



IMPORTANT APRIL DATES

- 4/8: Early Release Day
- 4/9: SAC Meeting, 8:15am
- 4/14: Report Cards Available
- 4/23: SGA 5K Race
- 4/29: Interim Reports Available

Dear Westglades Family,

I hope that all our Westglades families had a safe and restful Spring Break. We are now in the last marking period, and we are busy planning for the 2021-2022 school year while ensuring we close out our current school year. Below are some important topics that will be addressed as we close out the school year.

Standardized Testing

We are currently in testing season. We will have ELA, Math, Science FSA's as well as Algebra, Geometry, Biology, Civics EOC's in May. No student will take all these tests, so it is important to visit our website to find out more information on which test your child will take. As you can imagine, it is very difficult to logistically plan for testing in our current environment. The testing calendar for May will be available on our website on Monday, April 19. We appreciate your patience and will continue to share testing information on our website, social media (Twitter- [@WMSWolves](#) / Instagram- [@WMS_Wolves](#)), and through the parent link messaging service.

Course Cards

Course cards for our current 6th and 7th grade students will be done online this year and the link to complete the Course Cards will be made available on April 27 and must be submitted by May 7.

Mental Health Instruction

The State Board of Education passed new rules for schools to provide a minimum of five (5) hours of instruction to students in grades 6 – 12 related to youth mental health awareness and assistance, substance use and abuse, and human trafficking awareness. The instruction will advance each year through developmentally appropriate skill building and must address the following topics:

- Recognition of signs and symptoms of mental health disorders
- Prevention of mental health disorders
- Mental health awareness and assistance
- How to reduce the stigma around mental health disorders
- Awareness of resources, including local school and community resources
- The process for accessing treatment
- Strategies to develop healthy coping techniques
- Strategies to support a peer, friend, or family member with a mental health disorder
- Prevention of suicide
- Prevention of the abuse of and addiction to alcohol, nicotine, and drugs

As part of its commitment to educating today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is providing a high quality mental and emotional health curriculum to our students. The focus of this instruction is to foster a safe and nurturing learning environment that enables students to thrive both academically and socially. The curriculum is designed to encourage student interaction with relevant topics, provide opportunities for students to define and understand emotions and behaviors, and build the confidence to make more positive, healthy choices.

The curriculum will be delivered to students using Microsoft Teams during the school day on Monday, April 19 and Monday, April 26. There is no statutory waiver option from the instruction; however, all materials will be available in Canvas for convenient access for absent students or those who may wish to revisit the resources.

As a parent, this is an excellent opportunity for conversation about mental and emotional health with your child. If you would like more information about what your child will be learning related to mental health instruction, please visit: <https://www.browardschools.com/mentalhealthinstruction>. Feel free to contact your grade level administrator at 754-322-4800 if you have any questions.

8th Grade Awards

Broward County Schools does not conduct 8th Grade Graduations. Westglades Middle School has always held a ceremony to honor our 8th grade students and their accomplishments. We are planning on holding an 8th Grade Awards Night on Tuesday, June 8th. Because of our current environment the event will be held virtually. More information will be sent out as the date approaches.

Thank you for all your flexibility over the last year, and as we head into the final two months of school, I know we will have a great finish to a very difficult year!

Matthew Bianchi, Principal





[FortifyFL](#) is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



Using the [SaferWatch App](#), individuals can report incidents and receive real-time safety alerts directly from Broward County Public Schools and local law enforcement.



[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



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.

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!

PARENT CUSTOMER SURVEY



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In an effort to improve System Practices, Broward County School District is conducting a Parent Survey. We value your opinion and ask that you please take time to complete this survey. In order to complete the survey, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. Thank you for your assistance.



CONGRATULATIONS
to the March Debate
Tournament Winners!

- Audrey Reavis - Prose Interpretation
- Ishika Gadani - Poetry Interpretation
- Michele Curtis - Poetry Interpretation
- Rachel Doraiswamy - Original Oratory
- Ester Santos - Informative Speaking
- Jayden Lang - Impromptu Speaking
- Evan Amrose - Declamation
- Aiden Tau - Congressional Debate

Great job, Wolves!



MORE CONGRATULATIONS are in order to members of the Westglades Math Team.

