

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES:

- 11/01: Carline Harvest Drive Drop-off Begins
- 11/11: No School
- 11/12: Report Cards Issued via Virtual Counselor
- 11/12: SAC/SAF Meeting, 8:15am, Media Center
- 11/22: Thanksgiving Break Begins

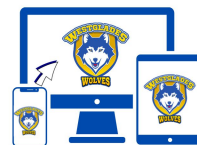
IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES:

- 12/10: SAC/SAF Meeting, 8:15am, Media Center
- 12/20: Winter Break Begins

Dear Westglades Family,

Happy Fall! October was a busy month filled with a lot of activities. Westglades had its first band and orchestra concert in nearly two years. It was amazing to see the students performing music again and at such a high level! Our cross county, golf, and soccer teams finished their seasons and the girls golf team and girls soccer team both won the District Championships! This is an amazing accomplishment for our athletes, school, and our athletic program.

We are collecting for the Harvest Drive. This is an important event to assist those in the community that are in need, and it is an opportunity for our students to give back and support their community and the surrounding communities. Please see our website or social media for details.



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QUESTIONS? CONTACT YOUR GRADE LEVEL ADMINISTRATOR

Westglades will be offering free tutoring after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:50-4:50 in the Media Center. Tutoring will begin on 11/2 and will have a teacher from each Core subject area and NJHS students assisting students who need support.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hope that everyone stays healthy and well.

- Matthew Bianchi, Principal



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IMPORTANT WMS CONTACTS



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BACK TO SCHOOL ONLINE FORMS



Parents/Guardians, please be sure to complete your child's back-to-school forms, online. You must complete these forms at the start of each school year for each student enrolled in the District. Once you complete and submit the forms, you will receive an email confirmation. Print and return the confirmation to your child's school. [BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS](#)

ATTENTION PARENTS OF ALL CURRENT 7th GRADERS & OF 8th GRADERS THAT WERE NOT ON CAMPUS LAST SCHOOL YEAR:

Prior to entering the 7th grade, all students must provide a Florida Certificate of Immunization (DH 680) stating that their immunizations are complete for 7th grade entry. Please note that in addition to compliance with all other required immunizations, children entering the 7th grade in Florida schools must have received one dose of the tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.

Your child may need additional immunizations and/or you may just need to turn in the updated DH 680 form. You may request the form from your child's physician's office or visit a public health center.

Please email your child's updated immunization form to our Registrar at

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WMS was a Top Nearpod User for September with *the most activities collected in Broward County Public Schools*. Our teachers collected a total of 20,936 Nearpod activities.

Nearpod provides real-time insights into student understanding through interactive lessons, interactive videos, gamified learning, formative assessment, and activities. Mrs. Stratos our Media Specialist says, "It allows teachers to enhance their lessons with activities that keep kids engaged while giving real-time feedback and data on student achievement and participation. It's like PowerPoint meets whiteboard meets video game." Great Job, Wolves!



The week of October 4th through the 8th, we held our annual Fall Scholastic Book Fair. We had over \$17,000 in sales. The students' purchases helped us raise over \$4,250 in cash for the PTO to help make improvements around our campus. Mrs. Stratos was thrilled saying, "I can tell you that it was our most successful book fair EVER. We sold out of almost everything." Special thanks to the WMS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) that always volunteers their time to help the students and staff at WMS!



CELEBRATE WITH US!

We are so excited to announce that this year is the 20th Anniversary of WMS opening! We plan to celebrate all year long! The staff started the year with a Twenty Years of Westglades video montage and the PTO provided staff with special goodie bags. The PTO also sponsored new flags and banners which definitely spruced up our courtyard area. Lastly, we started adding items to our Time Capsule that will be opened in 20 years! **We invite all WMS families to celebrate with us and show support by purchasing a special edition 20th Anniversary t-shirt from the PTO.**



The 2nd debate tournament of the season took place on October 27th at Stoneman Douglas. Great job to all who participated! This month's winners are:

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

- Shania Srivastav
- Dhruv Mutha
- Ishika Gadani
- Colin Niebecker
- Scott Silver

