



IMPORTANT MARCH DATES

3/10: Incoming 6th Grade Curriculum Night, 6:30pm

3/12: SAC Meeting, 8:15am

3/18: Early Release Day

3/19: NO SCHOOL

3/22: Spring Break Begins

3/29: Classes resume

Dear Westglades Family,

It's hard to believe we are in March and the end of the third quarter (3/18) is near.

As many of you know, the State has communicated to all the school districts that standardized testing will take place this year. There will be communication coming from our district concerning the implications that this will have on our students, and they will address logistical concerns parents may have with transportation, social distancing, etc. In middle school, passing the FSA is not a requirement to move on to the next grade level, but there are implications for class grades for End of Course (EOC's) exams which are part of Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, and 7th grade Civics classes final grades. Please stay tuned for information that will be coming from Westglades and the district.

On February 14th, WMS students participated in the SBBC's three-year commemoration of the lives lost and impacted by the Marjory Stoneman Douglas tragedy, by participating in Westglades L.O.V.E.S. Throughout the day, students participated in service projects or social and emotional learning activities. One of these service projects that really touched us happened through our language arts department. Our students used an online program to post positive messages of thanks to the medical personnel at Memorial Hospital in Pembroke Pines. The CEO of the hospital sent a very nice letter to our students in response saying, "Thank you for the wonderful notes, letters and poems you wrote for us. This came at a time when we really needed a lift and it came from your beautiful words and thoughts. Thank you for taking the time and thinking about us during this crisis. Your words are giving us the energy to continue our mission of "Healing the Body, Mind, and Spirit of all of those who we touch." Our kids are amazing, and it was very powerful to see that our children, who have been through so much, were able to touch the hearts of our frontline health care workers during this pandemic.

The first athletic season since last year just concluded. Our girls and boys flag football teams had an amazing season both clinching division titles. They had an excellent season, and we are very proud of the players and coaches. Our basketball teams are currently finishing tryouts with the season starting in mid-March.

Be sure to join us for our next SAC/SAF meeting beginning at 8:15am on Friday, March 12th. Thursday, March 18th will mark the end of the third quarter and March 18th is an Early Release Day. There is no school on March 19th which is an Employee Planning Day. Additionally, schools are closed the week of March 22nd for Spring Break.

Wishing the entire Westglades family a restful Spring Break with family and friends. -Matthew Bianchi




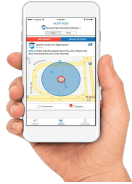

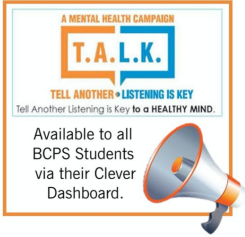
For the three-year commemoration of the MSD tragedy, students and staff, participated in “A Day of Service and Love.”

Our theme was Westglades LOVES (Leadership Opportunities through Volunteerism, Education, and Service). Each grade level subject area created lesson plans around a service/volunteer activity or a social/emotional learning lesson and each lesson will be based on their curriculum area. We observed a moment of silence at 10:17AM.

We had additional mental health counselors available to help students who need the assistance and additional law enforcement was on campus for the entirety of the day.

Parents, as a reminder, it is very important to monitor your child’s electronic devices. Encourage them to bring any comments that are worrisome, destructive, or troubling to the attention of an adult.

ADDITIONAL FAMILY RESOURCES

	<p>FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.</p>
	<p>Using the SaferWatch App, individuals can report incidents and receive real-time safety alerts directly from Broward County Public Schools and local law enforcement.</p>
	<p>If You See Something, Say Something. In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety concern that is not urgent, you can do so anonymously. Call: 754-321-0911 Text: 'SBBC' space with your text message to 274637 (CRIMES) Email: school911@browardschools.com</p>
	<p>The T.A.L.K. app is available exclusively to BCPS K–12 students as an icon that appears on their Clever dashboard. Once a student submits a T.A.L.K. App form, they are connected to a mental health professional before the end of the next school day. If a student is in crisis and has an immediate need to speak to a mental health professional, they are advised to contact the following 24/7 resources: First Call for Help, 954-537-0211 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-8255 Crisis Text Line, Text HOME to 741741 The T.A.L.K. App advises all students to call 911 if they have an emergency.</p>





CONGRATULATIONS
to the January and
February Debate
Tournament Winners!