Qualified for State Math Competition

Jayden Lang, Kevin Liu, Darsh Patel

Over the spring break all 3 students took the state competition and Kevin Liu and Jayden Lang qualified to compete at the national level. Only four students from the state of Florida qualified at the national Level and we are proud to say that two of them are from Westglades! Congratulations again to all!



WESTGLADES
APRIL 2021 FSA WRITES
TESTING CALENDAR



MON. 4/5 NO TESTING	TUE. 4/6 6th Grade Student's Last Name: A-L	WED. 4/7 6th Grade Student's Last Name: M-Z	THUR. 4/8 Early Release Day Dismissal 1:45
MON. 4/12 7th Grade Student's Last Name: A-L	TUE. 4/13 7th Grade Student's Last Name: M-Z	WED. 4/14 8th Grade Student's Last Name: A-L	THUR. 4/15 8th Grade Student's Last Name: M-Z

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Bell Schedules for 4/8-4/15 are available to view on our website.



Power up Food and Nutrition Services is committed to providing Broward County students with well-balanced nutritious meals to support student achievement. Their focus is to aid student learning by educating and serving meals that reinforce lifelong healthy lifestyles. They encourage our students to POWER-UP with school breakfast, at no charge for all students in all Broward County Schools, and school lunch which provides students the energy they need to learn and grow.

Food and Nutrition Services offer variety and well-balanced nutritious meals at a low cost.

School lunches provide an sandwich assortment of foods including daily entree salads and fresh fruit. School meals are healthy, meeting the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. By choosing lunch at school, students learn to make healthy choices, reinforcing nutrition education taught in the classroom.

[View Daily Lunch Menus here.](#)



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women's History Month is a dedicated month to reflect on the often-overlooked contributions of women to U.S. history. The actual celebration of Women's History Month grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by a school district in California, in 1978. In 1980, President Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8th as National Women's History Week. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March. Westglades celebrated by honoring one woman that has contributed to the United States' national interests each day on the morning announcements. Announcements can be seen each day on westgladesmiddle.com.

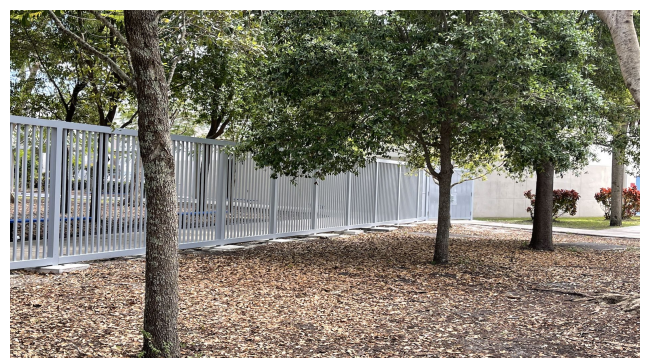
View the stories of those celebrated at this [LINK](#).

- Jeanette Rankin
- Ibtihaj Muhammad
- Ellen Ochoa
- Patsy Takemoto Mink
- Dr. Jane Cooke Wright
- Oprah Winfrey
- Eleanor Roosevelt
- Marjory Stoneman Douglas
- Dolores Huerta
- Wilma Rudolph
- Dr. Sally Ride
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- Marie Van Brittan Brown
- Madeleine Albright
- Amelia Earhart

Thank You PTO & Make Our Schools Safe!

Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, PTO worked very hard to improve safety and security on our campus. They partnered with Make our Schools Safe to raise funds. Lori Alhadeff, who founded the organization, agreed to match what the PTO raised up to \$60,000. And guess what? Thanks to many WMS families and local businesses the PTO raised \$60,000 in a matter of a couple months! Some of the money was allocated to build a fence to secure the west side of our campus and the project has recently been completed. Thank you to all that donated and supported to this initiative.

[View WMS Safety Donors HERE.](#)



BON VOYAGE, MRS. WILSON



SURPRISE!



We will miss you!



Mrs. Wilson with Mr. Bianchi and both past WMS Principals!

On Tuesday, March 30th Westglades Staff SURPRISED Mrs. Wilson with a courtyard send-off! Happy Retirement!

SGA 5K RUN



[GET MOVING, WOLVES! Register to Run the Virtual Race HERE!](#)

Information about upcoming SGA Elections is now available on our [website](#).

Current 6th Grade Families

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 westgladesregistrar@browardschools.com.