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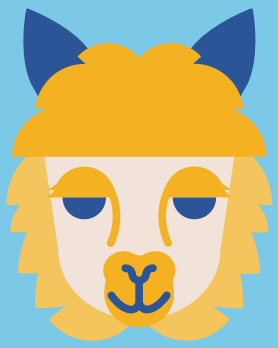

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Hello WMAAA Families-

As we inch closer to last day of school, many of you are already looking ahead to the 2021-2022 school year. WMAAA is currently working on finalizing all days for next year. The pre-Labor Day start waiver has been approved by the State. We anticipate that the start date will be August 31st. However, be watching for the official calendar in June.

All virtual families received an end of year email this past week. Included was the announcement that WMAAA does not plan to offer a virtual learning program for the 2021-2022 school year. If you would like your student to continue learning remotely, please contact the office for other options.

In person families, all of the items from the Lost & Found will be displayed outside along the sidewalk during the last week of school. Please stop by at arrival or dismissal on June 7-9 to see if any of the items might be something your student Lost and we Found!

8th Grade Families, we are finalizing the details for graduation and will get invitations out to you next week. Please be watching your email!

Fundraising for new playground equipment is going strong. Merch from the WMAAA School Spirit Wear sale has been received and distributed to all students. The winner of Penny Wars was the TK/Kindergarten team! They will have a popsicle party on Monday June 7th. And final pick up of the Sweet Temptations Ice Cream Sundae/Movie Night packages was yesterday. We should have a total for all three of these fundraisers next week.

There will be one final bi-weekly 2020-2021 newsletter on June 11th. We will do monthly newsletters throughout the summer to keep you informed of school happenings.

As always, we are here to help! If you have a questions or concerns, please contact the office.

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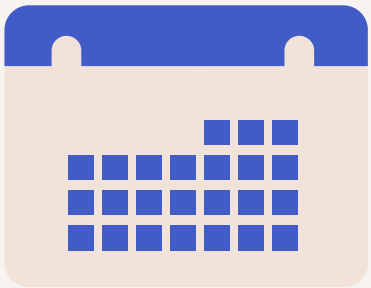
Important Dates

5/31 - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL for Students and Staff
6/3 - Virtual Food Box Pick Up 4:00-5:00pm
6/4 - Virtual Food Box Pick Up 12:30-2:30pm
6/8 - 1/2 Day for Students 11:30am dismissal
- 8th Grade Graduation 6:30pm
6/9 - 1/2 Day for Students 11:30am dismissal - LAST DAY of SCHOOL
6/14-18 - Kindergarten Screening (by appointment)
- Virtual Student technology drop off - 8am-3pm
6/14-17 - NORA Painting Camp 10am-12pm (7-12 year olds)
- NORA Art Exploration Camp 10am-12pm (5-8 year olds)
- NORA Radio Show Camp 12-3pm (10-14 year olds)
6/14-7/8 - Summer Literacy Program Session 1 M-TH 9-11am
6/21-24 - NORA Painting Camp 10am-12pm (5-9 year olds)
- NORA Art Exploration Camp 10am-12pm (5-8 year olds)
- NORA Musical Theatre Camp 12-3pm (7-14 year olds)
- NORA Strength & Conditioning Camp 12pm (6-13 year olds)
6/28-7/1 - NORA Painting Camp 10am-12pm (7-14 year olds)



Special Reminders

WMAAA 2021-2022 ENROLLMENT

WMAAA is still accepting enrollment applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Interested families can check out our website, social media pages, or call the school office.

WMAAA PRESCHOOL

We are excited to announce that we will again be offering a preschool program for the 2021-2022 school year. Additional information is available here.

NORA CAMPS

WMAAA and NORA have teamed up to bring you incredible fine arts camps for Summer 2021!
Art Exploration Camp
Painting Camp
Sculpture Camp
Radio Show Camp
Musical Theatre Camp

PTSO In the Know!

Daddy Daughter Dance K-5th - Friday, June 11

Mother Son Bowling K-6th - Saturday, June 12

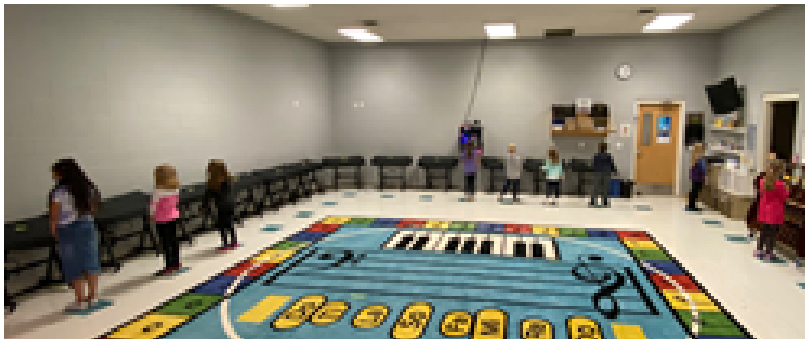
See the PTSO Facebook page for more info!

