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Message from the WHMS administrative team:

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

The quarter is coming to an end. I can't believe how fast it has gone. What a great quarter it has been! We have wonderful students, faculty, parents, and community. With all of their help, we have done so much this quarter.

- We had a creative Spirit Week sponsored by our SBOs and a fun Red Ribbon Week sponsored by our PTSA. Our lockers have been covered in post-it notes with words of encouragement by both Be the Change and PTSA. I love the kindness being spread. Our NJHS students joined in and made "Thank You" cards for all members of the faculty. Amazing! It truly warms my heart. Love our students and their desire to spread kindness.
- We loved seeing parents and students during our Fall Student Led Conferences. It was fun to watch students give tours of their classes and explain to their parents why they are so tired at the end of the day. They work hard all day, and we appreciate it so much. Thank you for coming and supporting your student and West Hills.
- We also had great support from parents and the community for Reality Town. How fun was that? I loved talking to the students about their "future" job and the frustrations of budgeting their money. I may have chuckled each time a student held up a check book and said, "What is this used for?" I appreciate all those students who dressed up for their job and participated in this event. A huge Thank You to all our volunteers who took time out of their day to interact with our future leaders. We couldn't have done it without you.
- Our Response to Intervention program has been running well. Students and teachers have been using our intervention time effectively. Teachers are requesting students to reteach concepts, help them study for a test, encourage them to retake a test, finish an assignment and much more. Students are headed to the classes they want better grades in and taking work with them. In addition, they are getting or keeping those grades up so that they may choose a "Your Choice" class.

It's been an exciting 1st quarter. Thank you, again, for all of your support.
West Hills is the Best Hills. 

Sincerely,
Ms. VanderMeiden
Principal

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Message from the PTSA President:

Hello Wildcat parents and students,

I am so excited to be a part of the West Hills Middle School PTSA. We have such a great school with great administration and teachers that really care. I enjoy working with them and our wonderful PTSA board.

Our first activity was the Hello Stomp. We had such a great turn out and had so much fun. Thanks to all those that came and supported us, especially all our parent volunteers. We couldn't do it without you!

There are activities coming up that will be mentioned in this newsletter. We want to keep you informed with all that is going on. We will also start posting on our Facebook page, which hasn't been used for a while. It's easy to find - West Hills Middle School PTSA. Please like our page to be kept up to date. Please remember if you have a desire to help, we could always use it no matter how much it is. Helping allows you to get to know the administration, teachers, what's going on at the school and meet new friends. If you have and questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at rdyatt.whmsptsa@gmail.com.

Let's make it a great year!

Renae Dyatt

PTSA President

Membership:

Memberships are only \$5 this year! We would love to have you be a part of PTSA. You can pay online through Skyward.



Thanks so much to all the students who attended the Hello Stomp! It was a great success and we hope you all had fun! Special thanks to our DJ, Rebecca Maxfield, for making it extra special.

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Spring Musical :

Musical Theater season is coming up!

This year's West Hills Musical Production is **High School Musical!**



Performances will be:

March 14th, 15th, 16th, and 18th.

All who want to participate will be able to get the scoop on how to prepare for auditions, and other important details at our Audition Prep meeting: Tuesday, October 30th from 3:00pm-4:00pm in the auditorium. Sign-ups for auditions will be available then, and will be on the wall by the choir room. Parents who can't come but like information, please visit: www.westhillsmusical.WordPress.com.

Updates will go live the end of October, and our website will continue to be up-dated as production progresses.

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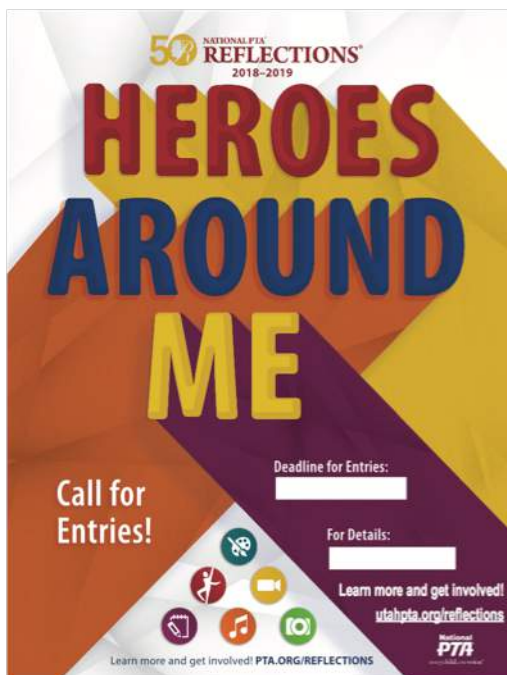
Music rehearsals will start right after Thanksgiving break. And a parent meeting will be held on Dec. 6th.

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.



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Memory Books are
on sale for: **\$30**

Student Reps:

Welcome to a new year of Student Reps! Student Reps is a group of students who meet the first Friday of each month. We have fun activities and plan things throughout the year for the students in West Hills. Student Reps is still open if any students want to get involved. We would love more students to join! You need to be a member of the PTSA and provide an email that you can be contacted with. It is super fun and easy!! In February, if you have been to several meetings, there is a field trip to the Capital.

This year we have lots of fun activities planned. In November we will be having a glasses and shoe drive. This will be from Nov. 2 until Nov. 20. Plan on donating all your old glasses and shoes to the school!! In December the students will be giving out Candy Canes! January is a parent breakfast with lots of yummy food! February is our field trip, March and April there will be a "green" contest and a bunny hop. Finally the Student Reps will end the year with a big party! This is a great way to get involved in school activities and have fun at the same time!

Our Student Rep Presidency this year is as follows –

AnnaLeah Mecham – President

Hallee Webb – Vice President

Lucy Hatch – Secretary

Ashton Rassmussen – Head of Committee's

Eliza Bailey – 9th Grade Committee

Kellie Pugmire – 8th Grade Committee

Brendan Peery – 7th Grade Committee



Reflections:

Reflections are due October 24th.

Entries will be collected in the main office. Entry forms and rules are also available in the main office.

Memory books:

You need to purchase a book now to guarantee a book at the end of the school year. You can pay with cash or check in the main office or with a credit card through Skyward.



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Red Ribbon Week:

Ribbon Week was a fun success this year! We celebrated one color of ribbon per day. Monday was Red Ribbon Day. Students could wear red to school. At lunch the students got to sign a Red Ribbon Pledge and take pictures with fun Red Ribbon picture frames. They were also able to enter a contest to win some fun prizes! Tuesday the students were greeted with purple notes and stickers on their lockers. Each note had a hand-written affirmation on it to encourage students to be positive and know that they are each important. Hopefully each student realized they are a superhero to someone! Wednesday was White Ribbon Day. White Ribbon is for Digital Awareness. We focused on cyberbullying. We had Smarties and Dum Dum's to give to the kids to help them remember to be positive online and to keep their digital footprint clean. Most kids who got a candy this day said it was an easy one! No one wants to cyber bully anyone online, nor do they want to be cyberbullied. Thursday was Blue Ribbon Day. Students were asked to wear blue to school to remember to be themselves and to stay positive towards everyone. At the end of the week we drew the names of the kids who entered the contest. Hopefully everyone got the messages that were sent and enjoyed the activities!! This week could not have been possible without the generosity of the volunteers – Renae, Violet, Christine, Marrie, Julie, Aaron, Cindy, and Melissa!! Thank you to everyone who participated! Our hope is that all students remember each message associated with each color of ribbon and continue to make positive choices for themselves!

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