

Feb. 7, 2019

A Day, per. 1,2,3

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



Hey Wildcats! Are you thinking of taking an enrichment class this summer? The Assistance League has scholarships for up to \$400 towards tuition/fees for qualifying enrichment programs during the summer. The deadline is March 27; applications and information are available in the counseling office.

Attention kids interested in earning money! The Ecology Youth Corp is looking for kids 14 years or older by July to work on clean-up over the summer. Information and applications are available in the counseling office. Applications are due by April 16th.

Attention 6th graders: Intramural volleyball has started. There are no sign-ups for intramurals – just go the gym at 8:00 am.

Attention Volleyball players: There is no practice today, but there **will** be practice tomorrow after school.

The Better Babysitter Course is being offered again next month. If you are interested in becoming a highly trained babysitter, stop in the main office and pick up a registration form. Registration is on a first come – first served basis, and the deadline is Friday, Feb 22nd. The spots will fill up quickly, so don't delay!

The Lost and Found has been moved to the back of the Commons. Please take some time to check it out – if you have lost something, it's probably there!

Did you lose a silver ring with a blue stone? There are a few pieces of bling on display in the girls' locker room.

The Early Morning Choir completed their first concert at the end of 1st Semester. NOW is a great time to join the choir for 2nd Semester as we are now starting new music. We meet in the Band Room on "A" days from 8:15 – 9:00. If you need transportation from WTA, I have bus passes for you. Mrs. Short hopes you will consider this opportunity to prepare for high school choir and to start a choir program during school time here at Whatcom.

It's time for Thursday's This or That...

You might think that with all this cold weather that people would long to be indoors bowling for strikes, but it turns out they'd rather brave the elements and teeter on sharp blades as they attempt to stay upright on large expanses of frozen water. Ice skating for the win!

Next we're wondering: soda or milk chocolate?

And Nick Watt, you've been randomly selected – it was actually random! – to choose the next This or That topic. Pop into the library to check out our list of possibilities or come up with one of your own and let Team Library know by Tuesday.

Remember, tomorrow afternoon is Everybody Reads when the whole school stops whatever nonsense they're up to and delves into a good book. Make sure to come check out a book before 2:50 pm because we'll shut down the library so Mr. Knickrehm's class can take over.

Read on, Wildcats!

For Parents:

When dropping off and picking up students, please refrain from using Halleck Street 8:15 – 9:15 am and 3:15 – 4:15 pm. In addition, the Bellingham Municipal Court has asked that parents not use their lot for picking up students after school.

When students need to leave school early...

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.

Or EMAIL: If you send an email to Linda.Erickson@bellingshamschools.org to release your student, your student must pick up their pass to leave from the attendance window. This eliminates the need to interrupt classes in search of a student.

Or CALL: If you call to arrange a pick up, you will need to come to the attendance window and sign out your student.

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.

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 and emergency vehicles.

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/>

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.

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