

WMS NEWSLETTER

MAY 2015

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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| | | | | 1 NO SCHOOL NBTA Council Day |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 UNB Math Competition Frozen Treat Sales at Noon (Grade 8 FI Trip to Quebec Fundraiser) |
| 11 NO SCHOOL NBTA Branch Meeting Day | 12 Grade 8 "Go Girls" at Civic Centre | 13 | 14 Fine Arts Night 6:30pm | 15 |
| 18 NO SCHOOL Victoria Day | 19 | 20 WMS Closing Celebration 6:30pm-8:00pm | 21 Grade 8's Visit Fiddlehead Festival | 22 Grade 8 Baby Pictures Due to Ms. Bell |
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Last Day of Classes for Students

Woodstock Middle School will be closing at the end of this school year. The superintendent of Anglophone School District-West, David McTimoney, has confirmed that WMS staff will be allotted two transition days to assist with the move to the two new schools. With that being said, the last full day for WMS students will be Wednesday, June 17, 2015.

WMS Fine Arts Night

The WMS Fine Arts Night will take place on Thursday, May 14. Selected pieces of students' artwork will be on display at 6:30pm. The WMS Senior Band and the Beginner Band will be playing in the gymnasium at 7:00pm. Donations will be taken at the door in support of the school's "We Act" committee who is raising funds to go toward a well in Africa.

WMS Closing Celebration

Please join us as we celebrate 62 years at WMS! The celebration will be held on Wednesday, May 20, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the school gymnasium. Everyone is welcome!

Fiddlehead Festival – Grade 8 Classes

The Fiddlehead Festival will take place at the Eagle's Nest, Woodstock First Nation, on May 21. Students will visit from 10:35am to 11:35am. A traditional meal of fiddleheads, moose meat, salmon, fry bread, and potatoes will be provided. Please have your son/daughter bring a snack if they do not wish to join us for the traditional foods. Students may have lunch when they return to the school if they do not wish to eat the meal provided.

WMS Awards Night

WMS will be celebrating student success on Wednesday, June 10, at 7:00pm in the school gymnasium. This will be an evening of celebration where students who are involved in clubs, athletics, groups, etc. will be recognized for their contribution to the school community.

Grade 8 Farewell Celebration

The Grade 8 Farewell dance will be held on Friday, June 12. This is for grade 8 students only; however, students may sign-in one guest (must be a student of WMS-no exceptions). The sign-in sheet will be circulated at least one week prior to the dance. Students may or

may not wish to wear formal attire. Please note that all apparel must be appropriate for school.

Grade 8 Farewell PowerPoint Presentation

Ms. Bell has asked that grade 8 students submit a baby picture for the Grade 8 Farewell PowerPoint presentation by May 22. Pictures may be e-mailed (Andrea.Bell@nbed.nb.ca) or given to her directly.

Grade 8 Parody

Mme McCarthy, Josh Hoyt, and the grade 8 students are currently working on a music video parody. They hope to have it uploaded to YouTube so that friends and family members may view it when it is complete. Stay tuned for more information.

Library Books

Please remember that all books must be **signed-out** before they can leave the library. Only **two** books may be signed-out at a time. If the librarian is not in the library, and you would like to borrow a book, please complete the form on her desk.

Bus Notes

In September of 2013, Anglophone School District-West implemented changes to the Bus Stop Policy. There are now only two options for afternoon drop-off: one primary, one alternate. These two options are to be used consistently on the same days each week. In September, parents/guardians indicated on the student data collection form which days the students were to be dropped off at each of the two location options. Rotational schedules cannot be accommodated. School bus stops for primary and alternate addresses, if not the home address, must be on an existing school bus route and there must be space for the student on the bus.

Parents/Guardians must notify the school in writing at least 24 hours in advance of a permanent change to either the primary or alternate stop location. Telephone calls and verbal requests will not be accepted. Continual or excessive changes to the primary or alternate stop locations may result in loss of bus privileges.

Transportation for occasional drop-offs (i.e. birthday parties, visiting a friend, sleep-overs, or after-school activities) will not be provided for students in any grade level.

Leaving During the School Day

A student who needs to leave during the instructional day must give his/her homeroom teacher a signed note from their parent/guardian. Please note that students will not be dismissed from class to wait in the lobby or outside of the school. Parents/Guardians must come into the school to pick up their child, and the student must be signed-out in the office before leaving. This policy is in place as a safety precaution, not to cause hardship to you as a parent/guardian. If the student is only leaving for part of the day, he/she will need to sign back in at the office upon arrival at the school.

Noon Break

Walking students who wish to go home for lunch (within reasonable walking distance) must bring a note from the parent/guardian indicating permission to do so. **No other student(s) may leave the school grounds at noon unless accompanied by his/her parent/guardian.** The student must sign out at the office before leaving and sign back in upon return.