



What's the Word Wildcats?

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Principal's Corner

With the extremely cold winter we are having, I would like to encourage our students to "please assess your dress". The majority of our time we are warm and cozy in our classrooms, but what would happen if there was an emergency and we have to evacuate outside? [Continue reading here...](#)

From the School Board

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As school board members, we are charged with advocating and providing the best education possible for all the children in the Weare School District. We are proud of our schools and the academic achievements of our students. However, our success in providing the best education can only continue if we are able to provide four essential elements-securing an adequate budget, employing highly qualified educators, providing a safe and secure place to learn, and by engaging support from the community. [Click here to read more on the budget process...](#)

Weare Educational Support Staff

Para-educators play an important role in meeting the educational needs of the children in the Weare School District. This March voters will have the opportunity to support a new three-year contract for these important team members. [Click here for more information on Para contracts...](#)

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Upcoming Dates

February

2/2 - 6pm School Board Meeting

7pm Deliberative Session

2/11 - 8th Grade Parents Night at JSRHS

2/15-2/19 - Spirit Week

2/22-2/26 - Winter Break

March

3/8 - Voting Day

Weare Education Association

In Weare, we are fortunate to have very talented and dedicated educators. Citizens will have the opportunity to vote on a new two-year contract for these teachers in March. This contract aims to recruit and retain highly qualified educators as frequent staff turnover drains district resources and impacts students' educational experiences. [Click here for more information on Teacher contracts...](#)

Capital Center for the Arts

Written by: Terry Greene

WMS 6th grade student

When some people think about plays, it is usually stated that they are very classy, enjoyable, and professional. With the plays my grade and I went to watch, I agree with all those listed opinions. The acting was solid and the sets were almost entirely how I envisioned them; the lighting and sounds were superb. Even most of the kids dressed up in some of their finest attire (myself included).

[Read more from Terry Greene...](#)



WMS Music Program

Middle school general music students have had the opportunity to play instruments and compose songs throughout the quarter. 6th grade student Bonnie Bragdon's favorite part of music class has been "learning to play the piano independently." When asked to describe his experience about composing an African drumming song based on the "Kuku," Nick Osborne said with excitement "It was awesome!" Caitlin Mooney of the 8th grade also expressed that learning how to play African drums was a fun highlight of the quarter. Jeffrey Shepherd, of the seventh grade, noted that he has

learned how to play the guitar. Ethan Ploof, another seventh grader, commented that he learned not only to play chords and notes, but also to write his own composition using this information.

2016 Spelling Bee Winners

It's Spelling Bee season and the Weare Middle School held their bee on January 15. The winner, Emmet Rinehimer (7th grade), will compete in the NH State competition for the Scripps National Spelling Bee at 1 PM on Saturday, February 27 at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. The State competition, sponsored by the Union Leader, is free and open to the public. In the case that the individual school winner cannot make the State Bee, the runner up will attend in his place.



Photo: Weare Middle School runner up Stephanie Rodonis (7th grade) and winner Emmet Rinehimer (7th grade).

Photo credit: Bronda Crosby

Snowshoeing with Health Class

WMS health students, battling the cold and wind, went snowshoeing to make use of what little snow there is out there. The students stayed warm and had a great time. THINK SNOW, so that there will be more trips out to snowshoe.



Photo: Cloe Palladino, Kayla Burbee, Taryn Arel, Gianna Massaro, Olivia Dame, Cameron Lombard, Ali Pike, Brian Denoncour, Brooke Patnode, Ethan Ploof, Kayli Gilman, Brianna Pinter, Mason Biagiotti, Elizabeth Downing, Alex Plante, Zach Rivard, Cody Lucier, Devin Menard, Cameron Fortin, James McClintock
Photo Credit: Bronda Crosby

WMS Basketball

Girls Basketball

The girls basketball team celebrated their eighth grade players at their last home game on January 21st. Girls ended their regular season undefeated 14-0.



Photo: Chelsea Woodsum, Arianna Maxwell, Anna Stenger, Elizabeth Aubin, Macie LaCasse
Photo Credit: Bronda Crosby

Boys Basketball

Jayden Sheppard breaks away for a 2 point lay-up at the boys last home game of the season on January 21st.



Photo Credit: Bronda Crosby

Tips from the Health Office

It is winter in NH and cold and flu season. So, how do you avoid passing germs from one person to another? A study was done to determine if it is better to shake hands, high-5, or fist bump when greeting someone. It was discovered that the area of contact and the amount of time the contact lasted had a huge influence on how many germs passed from one person to another. Shaking hands passed on a lot of germs that stayed on people's hands and that they passed on to others. The high-5 and the fist bump were equal in only passing a minimal amount of bacteria to the other person. So forget the hand shake when meeting someone new, or greeting a friend or acquaintance. Give them a rousing WMS High-5!

8th Grade Parent Night

On Thursday, February 11th, students who will be freshmen and their parents/guardians are invited to the 8th Grade Parent Night at John Stark Regional High School at 6:30pm. During this evening, the administration will meet with parents/guardians to

discuss the high school experience and the many opportunities that will be available to students over the next four years. [Read more on our 8th Grade Parent Night...](#)

SAU 24 Trains All Staff on Suicide Prevention

By this time next year, all staff members-administrators, teachers, para-educators and bus drivers in SAU 24 schools in Henniker, Weare, and Stoddard will have participated in training aimed at recognizing the warning signs and risk factors of suicide. The training is being conducted by Weare Middle School Adjustment Counselor Laurie Ekberg, Director of Community Impact Operations for Granite United Way Jennifer Sabin, MSW, and Substance Misuse Prevention Coordinator for the Capital Area Public Health Network Anni Stanley-Smith. [Click here to read more...](#)

WMS Guidance Department

The Guidance Department is excited to be starting an 8 week program run through Girls Inc. beginning the end of January. The Girls Inc. mission is to empower and inspire all girls to be Strong (through healthy living), Smart (through education), and Bold (through independence), providing thousands of girls with life-changing experiences and solutions to the unique challenges girls face. [Read more about Girls Inc...](#)

PowerSchool for WMS Students

Middle School is a time when students learn and practice setting goals, time management and organizational skills. Weare Middle School offers PowerSchool access to all its students and their parents or guardians. The students are asked to check their grades every week and discuss any missing assignments with their teachers. Recently Mr Willis and Mrs Brake sent home a planning sheet to help students learn some independence and keep track of their grades and assignments. [Click here to read more...](#)

School Closing and Delay Procedures

As the cold weather sets in and the snow begins to fly we would like to remind you of our procedures for

closings and delays. Please read the [School closing procedures](#) to keep yourself up to date on the latest information.

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