WARREN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

November 2015

PLEASE HELP Warren County Middle School!
WE NEED YOUR BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION AND
CAMPBELL’S Labels for Education UPC’s.

LIBRARY NEWS
The library has been extremely busy!
Please ask your child about the books they are reading. We are having a 40-
Book Challenge this year. If your child hasn’t mentioned it, ask them about it!
We will have our first drawing the week of December 21. We are also
participating in the Virginia Readers’ Choice book promotion. Please ask your
child what books they are reading to participate in these two programs.
This month we are talking about plagiarism and research skills. Our Destiny
homepage has a lot of useful information. Students have access to Destiny,
our online catalog, at home by using this web address http://destiny.wcps.k12.va.us, then select WCMS. Students also have access to
other useful links from the Destiny Home Page. If students wish to use the
resources located on the Destiny Home Page, they may need the following
passwords: The ProQuest user name is 37-10887 and the password is
bigchalk. The Thomson Gale password is schools. We also have access
to WorldBook Online. The user name is wcms1 and the password is
schools.

Miss Foster Science 6
We attended a field trip to the Shenandoah River State Park and learned a lot
about water quality, watersheds, trees, and fire safety. We’ve studied
weather, weather instruments, fronts, air masses, storms, and how to read a
weather map. We made a wind vane and tracked high and low temperatures
for a week making a graph to show this. We will begin studying the Earth’s
rotation, revolution, and why we have seasons. The sun and the planets will
also be explored. Your child should read over handouts or notes periodically
because we will continue to have quizzes and tests. Please encourage your
child to bring an agenda, binder, paper, pencil, and any assignments to class
every day.

Mrs. Utz Science 7
November 18 begins the last part of science for first semester for the Falcons.
I would remind students and parents that grades will be averaged for the year
in December for science. I will be first advisory and second advisory together
to get the end of the year average. Make sure that your child studies some
every night. This will make test time much easier for them. Bringing all
materials to class will help as well. Your child should have their binder, writing
utensil, paper, and a book to read every day. Your child will have a benchmark
and an end of the year skills test in December.
This is the time of year when we all need tissues. If your child could bring in
a box of tissues for my classroom, it would greatly be appreciated. Thank you.

EAGLE TEAM NEWS
The Eagle team has been working hard to improve their attendance. We
have brought out attendance up from 88% to 93% and we are still
climbing! Great job Eagles! Recently we visited the Worlds of Work Expo in
Winchester. The Eagle team was very well behaved and enjoyed the morning
exploring future occupations.
In math class we have been busy celebrating Halloween with pumpkin
activities in math! We will be studying powers of 10, scientific notation, and
ratios within the next few weeks. Mrs. Snapp will have math tutoring Monday
after school from 3:30-4:30 if you are interested.
The English classes are enjoying learning about and practicing figurative
language. In a recent activity, students described a campfire setting with gems
such as “It was just like a cozy, warm blanket,” “Taste the crunchy gooeyness
of the campfire pizza,” and “As the fire crackles and burns.” This quarter, they
will continue working on using figurative language to add interest and detail to
their writing.
History: students are beginning the Great Depression and will soon be
entering the second World War including, The Holocaust. Students will soon
be bringing home permission forms for a field trip to the Holocaust Memorial
in Washington. Eagle team, don’t forget to bring canned goods for the holidays!

Mr. Varner English 7
An update from the Raptor English classroom of Mr. Varner, written by Mr.
Varner and a first period student in Google Docs on a Chromebook:
“Hello parents/guardians of students on the Raptor team. Our class goes to
the school’s brand-new Chromebook lab every week to work on writing
assignments and reading comprehension practice. Every day we also rotate
on the Chromebooks that we have in the classroom. We have five
Chromebooks that Mr. Varner received for becoming a Google Certified
Educator last year. Students not working on computers read quietly until their
turn in the rotation. We also start new vocabulary units each week.”

Mrs. Rutherford Science 6
Bengal science students have been busy building river systems with clay and
learning about Earth’s atmosphere. We are drawing electromagnetic waves
and identifying temperature inversions. We used a balloon activity to learn
about moving air. We completed a pH lab to learn about acid rain. We will
continue this advisory describing weather, learning about weather patterns,
and forecasting weather. We made wind vanes and mini tornadoes.

Falcon News
We would like to congratulate our students on collecting the most socks for
socktober. During the months of November and December we will be
collecting non-perishable canned foods for those in need. Students are remind
to come prepared to class with the following items
• Pencil / pen
• Agenda
• Book
• Class specific materials

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Mr. Hopple Math 7
The Ospreys have just concluded their unit on fractions, decimals and
percentages and will now move into some computation and estimation. We
will begin by using proportions to solve practical problems as well as find the
measurement of sides of similar figures. We will also start to learn about
tax, tip and discount which will be very useful for all students. If any questions
arise, please not hesitate to call or email: mhopple@wcps.k12.va.us

• Our school will be closed November 25-27.
• Our last day of school in December is December 22.
• The first semester ends on Tuesday, December 22.
• December 2 – Band Concert
• December 11 – School Dance, 3:30 – 5:30 PM
**WE publicity, and Stephen Willsole! Thanks to all the parents who helped with hemming the boys uniform pants! We could not do what we do without the great parental support we were encouraged by our Club for making Weekend Fuel a sustainable program for WCMS.

