

# Feb 13, 2018

## A Day

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



Attention 6<sup>th</sup> graders – if you are interested in practicing your volleyball skills and playing some games, then join the 6<sup>th</sup> grade intramural volleyball program! It's in the gym from 8:15 – 9:00. You do NOT need to register or sign up – just show up when you get to school. This is open to all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

You may have noticed that the Washington State and United States flags are at half-staff today and tomorrow. Governor Inslee has directed all flags to be lowered in memory of former Governor John Spellman who passed away on January 15 at the age of 91. John Dennis Spellman was the 18<sup>th</sup> Governor of Washington between 1981 and 1985.

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### For Parents:

#### 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](#)) 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.