

WOLF TALES

IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES:

2/2: Showcase Night, Incoming 6th Graders, 6pm
 2/3: Report Cards Available on Virtual Counselor
 2/3: SAC/SAF/PTO Meetings, 8:15am, Media Center
 2/9: Rising 9th Grade Curriculum Night @MSD, 6pm

FEBRUARY DATES CONT:

2/10: Spring Picture Day
 2/13: Acts of Kindness Spirit Week Begins
 2/14: Interim Reports Available on Virtual Counselor
 2/14: Day of Service & Love/ Early Release, 1:45pm
 2/20: No School, President's Day

Dear Parents,

We are approaching the five-year commemoration of the MSD tragedy. Students, staff, families, and the community will be participating in "A Day of Service and Love" on Tuesday, February 14th which is an Early Release Day. We have made several plans to address the emotional and physical safety of the students and staff at Westglades.



Our theme will be Westglades LOVES (Leadership Opportunities through Volunteerism, Education, and Service). Each grade level subject area has created lesson plans around a service/volunteer activity, or a mental health lesson.

Westglades will observe a moment of silence at 10:17AM.

This will be a non-academic day which means homework and assignments will not be given for students absent on February 14th.

Westglades will have additional mental health counselors available to help students who need the assistance. Additional law enforcement will be on campus for the entirety of the day.

It is very important to monitor your child's electronic devices especially leading up to the commemoration. Encourage them to bring any comments that are worrisome, destructive, or troubling to the attention of an adult.

We are carefully planning for this day, and we recognize that many of you may choose to keep your child home with you. If you choose to keep your child home it will be an excused absence, but you must call in the absence at (754)322-4802.

-Matthew Bianchi, Principal



WMS KINDNESS WEEK

<p>2/13: KINDNESS ROCKS!</p>	<p>2/15: PEACE, LOVE & KINDNESS</p>	<p>2/16: DREAM OF A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE IS KIND</p>	<p>2/17: WOLVES CHOOSE KINDNESS</p>
<p>WEAR YOUR FAVORITE BAND/MUSICIAN T-SHIRT</p>	<p>WEAR TIE DYE APPAREL</p>	<p>WEAR COMFY & COZY CLOTHING</p>	<p>WEAR YOUR WESTGLADES APPAREL OR SCHOOL COLORS</p>
			

Kindness MATTERS FEBRUARY 13th TO FEBRUARY 17th

Westglades will participate in Kindness Week during the week of February 13th to encourage kindness and service to the community. There are dress up days so students can show their solidarity towards spreading kindness. We hope you encourage your children to participate.

5th Annual
CHRIS HIXON
MEMORIAL 5K RUN & WALK
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023
7:00AM RACE START

JOIN THE WESTGLADES' TEAM AND HELP US WIN \$1,000 FOR OUR SCHOOL!

REGISTER FOR THE WMS TEAM!



QUESTIONS? EMAIL: SHANNON.GOODRICH@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM

CHARNOW PARK
 300 CONNECTICUT ST.
 HOLLYWOOD, FL
 VIRTUAL OPTION

SCAN ABOVE OR USE LINK TO REGISTER TO RUN!
[HTTP://OW.LY/NOJG50LRFW9](http://ow.ly/NOJG50LRFW9)



<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Hollywood/ChrisHixonMemorialRun>



...rediscovering wellness, restoring hope

Have you been to Eagles' Haven? Eagles' Haven is a community wellness center created solely and mindfully for the MSD community giving current, future and former students, parents, family members and faculty a responsive and nurturing place to call or drop in for any supportive service or wellness needs 7 days a week, free of charge. On-site classes, for all ages, are offered everyday.

Any questions, please visit or call Eagles' Haven at 954.618.0350 and their amazing staff will gladly walk you through downloading the app or answer any questions you may have.

<https://www.eagleshaven.org/>

★ DRAMA NEWS ★

The weekend of January 13th, The WMS Drama Club participated in the Florida Junior Thespian State Festival. The event took place in Orlando and needless to say our Drama students were exceptional performers. Congratulations to Ms. Donnelly and all the students listed below.

Top Honors (Best Score in the Room):

Ella Valente

SUPERIORS:

Hunter Rosenthal & Tysen Odeh
Duet Musical

Jayden Minett ★
Solo Musical

Ella Valente
Solo Musical

Hunter Rosenthal
Solo Musical

Ella Valente
Monologue

Noa Nierman
Publicity

Maria Carvalho
Costume Design

AMAZING!

