

# West Hills Middle School

OCTOBER 2016



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

I can't believe the first month of the 2016-17 school year is already behind us! We've had a great start to the school year, and you and your child may have noticed some new things happening here at West Hills.

Behavior Expectations	Rewards	Directions
		"Please..."
		"Need to..."
		Consequences
		17 seconds after class
		33 seconds after class
		52 seconds after class
		Think Time
<b>Rules</b> 1. You will have a consequence if you don't follow a direction after "Need to do". 2. Pay your time today or pay double the time tomorrow. 3. If you talk or are disruptive, your time starts over.		

Your child may have come home the first week of school talking about a new approach we are using to increase on-task student behavior throughout the school. This new process is designed to create a safe and productive learning environment where teachers can teach and all students can learn.

We have developed a unified set of behavioral expectations and a schoolwide approach to intervening when a student is off-task or disrupts the learning environment. Each teacher has developed a system of rewards students and classes can earn for following the rules. You will see the behavior expectations posted throughout the school. Your child learned about them in each class during his or her first days at school.

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We are also involved in a schoolwide professional learning opportunity aimed at improving student success in learning. The Assessment to

Achievement (A2A) Professional Development program focuses on effectively using data to improve student achievement. School and district teams who participate in this two year program increase their own expertise in analyzing data and then use the analysis to inform instructional and program decisions that positively influence students and schools. This meets the majority of the improvement priorities we were given during our most recent accreditation site visit.

Assessment to Achievement weaves together all the current best practices in supporting educators and students, including the following:

- Two years of targeted professional development
- Professional learning communities
- Assessment literacy
- Data-based decision making
- Evidence-based instructional strategy implementation
- On-site coaching for teachers, administrators, and district leaders

As part of this process, we will be using data from the SAGE Classroom Interim assessments to inform our decisions related to instruction and school programs throughout the school year. We are excited to be the first middle school in Jordan School District to participate in Assessment to Achievement!

Thank you for all you do to contribute to our learning community!

Stacy Evans  
Principal

## HAUNTED LOCKERS / STUDENT REPS:

Student Reps will be locker haunting Oct 7th. Those who have their lockers haunted can come see us during lunch to claim their prize.

Anyone who is interested in signing up for Student Reps can email Lori Ingham at: [whmsstudentreps@hotmail.com](mailto:whmsstudentreps@hotmail.com)

We are also now on Facebook! Find us at West Hills Middle School Student Reps.



## MESSAGE FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT:

Welcome back to all returning families and a big WELCOME to all new families. I am so proud and honored to work with an amazing group of parents this year on the PTSA Board as President. We have some exciting news! We still have room on the board for more parents to be involved. The positions that are available are: Legislative, Reflections, and Awards. All positions can be done from home with email and text communication. If interested please send an email to [westhillsmspta@gmail.com](mailto:westhillsmspta@gmail.com).



We would like to thank everyone that has signed up for a PTSA membership. You can still show your support and buy a membership for only \$6. Students can also be part of the PTSA. When a student is a member they can be involved with Student Reps and Memory Book Staff. We have 2 dances a year that PTSA members can get in free while all others pay \$4. We already had the Hello Stomp. It was a lot of fun to see the students come and have a good time.

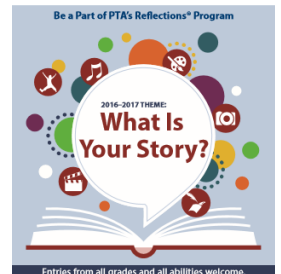
We would like to thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Have a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,  
Violet Mills, West Hills PTSA President  
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## REFLECTIONS:

Be a part of PTA's Reflections program. The Theme for this year is, "What is your story?" Entries from all grades and all abilities welcome. Deadline for entries is October 14, 2016. For details contact [westhillsms@gmail.com](mailto:westhillsms@gmail.com)



## MEMBERSHIP:

In October, We are going to have a membership drive for our PTSA membership. The top 3 classes with the most membership will win a donut party.