January 13th, 2021 Tournament

Poetry

Maryam Talebi
Ishika Gadani

Public Forum Debate

Yash Upadhyay and Praneeth Tallapaneni

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Courtney Solinsky
Andrii Babii

Informative Speaking

Ester Santos

Impromptu Speaking

Amna Khwaja

Declamation

Rachel Doraiswamy

Congressional Debate

Carter Veit
Shania Srivastav

February 24, 2021 Tournament

Prose

Manpreet Chhabra
Audrey Reavis
Michele Curtis

Poetry

Analyse Armstrong

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Yash Upadhyay
Aidan Tau

Congressional Debate

Madison Hamilton
Shania Srivastav



CONGRATULATIONS to the Westglades Spanish Team! The students did an amazing job representing Westglades Middle at the District World Language Competition which took place on Teams during the week of February 8-12. All their hard work and dedication paid off because every one of our students placed in their category!

Spanish 1

Ishika Gadani
1st Place Declamation

Darsh Patel
2nd Place Declamation

Spanish 2

Parameshwar Chamarthi
1st Place Declamation

Spanish 2 Speakers
Victoria Llavaneras
2nd Place Declamation



CONGRATULATIONS to our Boys and Girls Flag Football Teams! They had an amazing season. Both teams won their district titles but in the playoffs, lost to Silver Lakes each by a score of 6-0! Great job athletes and coaches!



Our Math Club students and Competitive Math Class have been very busy! Here's just a little of what they have been up to and yes, CONGRATULATIONS are in order!

Mathcounts Competition:

1st Place: Kevin Liu
5th Place: Jayden Lang
6th Place: Darsh Patel
These students also participated in the second level competition. We are waiting for the results.

FAU Math Day Team Competition:

Kevin Liu
Jayden Lang
Darsh Patel
Derek Kehler
Participated and won 3rd place with a prize of \$200.

There are 35 students that participated in **American Mathematic Competition.**

Kevin Liu, 7th Grade

Winner: First place winner at our school
Received the Honor Roll of Distinction: Scored in the top 1% Nationally
Received Gold: First place in a Section

Jayden Lang, 7th Grade

Received Honor Roll Certificate: Scored in the top 5% Nationally
Received Silver: Second place in a Section

Darsh Patel, 7th Grade

Received Bronze: Third place in a Section
Received Team Member: Placed in the top 3 scores at WMS

Natalia Dzielnicka, 6th Grade

Received Certificate of Achievement: Students in Grade 6 and below who scored over a 15 on the AMC 8

Additional Math Students that competed:

Grace Wang, Ishika Gadani, Sanvi Shankar, Eashan Murthy, Preeti Kumar, Derek Kehler, Luke Haynie, Connor Harrington, Connor, Aniket Shukla, Rajam Arunprakash, Luana Maldaner, Bharath Chowlur, Bharath Ivan Yuk, Russell Wesley, Raz Kashuv, Grace Zhu, Jianna Dai, Joanna Zarar Siddiqui, Zarar Maryam Talebi, Maryam, Samkit Bothra, Riya Jain

All our Math Club Students and the Competitive Math Class are also competing in Math Olympiad, which is still in progress. Great job to all that participated.



WESTGLADES MIDDLE SCHOOL
COMPUTER
RETURN-A-THON

CALLING ALL WMS FAMILIES!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are no longer using your school-distributed computer, please return it (along with the charger) to the WMS Security Office **as soon as possible!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

If you have any questions, please call the school directly at 754-322-4800.



INCOMING 6th GRADE CURRICULUM NIGHT

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Beginning at 6:30pm

Access Teams links to join at:

www.WESTGLADES MIDDLE.com

This virtual, informational evening has been developed to provide you and your child the opportunity to learn what Westglades has to offer. It will include live Teams Sessions, Recorded Video Sessions and many more additional resources.

*Welcome from Principal, Mr. Bianchi

*6th Grade Student Testimonials

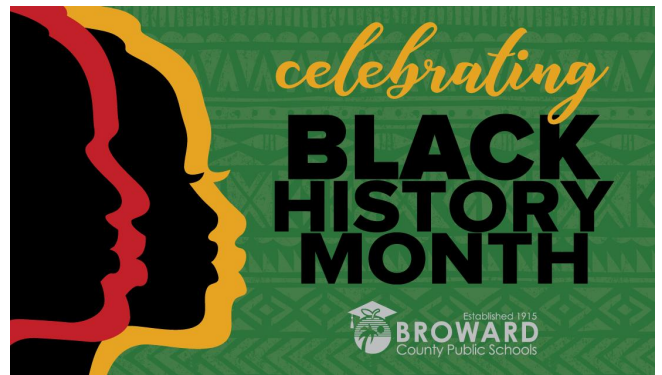
*Day in the Life of a Westglades Student

*Curriculum Information

*Athletics

*Electives

*PTO



Broward County Public Schools celebrates Black History Month- an annual celebration of the achievements by African-Americans and a time for recognizing their role in U.S. history. Since 1976, every U.S. President has officially designated February as Black History Month. Westglades celebrated by honoring one African American that has contributed a significant contribution to the United States' national interests each day on the morning announcements. Announcements can be seen each day on westgladesmiddle.com. View the stories of those celebrated at this [LINK](#).