Parents, Students, and Teachers...we are always in need of support! Please consider joining us.

Follow us on Facebook @wmaaaptso

Vocal Music

Students in 6th - 8th grade choir are happily preparing for their end-of-the-quarter virtual concert! Pictured here, they have just finished their vocal warm-ups and have begun learning a new piece of literature. In the works this quarter is an exciting medley of familiar tunes and a piece of choral literature from a popular musical that has been on and off Broadway in recent years.



Although it may appear odd at first glance, the second graders pictured in the first picture above are working on strengthening their individual voices and relying less on the voices of others. They are accomplishing this task by distancing themselves from one another around the room and facing the wall instead of each other while singing.

Additionally, all 2nd graders have been fervently preparing for their performance of “The Little Red Hen”, a musical play about a hardworking hen who needs help from her friends, but they are unwilling. By the end of the performance, the Hen’s neighbors learn a very helpful lesson about the importance of cooperation. The other three pictures above show students working on one of the songs from this musical play.

Instrumental Music

Students in K-8 Band are working on a lot of things!

TK-K student are singing and playing a show song.

1st is enjoying boomwhacker play-alongs.

2nd is in dress rehearsals for Little Red Hen.

3rd is getting their last belts in for Recorder Karate.

4/5 Band students are all fit to instruments and learning some easy songs.

6-8 Band students are learning about jazz and practicing songs to record before the year ends.

Things are busy in the band room!

Here are some pictures of the 4/5 band students on their instruments for the quarter. All 4/5 band students get to try five different instruments (flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion) and are then "fit" to the instrument they can play the best. Once that is determined, the students get a school-owned instrument to use for the quarter and begin learning how to play. We start with 5 notes and easier Level 1 songs, and then, especially for 5th graders who have taken band before, 5 harder notes and Level 2 songs challenge them to be their best.

Every stage is fun, but students at this level show significant growth over the quarter they play, and there's so much excitement to show off what they know, even if it's just Mary Had a Little Lamb!

Ottawa Food Kicks Off "Healthy Eating BINGO"

Are you or your family trying to eat healthier? Do you like a good game of BINGO? Now you can do both at once! Ottawa Food is sponsoring a free community-wide BINGO game to help people eat healthier and explore our local farmers markets. The game, which will take place from May 17 to September 17, includes family-friendly activities as well as the chance to win a farmers market gift certificate! Visit www.ottawafood.org/healthy-eating-bingo for more details.

(Or scan the QR code below with your phone)

Play Bingo and be entered to win a Farmers Market Gift Certificate!

Go to *ottawafood.org/healthy-eating-bingo* for rules and how to win!

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FIND A RECIPE ON REALFOODCAN.ORG AND PREPARE IT	EAT A FRUIT FOR DESSERT	USE HERBS AND SPICES IN PLACE OF SALT	EAT A GREEN VEGETABLE AT DINNER	MAKE A FRUIT OR VEGGIE SMOOTHIE
DONATE A HEALTHY FOOD ITEM TO A LOCAL FOOD PANTRY	TRY A NEW RECIPE THAT INCORPORATES FRESH FRUIT	MAKE FRUIT INFUSED WATER	EAT A VEGETABLE AT EVERY MEAL TODAY	COUNT THE GRAMS OF SUGAR YOU EAT TODAY AND AIM TO KEEP IT BELOW 30 GRAMS
WATCH A COOKING DEMO VIDEO TO LEARN TO PREPARE A NEW FOOD ON REALFOODCAN.ORG	PREPARE A VEGETABLE IN A NEW WAY		START AN HERB GARDEN.	MAKE EACH PLATE YOU EAT TODAY 50% OR MORE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
EAT 6 VEGETABLES TODAY- ONE FOR EACH COLOR OF THE RAINBOW	VISIT YOUR LOCAL FARMERS MARKET AND ASK A VENDOR A QUESTION ABOUT FOOD PREPARATION	PREP VEGGIE STICKS FOR EASY GRAB SNACKS	PREPARE A VEGETABLE IN A NEW WAY	EAT A WHOLE GRAIN FOR BREAKFAST
PREPARE A MEATLESS DINNER ENTRÉE	U-PICK FRESH PRODUCE AT A LOCAL FARM	EAT FRUIT AT EVERY MEAL TODAY	ADD A NEW VEGETABLE TO YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE	EAT ALL OF YOUR MEALS TODAY WITH NO ELECTRONIC DISTRACTIONS

How to Play Healthy Eating BINGO:

1. Complete (and cross out) one activity per day, individually or as a family.
2. Bingos (5 in a row) can be achieved vertically, horizontally or diagonally.
3. Once you've completed 2 bingos on the card, take a picture of your card.
4. Head to ottawafood.org/healthy-eating-bingo and click "Win a Prize" to enter to win a gift card! Or scan this QR code with your phone ---->

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