## WINNERS OF BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT:

Our winners from the Back to School night Raffle were:

### \$10 amazon gift card & boxed candy:

Lucy Hatch  
Cameron Burns  
Michael Rubino  
Kiera Allen



### \$25 amazon gift card and boxed candy:

Lillian Hatch  
Sams Binns.



Congratulations! If you haven't received your prize yet, come to the attendance office to pick it up.



## SPRING MUSICAL



The PTSA will once again be spearheading this year's Spring Musical production at West Hills MS. The title selected is The Lion King, Jr.! The much beloved Disney movie-turned Broadway sensation is sure to be a crowd pleaser. with its popular songs and unique artistic style.

Students who want to join the cast of this fantastic production must have no lower than a 2.0 GPA and no failing classes (in the first trimester). They will need to audition, however, all who audition are accepted into the cast. An Audition Prep Meeting will be held at the school auditorium on October 27th, from 3:00 to 4:00pm.

During that meeting the production team will go over details on how to sign up and prepare for auditions. There is no participation fee charged to those who want to join, however parents are asked to provide their student's costumes. There will be a parent meeting at a later time, where parents will be filled in on all those details, rehearsal schedules, etc.

To those who cannot attend the Audition Prep Meeting, they'll find the audition information on the West Hills Musical Program's website:

[www.westhillsmusical.wordpress.com](http://www.westhillsmusical.wordpress.com)



## RED RIBBON WEEK:



Red Ribbon week is coming Oct 24th-28th.  
More info to come.

## SPIRIT NIGHT:



West Hills PTSA spirit night at Chick Fil A in Jordan Landing!!

November 3 2016 5:30-7:30 pm

Come have dinner with your Teachers and Friends!

**\*\*Please mention our school when ordering so Chick Fil a will make a donation to our school.\*\***



## MEMORY BOOKS:

Memory Books are on sale for **\$25**

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.







## REALITY TOWN OCTOBER 6TH



Dear Parents, grandparents, Neighbors and Friends

We need your help! We need Parents, grandparents, adult neighbors and friends and community businesses to help direct students through the simulation. Volunteers are grouped into teams and give simple instructions or information - we need a large help force to make things run smoothly! Our feedback from past volunteers was excellent, "a great time was had by all." West Hills Middle School will be sponsoring reality Town for 9th graders on October 6, 2016. Reality Town includes a life simulation where students set up a family lifestyle including housing, transportation, childcare, and groceries - all within a monthly income. The goal of this activity is to motivate students to start planning for their future. Don't delay! Put it on your calendar and please sign up today! If you have any questions please contact us at (801) 412-2306. Thanks!

## JORDAN BOND INFORMATION!

### Fast Facts

- The amount of the proposed bond is \$245 million
- The proposed bond will be used for 6 new school buildings only
- The average homeowner will pay \$16.80 more per year than they currently pay for bond payments
- Within a few years, taxes for the bond will gradually go down
- More than 9,000 new students are projected to enroll in the District by the 2021-22 school year.

Although none of the bond money will be used for any new schools in our area, it is still important that our community support the bond because it will free up money that can be used for needed upgrades and repairs on our existing buildings.

Please contact Jordan District School Board members to tell them that although our community supports the bond because of the growth on the south end of our district, we respectfully ask that they remember the needs of the northwest quadrant of the district. Join Facebook group "Improve Copperhills" to learn more about this effort.

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### Ammendment B Information:



Use BEST practices to invest the permanent State School Fund.

Continue to BUILD the fund while providing an increased distribution to every public school for academic improvement.

**BALANCE** the state's responsibility to current and future students.

Amendment B is a small change to the Utah Constitution updating the way school trust funds are invested and distributed. The fund will be better managed and local schools will receive more money through the School LAND Trust program both now and in the future. For more information, join the "Vote YES on B" Facebook group or visit amendmentb.com.

Utah PTA Supports Amendment B.



Amendment B will be on your ballot this fall. It is a small change to the constitution that updates the way school trust funds are invested and distributed.

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