EXCELLENTS:

Aria Azzarelli
Solo Musical

Luke Smith
Solo Musical

Ari Stollman
Scene Writing

Maria Carvalho
Make Up Design

Aaliyah Olsen, Anna Chetan, Ava Austad,
Eva Schlanger, Haley Campbell, Hunter Rosenthal, Joni Van Eck,
Julianne Murphey, Lena Fleck, Lily Wiener, Luke Smith,
Tysen Odeh, Morgan Balladares, Sam Herman
Superior Large Group

DEBATE NEWS

Congratulations to the winners of the December after school debate tournament at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.



Standing left to right: Jordin Bekker, Lily Wiener, Stepan Senyukhin, Lauren Lee, Sadie Titensor, Ava Austad, Julianne Madrid, Gabriella Duman

Sitting left to right: Lindsay Rosaler, Scott Miller, Jayeesh Kondlapudi, Zachary Williams, Cameron Levy, Ivanshi Gadani.

Not pictured: Emma Wiener, Brianna Celler, Neel Bharambe

BAND NEWS

Please congratulate the following students on being accepted into the Broward All-County Band and Broward All-County Orchestra! Westglades Band has the 2nd highest representation in the All-County Band. Westglades had 15 students make the Band, and the top school (Ramblewood) had 18 students make the Band.

Westglades Orchestra tied with Pine Crest for the highest representation in the All-County Silver (auditioned) Orchestra. Westglades and Pine Crest both had 7 students accepted into the Silver Orchestra. Students in the Bronze Orchestra were accepted based on the recommendation of their director. Mr. Gordon and Ms. Todd are extremely proud of the strong music programs at Westglades!

2023 ALL-COUNTY *Honor Band*

GRACE ZHU - 1ST CHAIR, PICCOLO
DANIEL DUQUE - 1ST CHAIR, BASSOON
ALIYA FLETCHER - 2ND CHAIR, BASSOON
GUSTAVO CIRA - 1ST CHAIR, CLARINET
SRUTHI KOLUKULURI - 8TH CHAIR, CLARINET
DANA BAUTISTA - 12TH CHAIR, CLARINET
YIJUN WANG - 15TH CHAIR, CLARINET
ALEX BOEHM - 5TH CHAIR, ALTO SAX
SHIVEN NAGARAJAN - 7TH CHAIR, TRUMPET
LIAM WELLNITZ - 2ND CHAIR, HORN
MADISON FAIRCLOTH - 4TH CHAIR, HORN
VIVIANA MEANEY - 5TH CHAIR, HORN
BRUNO TINOCO - 1ST CHAIR, EUPHONIUM
GABBY PAGEAU - 3RD CHAIR, EUPHONIUM
REX LEE - 3RD CHAIR, PERCUSSION

ALL-COUNTY *Honors Orchestra*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WESTGLADES
STUDENTS ON BEING ACCEPTED INTO THE BROWARD
ALL-COUNTY HONORS BRONZE ORCHESTRA:

LINDSEY BLUM, BASS
SASHA GIBSON, CELLO
SAANVI INDUKURI, VIOLIN
USHER KHAN, VIOLIN
SOLIMAR RIVERA, VIOLIN
LARA SUCONIC, CELLO

ALL-COUNTY *Honors Orchestra*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WESTGLADES
STUDENTS ON BEING ACCEPTED INTO THE BROWARD
ALL-COUNTY HONORS SILVER ORCHESTRA:

ZEHRA HAIDER, VIOLIN
RYNE KRAMER, VIOLIN
LAUREN LEE, VIOLIN
NOAH LILLY, VIOLA
JARED LIPSON, VIOLA
ELLA THOMPSON, BASS
TYLER YANG, VIOLA

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



SHOWCASE NIGHT

For Incoming 6th Grade Students
February 2, 2023
Westglades Auditorium
6:00pm

Join us and learn why WMS should be your CHOICE in education.
This interactive, informational evening has been developed to provide you and your child the opportunity to learn what Westglades has to offer and what makes us so special.

~Tour the campus

~Meet Teachers, Administrators, Guidance Counselors and ESE Specialist

~Learn about Athletics, Electives, Extracurricular Activities & Organizations

~Meet our PTO and find out how to get involved at Westglades

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CHEESE
WOLVES!**
**SPRING PICTURES
FEBRUARY 10**
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Hello Wolfpack Families!

The PTO has been busy at Westglades! In December, we hosted so many fun holiday activities for students and staff, including our Winter Holiday Party and our Annual Staff Holiday Luncheon.

