July 16, 2021

WEST MICHIGAN Academy of Arts & Academics

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Hello WMAAA Families-

First, we want to welcome all of our new families! And to all of our existing WMAAA families, happy summer!! The WMAAA maintenance crew has a number of interior projects underway. Many classrooms are being painted and getting new carpet, hallway floors are being refinished, and bathroom remodels are happening! They will also be working on the playground this summer. If you visit the building anytime soon, please excuse our dust and debris as we make all of these amazing updates. Also check out the Staff Spotlight and meet the guys that are helping improve our space.

2021-2022 School Clendar
The annual school calendar is now available on the website and contained on page 4.

Playground Fundraiser
WMAAA is happy to announce the Mosaic Tile Project playground fundraiser! This interactive art project is a hands-on activity that will be a colorful collaboration for all who use the playground to enjoy. See page 5 for more information or to reserve your tiles!

Pick-up Line Signs
We will be replacing our "orange cards" for the pick up line with new poly signs this year. Please complete this form to help us have your sign ready at our Meet, Greet, and Find Your Seat back to school night event.

Yard Signs
If your family is in need of a replacement WMAAA yard sign, please let us know here. Reserved signs will be available at the back-to-school night, Meet, Greet, and Find Your Seat on August 26th. Replacements signs thereafter will be $5/sign.

Health Department Information
WMAAA students need to be up to date with vaccines or have a valid waiver on file BEFORE the first day of school. If your child needs a vaccination or waiver, please contact your primary care physician or call the Ottawa County Dept. of Public Health to set up an appointment if this is where you usually get vaccines, or if you are in need of a waiver. You can see required vaccination/waivers here.

Additionally, all kindergarten students need to have a Vision and Hearing Screening on file - click here for additional information.

As always, we are here to help! If you have a questions or concerns, please contact the office. Summer office hours will continue until August 23rd. If you need assistance, the office will be open 9am-2pm, Monday through Thursday.

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Important Dates

7/12-8/12 - Summer Literacy Program Session 2 M-TH 9-11am
8/23 - New Teacher PD
8/24 - KinderKamp (more details will be emailed to TK and Kindergarten Families)
8/25-26 - All Teacher PD days
8/26 - Meet, Greet, and Find Your Seat Event 4-6pm (more information soon)
8/31 - 1st Day of School for Students - 1/2 Day 11:30am dismissal
9/3-9/6 - No School for Staff or Students - Labor Day Weekend
9/14 - School Picture Day

Click here to access the 2021-2022 School Supply Lists

Special Reminders

KINDER KAMP

All TK and Kindergarten families will receive a separate email invitation to Kinder Kamp. That event will be August 24th from 9-11am.

HARBOR TRANSIT

Is your student in need of transportation this coming school year? Ottawa County/Tri-Cities area students can apply for a standing order for school transportation with Harbor Transit starting on July 26th at 9am. Click here for more information

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.

PTSO In the Know!

The PTSO will be hosting a BooHoo Breakfast on the 1st day of school. Meet us in the school courtyard to find out all the events we have planned for the 2021-2022 school year and how you can help.
There will be donuts and coffee too!

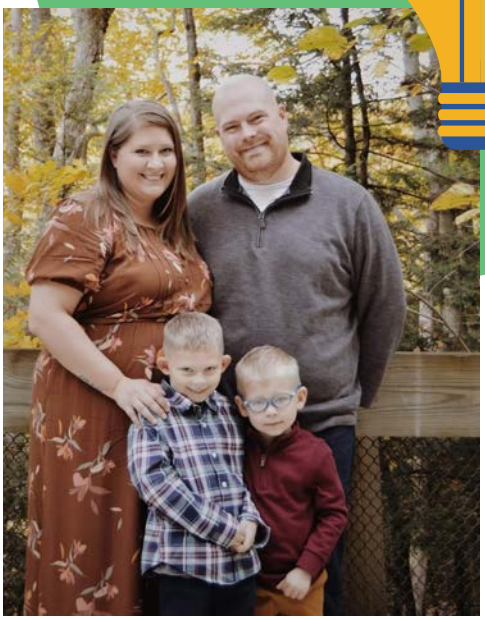
See the PTSO Facebook page for more info about our organization and how we support the school!