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

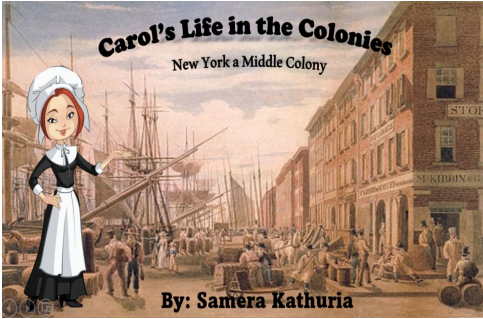
- Amna Khwaja
- Laasya Pagadala

PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE

- Darsh Patel and Praneeth Tallapaneni
- Gabriella Boehm and Sarah Rosaler
- Sydney Davidson and Sienna Grayeli

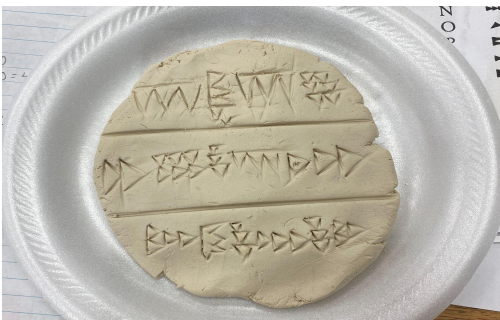
CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!

SOCIAL STUDIES



Mrs. Abou-Semaan's class finished the quarter with a 13 Colonies project called "Colonial America: It's a Children's Book". For this project, the students were assigned one of the 13 Colonies, and they were to create an informative and colorful kids book that centered around Colonial life. Some really wonderful projects were submitted! The class is looking forward to learning about the events leading up to the American Revolution/The Revolution during the 2nd quarter.

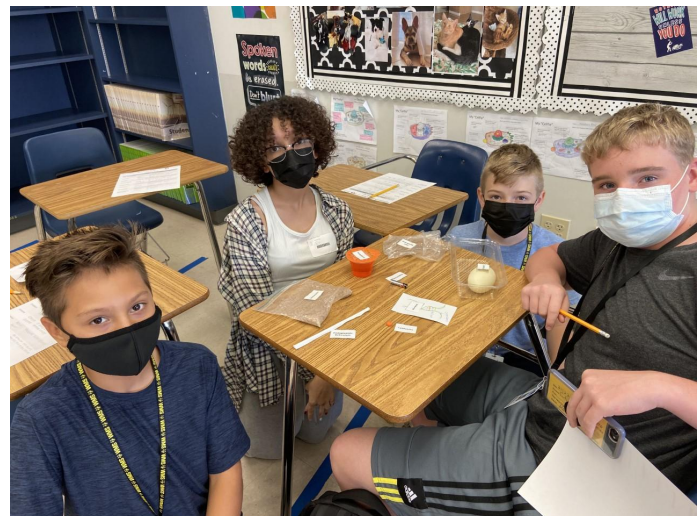
Mr. Cantlupe's 8th Social Studies classes just finished, or are finishing, a colonial advertising project, students create brochures, maps, and postcards to convince a British subject to come to their colony. We are heading on the road to the American Revolution next. Stay tuned!



Mrs. Stobinsky's 6th Grade World History students have been busy at work. They just finished various activities with ancient Mesopotamia. Students wrote their names in cuneiform. In November, they will be studying the Aztec/Mexican holiday of Day of the Dead and Indian holiday Divali. Our Social Studies department is promoting the Harvest Drive and hope for a large success. We will begin our study of ancient Egypt soon.

SCIENCE

Students in 7th Grade Science are learning about cell organelles. They participated in a lab activity where they built a cell using inanimate objects. Students identified the similar structure and function between the objects and cell organelles.



WESTGLADES MIDDLE RED RIBBON WEEK

10/25-10/29

Such a fun week filled with spirit for everyone!

Thank you to all who participated.



WMS CLUBS



GET INVOLVED!

We have amazing extra-curricular programs and activities available to students at Westglades Middle School. Please take a moment to check them out on our website under the Activities Tab.

