



What's the Word Wildcats?

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to school after an unusual whacky weather pattern. I hope you had a wonderful and exciting break connecting with family and friends.

Now that the second half of the school year is well underway, please be sure you and your child check PowerSchool on a weekly basis from now through the end of the school year. If you or your child misplaced the username and password, please call our Guidance Department at 529-7555 or email Ms. Winward at kira.winward@sau24.org. [Read more from Mrs Brake...](#)

From the Board



The Weare School Board would like to remind everyone that Voting Day is Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Voting will take place at the Weare Middle School from 7 am to 7 pm.

[Click here to see the Weare School District Warrant](#)

JSBS brings Quebec Winter Carnival to WMS

The John Stark French Honor Society brought their version of the Quebec Winter Carnival to students at the Weare Middle and Center Woods Upper Elementary

Upcoming Dates

March

3/4-3/11 Spring Book Fair at WMS
3/8 - Voting Day
7am-7pm
3/13 - Daylight Savings Time Starts
3/22 - School Board Meeting 6pm
3/31 - Quarter 3 Ends

April

4/19 - School Board Meeting 6pm
4/19- 4/22 8th Grade DC Trip
4/25- 4/29 - Spring Break

Schools on February 5th. [Read more on the Winter Carnival...](#)



Photo: l-r: JSRHS French Teacher Chandra Hackenberg, WMS French teacher Meagan Rios, and JSRHS French teacher Patricia Chiquelin heat the syrup to pour over the snow. (The lack of snow this winter prior to the Carnival necessitated the teachers using ice to cool the maple syrup.) Photo Credit: Patti Osgood



Photo: WMS 8th grade student Chris Seaver enjoying a sampling of maple syrup on snow Photo Credit: Patti Osgood



Photo: As luck would have it, snow finally arrived on the day of the Winter Carnival allowing for some of the outdoor activities planned to take place. Here students gear up in snowshoes before heading out on the trails. Photo Credit: Patti Osgood

WMS Girls Basketball Undefeated Season

The Weare Middle School Lady Wildcats Basketball team capped off their undefeated season on February 6, beating Hampstead 67-38. The Lady Wildcats put together their most complete game of the season. Everyone scored and, most importantly, everyone played ferocious defense. They scored 26 points in the 3rd quarter alone. [Read more on the Lady Wildcats here...](#)



Coach Sherry Johnson, manager Emma Edwards, Maci Lacasse, Chelsea Woodsum, Lilli Stogner, Arianna Maxwell, Brady Johnson, manager Hannah Dupont, Coach Rod Johnson
Anna Stenger, Riley Lord, Brooke Patnode
Jorja Douzanis, Elizabeth Aubin
Photo Credit: Bronda Crosby

WMS Spirit Week

Weare Middle School Students participated in many activities during Spirit Week and were able to earn points for their grade. Activities included Dress Up days, daily Trivia Questions, Mix it Up Lunch, Cheer Challenge and Plunger Race.

In 3rd place with 1100 points: Class of 2020

In 2nd place with 1200 points: Class of 2021

Our 2016 Spirit Winners with 1450 points: Class of 2022

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Para-Professional Lisa Barnes and our School Mascot showing their Wildcat Pride!



7th graders Haley Couchon, Alyssa Villemaire, Stephanie Rodonis and Abigail Burke at the Spirit Week Assembly where they showed off their cheer.



6th graders Destiny Vickers, Natalie Patterson, Rylie Winward and Emaly Roy on Multiple Day



6th graders Anthony DeTone, Jackson Souther and Hunter Bowie on Multiple Day.



7th graders Ivy Brooks, Libby Barnes and Madison McDonald on Mix it Up day.



8th grader Spencer Beahm working to get his team to first place for the Plunger Race at the Spirit Week Assembly.

2016 WMS Geography Bee Winner

7th grade student Alyssa Villemaire won the Weare Middle School competition of the 28th National

Geographic Bee. Alyssa will now take the state geography bee qualifying test to see if she will be among the 100 top New Hampshire scorers on the written qualifier. If she is, she will advance to the state bee at Keene State College on April 1.

State winners participate in the national championship rounds in Washington, DC, May 22-25. The

first-place national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship. Weare Middle School students Brooke Blackburn, Stephanie Rodonis, and Zac Bowes made it to the final round in the WMS bee. Photo Credit: Bronda Crosby



WMS Honor Roll

[Quarter 2 Honor Roll](#)

Trout in the Classroom at WMS

In connection with middle school curriculum, we will be raising trout in the classroom through NH Fish and Game/Trout Unlimited. Students will be raising the trout from eggs to fry and will release them at the swim up stage. Enrichment students will be updating the website daily, sharing photos, videos and information on the water quality and temperature. Grades 6-8 Enrichment students are also working on a life cycle/habitat mural that will be displayed in the hallway near the library.

[Click here to see the progress of our trout...](#)



Photo: Enrichment Teacher Nicole Richardson and 8th Grade Student Daniel Ciarla setting up the Trout Tank
Photo Credit: Bronda Crosby

7th Graders Talk Politics

All students in the 7th grade participated in a mock election to simulate how political parties work, how presidential candidates run for office, and how the electoral college works. We started with breaking students into political groups by having them take a political ideology test. Students then were able to determine if they were Independent, Republican, or Democrat. [Read more on the 7th grade Mock Election...](#)

Tips To Fight Off Illness From The Health Office

Returning to school after a vacation always seems to trigger the advent of stomach bugs, colds and other ailments as we get back into routine. Illness occurs when a bacteria or virus in the environment enters the body and starts to grow there. [Read here for tips on how to build your immune system...](#)

Attention to All Parents: Whenever your child has their yearly physical examination, please provide a copy for their medical file here at Weare Middle School. This helps in keeping all medical information current.

Superintendents Discuss Opioid Crisis

School superintendents from around the Southwest region of New Hampshire recently participated in a panel

discussion about the current opioid crisis in New Hampshire and how it impacts schools and student education. The discussion revolved around three major areas- what is an opioid by definition, how did the problem escalate to its present level, and what resources are available to schools to help combat the problem. [Read more on the discussion...](#)

Community News

A Night of Swing and Big Band Music in Henniker

March 4, 7 PM, Tall Granite Big Band will present a program of classic and contemporary jazz in the Henniker Community School Café. The evening starts at 7:00 PM with a free swing dance lesson provided by professional instructors, followed by live music from 8:00-9:30 PM. There will also be plenty of seating available for those who would rather enjoy the show concert-style. All proceeds from the bake sale during the show and donations at the door will benefit the HCS music department. This event is being made possible through a generous donation by Robert and Rebecca Maccini.

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