



Message FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With cold weather approaching, it's important to be prepared. With that in mind, here are some guidelines about weather-related school closures.

West Hills will remain open, if at all possible, on all scheduled school days. Even when weather conditions are extreme, every effort will be made to keep school open in the belief that it is in the best interest of the students. Since parents are the primary protector they will need to decide what is right for their children. The option to keep children home when weather conditions are extreme is always at the parents' discretion and the school understands and respects the decision.

On occasion, severe weather conditions may force school closures. The following information outlines the communication procedures that will be followed if such school closure becomes necessary.

Parents should listen to these designated radio or television stations for school closure information between the hours of 6-8 a.m. (If schools dismiss early, the media will air the announcement as soon as possible.) Once of the following messages will be aired by the media.

- "Schools Will Be Closed"
- "Schools Will Start Late"
- "Schools Will Dismiss Early"



All announcements are for one day only. No announcement means normal operation. Parents are asked to meet their students at bus stops when buses are running on delayed or emergency schedules.

Radio Stations

KSL-1160 AM / 102.7 FM

TV Stations

KUTV—Channel 2

KTVX—Channel 4

KSL—Channel 5

Fox-News—Channel 13

School closures will be posted by 6:30 a.m. on Jordan School District's Web site at www.jordandistrict.org

Make-up Days

The Utah State Office of Education requires a minimum of 180 instructional days of school. Days lost because of inclement weather will be made up first on Washington and Lincoln Day (Presidents' Day) Recess and then during Spring Recess. (As per District Policy D207—Calendar Development)



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Message FROM the PTSA President

Happy Holidays! The school year is flying by isn't it? Thank you to all of you who have either signed up for PTSA or have volunteered to help. It is you who make everything we do possible. There is still time to sign up to help this year. We are in need of a Volunteer Coordinator. This is also the time of year we put our nominating committee together. If you are interested in being a part of PTSA next year, please let us know.



December Events



- Tuesday, December 3 @ 9:30 am – PTSA Meeting
- Tuesday, December 3 @ 3:30 pm – Mulan Jr. Script Run-Through
- Tuesday, December 3 @ 5:00pm - Mulan Jr. Parent Meeting
- Thursday December 5 @ 7:00 pm – 23rd Army Band Concert at WHMS
- Tuesday, December 10 – CHANGE Assembly Bell Schedule
- Tuesday, December 10 @ 7:50 am Wildcat of the Quarter Assembly
- Wednesday, December 11 @ 6:30pm – Dance Concert
- Monday, December 16 @ 1:05 pm – Choir/CHHS Madrigals Concert (by invitation)
- Tuesday, December 17 @ 6:30 pm – Band/Orchestra Concert
- Wednesday, December 18 @ 3:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, December 19 @ 6:30 pm – Choir Concert
- Friday, December 20 @ 1:00 pm – Holiday Concert (by invitation)
- Monday, December 23 – Friday, January 3 – Winter Recess
- Monday, January 6 – School Resumes





Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week was held the last week of October at West Hills. Our students were taught important information and urged to sign a pledge to take a stand against drugs and alcohol. Approximately 200 of our students signed the pledge and each received a prize from a drawing held at the end of the week. A big THANKS to the sponsors of Red Ribbon Week:



- Utah Grizzlies
- Chick-fil-A
- Cinemark
- Utah Jazz
- In-N-Out Burger
- Iasis Hospitals: Jordan Valley Medical Center and Pioneer Valley Hospital
- Salt Lake Regional Medical Center
- Yogurtland

Our sponsors helped to make this a successful campaign. We appreciate their support! During Red Ribbon Week, videos, announcements, and an object lesson on the importance of staying Drug Free were taught during the students' TA classes. You can view these videos on the West Hills You Tube page at <http://www.youtube.com/westhillsms>. You may want to take a minute to review this information with your student.

Student Reps



We just wrapped up our Winter Gear service project and want to thank everyone who donated warm clothing and blankets! The proceeds all went to the Road Home, and they were very grateful. Look for your candy cane Christmas treat from the student reps later this month! They will be handed out in your TA classes.

Mulan Jr. Musical



We finished Mulan Jr. auditions at the end of November and the spring musical has now been cast! We will start rehearsals on Monday, Jan. 6th as soon as we get back from Christmas break. Our performances will be at the end of March. Hope to see you there! We look forward to working with such a great group of talented youth.



Winter Dance Concert



Our Winter Dance Concert will be held on December 11. There are three school performances and an evening performance that starts at 6:30. All dance students will be performing in the concert.

CHOIR CONCERTS



Dec. 17th: CHS Choir and WHMS Choir Assembly during 6th period by RSVP (teachers will choose whether or not their classes attend).
Dec. 17th: WHMS Concert Choir performs at Valley Fair Mall
December 19: WHMS Choirs Concert at 6:30.
Dec. 20th: WHMS Choirs and Bands assembly during 6th and 7th period

CONCERT CHOIR TRYOUTS



Tryouts for Concert Choir will be on January 6th and 7th. All students (7th-8th) who will be here next year are welcome to audition. You will need to prepare a song to sing a cappella and fill out a few forms that you can get from Ms. Coakwell in her classroom. The forms will be turned in during your audition.

BAND/ORCHESTRA CONCERTS



December 16: Band/Orchestra Concert at 6:30. Students need to sign in 30 minutes before concert begins.
December 20: Band/Orchestra Concert during 6th and 7th period for an RSVP assembly.

23RD UNITED STATES ARMY BAND CONCERT



On December 5th, the 23rd Army Band will kick off their 2013 tour with a concert at West Hills. The concert will include a joint number with members of the WHMS Symphonic Band. The 23rd Army Band has performed at the Worldwide Bandmasters Conference, in joint concerts in St. Petersburg Russia with the Leningrad District Army Band, in Germany, across the United States, with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Utah Symphony, with the U.S. Army Field Band, for Presidents, Senators, Congressmen, Foreign Heads of State, and now at West Hills Middle School.



Attention ALL GIRLS

Register January 6 for Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Salt Lake



- EYH is a one-day event for girls grades 6-10
- EYH explores careers in math, science, technology and engineering through fun, hands-on workshops
- EYH is taught by women in the above-mentioned fields
- EYH is on Saturday March 8 from 7:30 am- 1:30 pm
- EYH IS taught at Salt Lake Community College South City Campus located at 1575 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah



Because Math and Science are not just for boys!

Bring your friends and have fun learning about science, engineering, technology and math. Workshops for parents, too.

For more information contact Heidi Hutchings at [801.957.4824](tel:801.957.4824) or Heidi.hutchings@slcc.edu or Kathleen.hurd@slcc.edu



Breakfast At School

West Hills Middle School offers Breakfast at school. Breakfast is served Monday - Thursday from 7:15 to 7:45 am and Friday from 9:15 to 9:45 am. Every day there is a choice of cereal, breakfast sandwich, bagel, yogurt, fruit, tater tots, and juice (apple or orange). We also serve other options on the following days:

- Monday: Pancake sausage stick
- Tuesday: French toast sticks
- Wednesday: Donuts and/or sweet roll
- Thursday: Breakfast pizza
- Friday: Breakfast cookie



Muffins are added on various days.

The cost for breakfast is \$1.00 for regular price, \$2.00 for adults and second breakfast and \$0.30 for reduced. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch also qualify for free or reduced breakfast. We invite you to enjoy breakfast at West Hills!