<https://bit.ly/3CoSTHS>

- Best Buddies
- Broward Youth Coalition
- Chess
- Debate
- DECA In the Middle
- Drama / Jr. Thespian Club
- E-Sports
- Florida Future Educators (FFEA)
- Howl Book
- Multicultural
- National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)
- Rock Climbing Club
- SADD
- Student Government (SGA)
- Stock Market
- Tennis
- Youth Mountain Bike

FALL CONCERTS

Advanced Orchestra



Beginning Orchestra



Westglades Beginning Orchestra put on an "Informance" for the audience, demonstrating all we have learned since we started school! Students in this Orchestra have only been learning to play an instrument for about 3 weeks, and were able to show off all the skills they've learned!

Westglades Advanced Orchestra set the tone for the Fall Concert with lots of spooky music!

The performed "Hocus Pocus," "The Abandoned Funhouse," and "Gargoyles."

Both groups had a strong first performance and are looking forward to performing 3 more times this year!

CONGRATS LADY WOLVES!



The evening of October 18th, the Westglades Lady Wolves Soccer Team won the MSA County Championship 8-0 over Sawgrass Springs Middle. The team scored 15 seconds into the game on a free kick by Jackie DeStefano who was named MVP of the game. Congrats to all the girls and Assistant Coach Shannon Goodrich!

A very special congratulations to our amazing Coach Maryann Sweeney! Coach Sweeney has been our Girls Soccer Coach for many successful seasons. She has led the team to 51 wins and ZERO losses in the regular season. She has been to a semifinal or final game 6 of her 7 seasons as Coach. Congratulations to all!



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Also on October 18th, the Boys and Girls Golf Teams the competed in the MSA Golf Championships at Coral Springs Country Club. The Girls Golf Team repeated as County Golf Champions with a team score of 174!

Elisa Hernandez-Gil finished 3rd overall and Sophie Alcal-Marks finished 4th overall. Annie Yang competed as an individual and placed 2nd. The boys team, for the first time in the history of MSA Golf Championship, did not win the championship, but they placed 4th. Great job to both teams and all who competed!



CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

This month, both the WMS cross country teams competed in the MSA Championship at Tradewind Parks in Coconut Creek. The girls placed 4th and the boys placed 7th.

The girls had four runners place in the top 32. Katie Wagner was first to cross the line, followed by Noa Nierman and Mickayla Sugrano. The boys had five runners compete with Matthew Rosenberg, finishing with the top time of 14:56.01 to come in 15th place. Both Alexander Spadaccini crossed the line two spots later while Ethan Reynolds came in 18th.

Congratulations to all!



HARVEST DRIVE



The Harvest Drive Helpers will be collecting non-perishable items via 1st period classes now through November 12th.

Additional drop off times/locations:

Car Line Drop Off: Nov. 1st – 5th (AM & PM)

Items Needed:

juice – family size
canned fruit, canned cranberry
pancake mix and syrup
cookies/crackers
cereal/oatmeal
rice/pasta macaroni & cheese
peanut butter jelly (no glass jars)
canned veggies canned/packets gravy
spaghetti sauce (can)
soups stuffing
canned tuna or meats
boxed mashed potatoes
muffin/cake mix

[Visit the Westglades Estore](#), if you would like to Adopt-A-Family for \$25. (Each Family will receive a \$25 Walmart or Publix gift card.)

Thank you!

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WESTGLADES MIDDLE SCHOOL'S ELL PARENT AND FAMILY NIGHT

FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS
AND THEIR FAMILIES

WHEN:

Thursday, November 18, 2021
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

WHERE:

11000 Holmberg Rd,
Parkland, FL 33076

Translation Services, Childcare for Elementary Aged
Children, and Light Refreshments Will be Served

AN EVENT FOR ALL AGES

TOPICS:

ESOL Program
Pinnacle and Canvas
Information on
FSA/EOC
Understanding
ACCESS
Scores/WIDA
Accommodations
Support for Newcomers
Transition to High
School/College
Clubs and Athletics
Support for Students with
Disabilities
Google Translate
Parent Resource Office
ELLlevation
Extra Support at Home
SAC/SAF/PTO

RSVP: Click [Westglades Evite](#)

OR SCAN BELOW



ASK BRIA

BROWARD REMOTE INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT



Wolves, need schoolwork help?

The district offers evening academic assistance Monday-Thursday from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. All students have a link in their Canvas courses to "Ask BRIA" (Broward Remote Instructional Assistance). By clicking on that link, they will be guided to a live Teams session with a certified teacher to receive academic support.