### Message from the WHMS administrative team:

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

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It's been a wonderful year! As we are wrapping up, our students and teachers have been troopers! We have started construction, as you can see. It's been the best that could be expected. The crew has been professional and our students have been awesome with following precautions and staying focused in their classes. I am so proud and impressed.

During the summer, the office will be located at Copper Hills High school. The best entrance will be the North-West entrance, across from the seminary building. We will be in room 2111. All our phone numbers will be the same.

Enjoy the summer. I am looking forward to a new start in a seminew building!

Sincerely, Cynthia VanderMeiden West Hills Middle School Principal (801) 412-2300 Cynthia.vandermeiden@jordandistrict.org

### **Upcoming Events:**

May 27th- No School- Memorial Day May 28th- 9th Grade Awards Night

May 30th- 9th Grade Lagoon Day

May 31st- End of 4th Quarter

\* A parent SBG night will be coming up. Date, time, and place to be announced through Skyward.

### **Message from the PTSA President:**

#### Hello all,

I can't believe how fast this year has gone. We've had a great year! I love our community and we appreciate all the support that we have received from our wonderful teachers, administration, students and parents.

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We also wanted to reach out and let you be aware of some of the board positions that we need to fill for next year. Please let us know if you are interested in helping with any of the positions listed below. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me @ rdyatt.whmsptsa@gmail.com. Thank you!

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Renae Dyatt West Hills Middle School PTSA President

### **Reflections:**



#### **Explore the Arts and Express Yourself**

For 50 years, National PTA's **Reflections** program has helped students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life. Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art in response a student-selected theme. The theme for the 2019-2020 program year is *Look Within*. Students submit their completed works of art in one or all of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.

Student winners from the local level have the opportunity to move up through their district, region, council and state PTA programs to the national level. National Reflections winners are celebrated annually at National PTA's Convention & Expo in June.

## **Spring Musical :**

From March 14th-18th the West Hills community witnessed 124 students shine on stage as they sang and danced their hearts out in this year's performance of High School Musical Jr . Twelve more students ran the showfrom the shadows of backstage and the tech booth, seamlessly bringing sets, sounds

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and lighting to life. The result was a vibrant fusion of fun and high energy. The joy felt by the audiences was reflected in the standing ovation the cast received each night.

West Hills Musicals are overseen by the PTSA, with support from the school. The productions have become a beloved local tradition, and are a beautiful example of the great things that happen when community members and the school come together.

We would like to thank the countless hours of volunteer work that went into this production by so many, as well as the unwavering support of our school administration and staff.



# **Book Fair:**

Thank you to everyone that came and supported the book fair during student led conferences. Scholastic always gives our school 50% of what we sell to help our teachers buy books for their classrooms. This is a good way to get books for your students and help the teachers.



Congratulations to <u>Emily Giang</u> who made it to regions for Reflections this year! She received an Award of Merit for Music Composition, and an Award of Excellence for Photography.

### Memory books:

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Memory books will be given out to students during homeroom/RTI on May 29, 2019, after the teacher talent show. Please check your SKYWARD account <u>now</u> to see if you purchased a Memory book

Students will be called down who didn't get a book, but think that they purchased one immediately after books are distributed.

# **Student Reps:**

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Call for Entries!

> We will have a small amount of books available for sale on May 29th AFTER 11:00am. There will be a line in front of the main office where students will be able to wait to buy a book. Cash payments only- \$35 a book. We will sale them until we are out of books.

Student Reps has had a fantastic year! We have done so many fun activities. These students are very willing to give back to the other West Hills students. At Christmas time student reps provided candy canes to all the home rooms for other students. For St. Patricks Day we encouraged kids to dress up in all green and they could get a cookie. This last month the student reps plastered the school with flowers and positive notes hand written on every single one. Every student who got a flower could get a candy at lunchtime. Spreading positive vibes and encouragement is a big part of what student reps represents.

In November the student reps did a service project by colleting new/used shoes and old glasses for charity. it was a great success! Thank you for the generosity of the students/teachers/parents of the school!

The student reps themselves were able to go on a field trip to the State Capital in Febuary. It was cold, but it was an adventure. Every student who went returned with some fun story to tell! While at the capital the kids were able to go onto the legislative floor (which is something most kids do not get to do )! They were able to explore different parts of the capital and take place in a mock debate. One thing they got to do this year was unfurl a giant flag called "Big Besty". This flag has quite a history and the students got to hold it and see it in its full glory. It was quite an experience.

If you are a current 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student and want to join student reps next year, please do so! The commitment is once a month and it is a fun and rewarding experience.