WOLF TALES

THANK YOU!





UPCOMING EVENTS

11/2: Last Day for Harvest Drive

11/6: No School

11/9: SAC/SAF/PTO Meeting

11/12: No School

11/14: Report Cards Issued

11/19: Wolf-A-Palooza 11/20: Interim Issued

11/21: Thanksgiving Break Begins

11/26: Classes Resume

Mr. Bianchi's Message

Dear Westglades Family,

The school year is well underway! Activities such as the Fall Band Concert, Spirit Week, Harvest Drive, and the Howl-o-Ween Bash have kept our students busy and engaged. On November 16, our Student Government Association will host a Talent Show for the community. So many talented wolves out there.

The staff is hard at work teaching and assessing to ensure student learning. Our students are engaged in learning during the school day and busy with their activities, athletics or interests afterwards. Our parents are hard at work supporting their children while they learn and grow. Given the busy schedules of the entire Westglades Community, we see our WMS Newsletter as one of the important ways we maintain communication between school and home.

WMS is committed to ensuring a positive learning environment for all. This commitment comes with a focus on learning, consistent attendance, and adherence to the school rules. Consistency in these three areas will allow our students the opportunity to develop the positive habits that will make them successful young adults.

Westglades Middle School is a recipient of both the Five Star School Award and the Golden School Award. These prestigious awards are presented annually to those schools that have shown evidence of exemplary community involvement. Westglades was 1 of 34 schools to receive the Five Star School Award in Broward County. Volunteers, when you are on campus to volunteer be sure that you scan in and out of the S.T.A.R system each time so that the school gets credit for your hours. As always, if you are volunteering off campus, please be sure to track your hours on the the Volunteer Log form which can be found on our website.

On behalf of our staff, we hope you have a great Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends. This year, I am once again very thankful for the opportunity to lead an amazing staff, work with supportive parents, and with your incredibly talented children within a strong community.

CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

HARVEST DRIVE

Harvest Drive Club will be collecting non-perishable items in the carline beginning at 8:15am, **10/29-11/2**. Last day to drop off 11/9.

Dance Team

Tryouts will be held <u>Thursday 11/1, Friday, 11/2</u> & <u>Monday, 11/5</u> in the auditorium. Stop by Portable 3 and see Ms. Ginsberg for forms and more information.

Daily School Announcements

Can always be found on our website: bottom left corner of Home Page.

ATHLETICS



BASKETBALL

Off to a great season! The next home game is **Monday**, **11/5** at 4:30pm against Ramblewood.

VOLLEYBALL

Girls and Boys Tryouts are underway.

GOLF

All Golf Team members please return your uniform to Coach Bobby ASAP.

HIGHLIGHTS



We are Five Star School and Golden School Award Winners! Presented to schools that have shown evidence of exemplary community involvement.

On 10/19, NJHS set up a breakfast for the Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) training. Teachers enjoyed coffee, doughnuts, and chocolates. SEL is being incorporated into the curriculum by teachers in all subjects. We thank NJHS for supporting this initiative at WMS. The goal is for all of us to heal. On the road to healing, we emphasize the value of emotional wellness and its role in our lives.



PTO Hosted the Howl-o-ween Bash on 10/26. Students had a wicked good time dancing, snacking, playing games and having fun with friends! Thank you to all that put this amazing evening together!

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WOLVES IN ACTION

On 10/25, the <u>Chess Club</u> hosted a Halloween Tournament: Students vs. Teachers! Scary good fun!



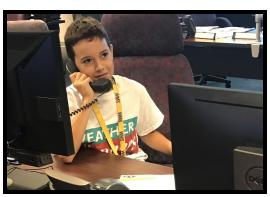






On 10/15, Mrs. Yu and Mr. Vogel's 7th Grade students participated in Storm Zone at the Broward Emergency Ops. Center.









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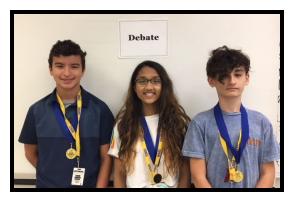
DEBATE

On 10/3, the Debate Team competed at the Glades Middle Debate Tournament.

Congratulations to 7th Grade students: Rome G. for winning a medal for Extemporaneous Speaking and to Ayru P. and Brandon C. for winning medals for Duo Interpretation.

Congratulations to 8th Grade students: Eraj A. and David C., winners of both rounds of public forum debate and to Tyler R. for winning 1st place in Impromptu Speech.







BAND

Band students completed their Fall Concert on 10/25. Beginning Band demonstrated much of their classroom routine and a few short songs, while Concert Band entertained with the piece *Creepy Crawlies*.

The Symphonic Band closed the show with some highlights from *Harry Potter*. Overall, Westglades Bands opened the year with a strong musical performance just two months into school. Mr. Gordon and Ms. Todd can't wait to see what the students will achieve at the Winter Concert on 12/ 6! All are invited!







A Scientifically Spooky Day!



Festive decorations for Spooky Science.



Explaining sinking and floating cans. (coke vs; diet coke)



Differences between an egg soaked in water and vinegar for 24 hours.



Naked Egg: Soaked in vinegar for 24 hours.

On 10/31, Mrs. Deck's Science classes enjoyed Spooky Science experiments!



"Ghost Tears" with oil, food dye, water and Alka-Seltzer.



Boo Bubbles!



Showing Boo Bubbles with apparatus.



Sublimation with dry ice and bubbles.

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