Thurgood Marshall
Bessie Coleman
Katherine Johnson
Philip B. Downing
Arthur Ashe
Misty Copeland
Usain Bolt
Michelle Obama
Maya Angelou
Chadwick Boseman
Shirley Chisholm
Marie M. Daly
Duke Ellington
Shirley Jackson
William Still
Kamala Harris
Marian Anderson

BEST WISHES, MRS. WILSON!



Westglades has seen many changes in administration and staff over the nearly 20 years since the school began, but one of the constants has been our outstanding Guidance Director, Christine Wilson. Ms. Wilson has been the only Guidance Director since Westglades Middle School began in 2002. Throughout that time, she has worked tirelessly to help students understand the possibilities that lay ahead.

She treats each individual student like they are the most important student. Always patiently listening and offering positive words of encouragement. In 2020, Ms. Wilson was recognized as Broward County Schools' Guidance Counselor of the year. Everyone who has worked alongside Ms. Wilson has benefited from her expertise, knowledge, and care for helping support students. Ms. Wilson will be missed at Westglades Middle School but we wish her nothing but the best in her retirement.

WESTGLADES MIDDLE SCHOOL HARVEST DRIVE

TOILETRY CAMPAIGN

COLLECTION DATES:

Monday, March 8 - Friday, March 12

Items Needed:



Toothpaste



Toothbrushes

Lotion

Soap/Body Wash

Deodorant

Shampoo/Conditioner



The [Harvest Drive](#) is looking to supplement its food distributions with toiletry bags for families. Even though we only do one food drive per year in the Fall, Harvest Drive volunteers sort and pack for families every two weeks throughout the year.

Collection Dates:

Monday, March 8 - Friday, March 12 only.

Please collect and fill ziplock bags with at least one of each suggested item for a family in need (1 to 3 gallon-size bags preferred).

Drop off your donation in the boxes located in the Gym, Auditorium, Cafeteria, or outside Room #123. The Security office is accepting drop off donations daily 9:30am-3:45pm.

There is a link on the [WMS E-store](#) for those interested in making a donation. All of the money donated will be used to purchase items and make bags for the families.

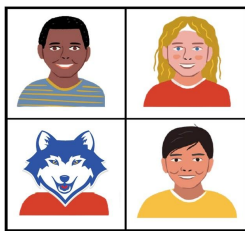
If you have any questions, please email our Harvest Drive Advisor at elizabeth.mcguire@browardschools.com. Thank you for your support, Wolves!

SAVE THE DATE

April 23 - May 3



INDIVIDUAL YEARBOOK PICTURES



FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME

If you were unable to come to campus to have your picture taken, WMS Selfie Portraits are now available. Follow these easy steps:

*Go to WestgladesMiddle.com and click on the **SELFIE PORTRAIT LINK.**

*The student logs in to the website with their ID#, signs in with first and last name, and takes their picture to upload.

Our School's Portrait Rules are as follows:

- For best image quality, take your picture outside in natural daylight if you can.
 - No hands raised in your portrait.
 - No hats or sunglasses. No silly faces.
 - Take your picture on a plain background.
 - Be aware of your background. Watch for inappropriate items that may appear.
 - Make sure no one else is in the photo frame with you.
- If we find that your portrait is not acceptable, based on these rules, or if there are technical issues with your portrait, we will reject the image and contact you to re-take.

We want you to have fun with your portrait, but these rules must be followed.

Questions? Email: help@yearbooklife.com

YEARBOOKS & TRIBUTE ADS

The PTO is selling yearbooks. If you would like to order a yearbook, please go to WestgladesPTO.com to place your order. The last day to order a yearbook is **March 26th.** The price is \$50.

If you have an 8th grader, you may still purchase an 8th grade Tribute Ad, via the same link in the PTO website.

1/4 page ad: \$75

1/2 page ad: \$100

Full page ad: \$150

Email YearbookWestglades@gmail.com with any questions.



In a world where you can be anything,
BE KIND.



With the help of the PTO, WMS celebrated [Random Acts of Kindness Week](#) in February. The movement inspires people every day. Not only do the acts of kindness bring joy to the receiver, but they spread positive reactions to the giver, too! Students and staff participated in the following activities to bring awareness:

TUESDAY, 2/16

Kind Words Count

Students and staff wore shirts with Kind messages or the color green.

WEDNESDAY, 2/17

KINDNESS

ROCKS

We all wore their favorite band or rock star t-shirts.

THURSDAY, 2/18

Don't Hide From

Kindness

Students and staff wore shirts with camo colors camouflage.

FRIDAY, 2/19

Cover the Campus In

Kindness

Students and staff wore blue and gold or a WMS Spirit t-shirt!