We kicked off January by helping staff celebrate National Popcorn Day with a poppin' treat, and also hosted a Family Give Back Day at Carmela's Coffee Company PTO is also gearing up for our next big event - **SAVE THE DATE FOR MARCH 7th!**

This week, we kicked off our 2023 PTO [Renovation Project Fundraiser](#). A HUGE THANK YOU to all of our Wolfpack families that have so generously contributed to this project! With Phase 1 being completed, we are very enthusiastic to begin Phase 2. In order to make this project come to fruition, we rely on the generous support of our wolfpack families and local business partners. If you wish to make a donation, please read the flyer included below. All donations are accepted via www.WestgladesPTO.com.

YEARBOOK

The 2022-2023 Yearbook is up for sale on our website. Secure your Yearbook today and cherish the memories your child has made at Westglades Middle School. Click [here](#) to purchase your copy.

8th GRADE DEDICATION ADS: DEADLINE 3/1

Celebrate your 8th Grader with a personalized dedication in the Yearbook! Share photos and congratulate them for a job well done in Middle School. The Dedication Ads are a great way to show your student how proud you are and to recognize them for how much they have accomplished and grown. Different ad sizes are available! Click [here](#) to reserve your spot in the yearbook today.

BUSINESS BANNERS

If you or someone you know owns a business in Parkland or the surrounding areas, then this opportunity is for you! Purchase a Business Banner which will hang proudly on our Outer or Inner Fence to be viewed by over 1,000 Westglades Middle School families, staff, and local community visitors. Research shows that parents support businesses that are sponsors of their local schools! You can find more information by clicking [here](#).

NEXT MEETING

Please join us for our next PTO Meeting on February 3rd at 9:30am in the Media Center.

A blue flyer with a yellow border. At the top center is a wolf head logo. Below it, the text reads "WESTGLADES CAFETERIA RENOVATION PROJECT". Underneath, it says "Please consider making a tax deductible donation to the Westglades PTO Cafeteria Renovation Project:". A list of items follows: 60 CAFETERIA TABLES WITH MODERN COMFORTABLE STOOLS, 378 AUDITORIUM FOLDING CHAIRS WITH COMFORT BACKING AND SEATING, WALL DECALS, CAFETERIA & AUDITORIUM PAINTING (COMPLETED), and NEW STAGE CURTAINS (COMPLETED). Below the list is a row of yellow stars. Then, three donation levels are listed: SILVER LEVEL: \$ 100 - \$499 will receive a Family Banner on the Inner Fence; GOLD LEVEL: \$ 500 - \$999 will receive a Gold Level Family Banner on the Inner Fence; PLATINUM LEVEL: \$1,000 and above will receive their Family Name on a plaque located in the space according to donation amount. Another row of yellow stars follows. At the bottom, it says "**To make an online donation visit**" and "www.westgladespto.com". At the very bottom, it says "Please email westgladespresident@gmail.com for further information".

Thank you for your support!
Deanna Russo
PTO President
www.westgladespto.com

The week of January 23rd, the state of Florida Celebrated Literacy Week. Literacy Week is designed to raise awareness about the importance of reading and to inspire Florida's students and families to make reading part of their daily routines.

WELCOME FUTURE WOLVES!

WESTGLADES MIDDLE SCHOOL

DIVE INTO LITERACY WEEK

MONDAY, 1/23 HATS OFF TO READING
Wear your favorite hat!

TUESDAY, 1/24 DIVE INTO THE DECADES
Wear clothes from your favorite decade.

WEDNESDAY, 1/25 SPLASH INTO COLOR
Wear bright neon colors.

THURSDAY, 1/26 DIVE INTO A BOOK
Dress as, or wear a t-shirt of, your favorite literary character.

FRIDAY, 1/27 SPIRIT FRIDAY
Wear your favorite school's t-shirt: could be past present or future!

1/23-1/27



Westglades' students and staff were happy to show off their love for reading by participating in a full week of "Diving into Literacy!" And thanks to our wonderful PTO, each day was an opportunity to win a literacy week spirit ticket.

A BIG THANK YOU to the community leaders that joined us for a school-wide Read In.
 Broward Mayor/Commissioner, Michael Udine
 Parkland Mayor, Rich Walker
 Parkland Commissioner, Bob Mayorsohn
 School Board Chair, Lori Alhadeff
 School Board Vice Chair, Debra Hixon
 MSD Librarian, Diana Haneski & River Doodle
 Parkland BSO, Deputy Delio
 Thank you to all who participated in this important week.

During the week of January 23rd, the Home of the Wolves was filled with Panthers, and Hawks! 5th Grade students from Park Trails Elementary and, Heron Heights Elementary schools were invited to campus. They met Administration and Guidance Counselors, as well as toured the campus with Peer Counselors. Many were overheard saying how fun the visit was! They loved seeing the cheerleaders and the band students perform. Wolfie, our school mascot, was also a huge hit! We look forward to seeing the Riverglades Gators in February.



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