads Farm on Facebook, Twitter ([@ctfgrown](https://twitter.com/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](http://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.hrmplus.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.