**Weekend Fuel News**

The Counseling Office at Warren County School has created a food assistance program to help provide adequate nutrition for our students-in-need on the weekends. Each Friday we pack small sacks of food to be distributed to students identified as high risk from food insecure homes. We send these sacks with three to four “pop-top” meals, snacks, juices, etc. home with students, helping to ensure they have food over the weekend. Our hope is that by providing supplemental weekend food, that we are addressing child hunger in our school and community. Donations can be made by contacting the WCMS Counseling office at 540-635-2194 or by simply dropping off donations to the school at 240 Luray Avenue, Front Royal.

**Most Needed Items for Weekend Fuel Program** (Individual Serving Size)

- Applesauce, fruit cups, cereal bars, juice boxes/pouches
- Snack foods: cheese/pizza crackers, fruit rollups, trail mix, cookies, peanut butter, pudding cups
- Protein: Vienna sausages, meat stews w/vegetables, beans & franks, chicken or tuna pouches
- Shelf-stable milk (plain or chocolate)
- Pop-top vegetables such as peas, green beans, corn, etc.
- Pop-top pasta cups with meat like spaghetti, ravioli
- Pop-top microwavable soups or macaroni & cheese

Thank you to the Interact Club, for their time and energy in organizing “Costumes for a Cause”. Through their efforts we received $143 in donations for Weekend Fuel. Working together to support our school we have made an immediate difference in addressing child hunger in our community. Thanks again to Jenny Stanley, Rebecca Webster, and each member of the Interact Club for making Weekend Fuel a sustainable program for WCMS.

The Counseling Office would also like to thank those faculty/staff who contributed water bottles to our office. Sometimes the smallest acts of kindness, such as a water bottle will turn a child’s mood around and improve their day.

**Band News**

Beginning Band students are off to a great start! We have learned the first 5 notes and are working on our selections for the Winter Concert (Dec. 2 at 6:00 PM, WCMS Auditorium). Students should be practicing regularly now—the more practice they can get, the faster they will progress!

Concert Band worked very hard to prepare our piece for the Veteran’s Day Ceremony, which was very well-received. We are polishing up the selections for our Winter Concert!

Thanks for the great support of our annual fundraiser!!! These items are expected to be delivered prior to Thanksgiving; a firm date will be given to us by the company, and I will pass that along to you as soon as possible. Please be sure to deliver all items promptly! We should receive the money envelopes within the next few weeks, and the pizza party and limo lunch ride to Cracker Barrel will be scheduled sometime after our Winter Concert.

Thank you to all the parents who helped with hemming the boys’ uniform pants! We could not do what we do without the great parental support we received.

WINTER CONCERT is set for Wednesday, December 2, at 6:00 PM, in the WCMS auditorium. Beginning Band and Concert Band will be performing. The concert will be over in less than an hour and there is no charge for admission.

All-District Band auditions (an optional event for Concert Band members who are adequately prepared) are Saturday, Dec. 12 at Kettle Run HS. Students who want to participate need to have returned the form by November 13th. Thank you, Pam Dyke

**Cougar News**

English: Mrs. Bonini: During the second advisory, students are learning about figurative language, organization patterns, and author’s purpose as we read shared texts about animal encounters. Students are also focusing on descriptive writing.

Everyone has been reading so much! It’s amazing! So far, the following students have read at least 10 or more books this year: Kaleb Brennan, Aleia Garrett, Stephanie Abrego, Maya Scott, Mya McBride, Timothy Tickal, Nick Baron, Cheyenne Hamby, Keyon Mancebo, Jacob Robinson, Emma Bergmann, Destiny Elsea, Zack Andrews, Malachi Quinn, Natasha Behmardi, Ethan Caperton, Katelyn Doyle, Cathie Hawk, and Jack Carter. The following students have read at least 20 books or more so far this year: Richard Schultz, Lillian Bergdorf, Calleigh Miller, and Gunnar Chaffin. The following students have already read at least 40 or more books so far this year: Faith Diamond, Carson Gibbons, and Nick Kozhenovsky.

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home as much as possible! Math: Mrs. Simpson: Way to go Cougars! I am so proud of all your hard work this first quarter and how well you performed on your Benchmark Tests. It just proves that hard work really does pay off in the end.

The next few weeks will be challenging as we dive into the concepts of fractions, decimals, and percent’s, and how they all intertwine together. Ratios will also be introduced as well as subtraction with fractions. The last few weeks of the quarter, we will be learning measurement and geometry. Looks like a 9 weeks packed full of learning.

Remember: “The sum of us is greater than all of our parts.”

Keep up the fantastic work!!!!!

Ms. Fulmer’s US History 1: Can you believe half our history school year is already over?! Wow, time flies when you’re having fun! Students just finished learning how this great country moved from being Great Britain’s colonies to fighting the Revolutionary War and winning its independence. Ask your student to recite the sentence from the Declaration of Independence they memorized; also have them tell you who wrote it and when. During this advisory we will investigate how our government came to be and the leadership of our new nation. Please encourage your Learner to listen and/or read current news and relate it to the history he/she has studied so far.

Remember, After-School Tutoring is held on Tues., and Thurs. for those who need extra help. Students must be picked up at 4:20 outside the main office and they must let me know ahead of time. Please sign your student’s progress report and return it. History students of the month of October are: Will Baldwin and Cayla Kleinschmidt; they both do their work and are respectful and great additions to my 1st and 5th period classes!!!

**Our WCMS 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team**

**Our WCMS Cross Country Team**

Outdoor Club on Recent Hike