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

Follow us on Facebook @wmaaaptso

Staff Spotlights

Cris DeYoung
Director of Maintenance and Transportation



My name is Cris DeYoung. I am married and have 2 sons, Parker (9) and Kole (4). My wife, Ashley, and I have been married 10-years this October. Our family enjoys camping and boating together and with friend. We are currently living in my father-in-laws basement while we build a new home in Sparta MI.

I graduated from Ferris with a associates in Criminal Justice. I started at WMAAA in November 2018 and love getting to be with the students and also improving the building to make it a better place for them to learn.

When I'm not with family or at the school, I enjoy fishing, hunting, and golfing. Looking forward to another great year at WMAAA!

Caleb Boes - PM Custodian

My name is Caleb Boes. I am currently the PM Custodian at WMAAA and have been here since September 2020. I am a graduate of Mona Shores high school in 2018. Go Sailors!

I'm an outdoorsy guy...I enjoy fishing, dirt biking, and animal watching (maybe someday I'll be able to actually call it hunting). I still live in my parent's "penthouse". I weigh 97 pounds soaking wet and after eating Thanksgiving dinner. My girlfriend and I have been together for 4.5 years and I plan to propose soon or maybe I'll spend that budget on a bass boat.

I enjoy the kids and my co-workers here at WMAAA. And I enjoy getting to help the parents that occasionally break down in the pick up line with a jump.

TJ Cunningham - Head Custodian

My name is TJ Cunningham. I am currently the Head Custodian at WMAAA and have been here since May 2019. I am a graduate of Spring Lake high school in 2018. Go Lakers!

In addition to working at WMAAA, I coach high school travel hockey and JV & travel baseball...I also enjoy fishing, dirt biking and snowmobiling. I also still live with my parents.

My girlfriend would rather I buy her a new snowmobile or dirt bike than a ring so that's cool!

My favorite part about working at WMAAA is following Cris around so he doesn't lose things. I also like getting to get to know all the students during recess duty!

2021-2022 School Calendar

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Spring Lake, MI 49456
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Aug 25-26	Staff PD: No School for Students
Aug 31	First Day of School - Half Day
Sep 3-6	Labor Day Weekend
Oct 6	Count Day
Oct 13	Half Day for Students; PM Conferences
Oct 14	Staff PD; No School for Students
Oct 15	No School for Students
Oct 29	Half Day for Students and Staff
Nov 8	2nd Quarter Begins
Nov 24-26	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 17	Half Day for Students
Dec 20-31	Winter Break
Jan 21	Staff PD; No School for Students
Jan 24	3rd Quarter Begins
Feb 9	Count Day
Feb 17	Staff PD; No School for Students
Feb 18-21	Mid-Winter Break
Mar 9	Half Day for Students; PM Conferences
Mar 10	Staff PD; No School for Students
Mar 11	No School for Students
Apr 1-8	Spring Break
Apr 11	4th Quarter Begins
May 30	Memorial Day
June 9	Half Day for Staff and Students
June 10	Last Day of School - Half Day

Staff Full Day PD; No School for Students
Half Day 11:30 Dismissal
No School for Students; No Staff
New Quarter Begins

Quarters
Q1 8/31 - 11/5
Q2 11/8 - 1/21
Q3 1/24 - 4/8
Q4 4/11 - 6/10

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PLAYGROUND

Mosaic Tile Project

A Colorful Collaboration for Families and our Local Community...WMAAA is happy to announce the Mosaic Tile Project playground fundraiser! This interactive art project is a hands-on activity that will be a colorful collaboration for all who use the playground to enjoy. This all-inclusive art event allows for the entire community to get involved and create a beautiful display of art! Paint on it, color on it, use markers, embellish it, do whatever you would like to do as long as it does not change the size of the square tile, and it is a family-friendly visual that is sturdy for outside display. Keep art work on one side and include your name on the other so that we can display to recognize all donors!

4x4 Tiles - $15 each
8x8 Tiles - $50 each (or request 4 4x4 tiles)
12x12 Tiles - $100 each (or request 9 4x4 tiles)

Click Here to Request Tiles Today

Requested tiles will be available for pick up starting July 19th.
Payment (cash or check only) due at pick up.
Completed tiles can be returned to the school.
Only tiles purchased from the school will be put on display.

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