



Principal's Corner



The end of the second quarter is near. I hope all of you have enjoyed a few days off and that you are staying safe. It is time to get back to work as we only have three weeks to go until winter break. This year is going so fast. We are finishing up with our second benchmark assessments over the first week of December. These assessments allow us to see how much our students have learned and how they are progressing. For those of you that need

assistance in your classes, please make sure you are taking advantage of after school tutoring. I am excited for our spelling bee that will be coming up next week. Please watch for announcements in your ELA classes on how to participate. We will also have spirit days on December 16th-18th to close out the semester.

With the number of Covid-19 cases going up across our state, it is very important to make sure that you are taking care of yourselves now more than ever. I know people have gotten tired of wearing masks but please make sure that you are socially distant, that you wear your mask when you are out, and that you wash your hands frequently. Finish the quarter strong and I hope you have a great break!

Frank Gilvin
WCMS Principal

Welcome Our New 2020-2021 WCMS Staff

We would like to introduce our new 2020-2021 staff members: Beatriz Castro, 7th grade ELA, 6th and 8th grade SEI Writing & Grammar teacher, Jesus Pineda, 8th grade Science and Math teacher, Jesse Slankard, 7th and 8th grade Science teacher.



Hello, My name is Beatriz Castro, I am currently an ELA Teacher at middle school. I have worked for NUSD #1 for the last ten years and have worked as an Elementary teacher for seven years. This is my first-year teaching at WCMS. I currently hold a bachelors degree in Arts in Elementary from the

University of Arizona and my aspiration and goal is to become a Reading Specialist.

I am currently enrolled at Grand Canyon University. My master's degree program will be in Master of Arts in Reading. I will complete this program in February of 2021 in which it will be my greatest educational achievement in reaching my goals and fulfilling one of my dreams. In achieving and reaching my goals it will not only benefit me but my students and my community as a whole.



Hello my WCMS family! My name is Jesus Pineda. I come to you from Houston, Texas where I graduated High School but was born in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco Mexico. I have been living here in Nogales (Rio Rico) since 2010 when I married my wife. I went to the University of Phoenix and earned my B. S. in Elementary Education in 2014 and have been working for NUSD #1 and SCVUSD#35 as a substitute ever since. I have taught every grade level and every subject! I taught Science for one year at

Mountain View Elementary, and have done long term jobs at WCMS, Calabasas, and Coatimundi MS.

I have been coming to WCMS since I started working and I love it here. I know all of the teachers here and many students as well. I hope I get a chance to know all of the students soon. Take care and be safe!



Hello Parents & Students, My name is Mr. Slankard, and I am Wade Carpenter's newest Science Teacher. I am looking forward to teaching 6th and 7th grade Science this year. Our virtual classroom will still be filled with exploring and learning! This is my first-year teaching, and I am excited to call Wade Carpenter Middle School my home! I have lived in Southern Arizona for almost 4 years and have loved every minute of it. I graduated from the University of Oregon in

2017 (Go Ducks) and now I am pursuing my master's degree in Education from the University of Arizona. (Go Wildcats) My hobbies include mountain biking, Hanging out with Friends and Traveling. I have been extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to travel to 19 countries. My most recent trip brought me to Egypt which was an amazing experience especially with the ability to understand and connect with a different culture. I am a big believer in that the best souvenir anyone can have is a greater perspective. I am so excited to be a part of this incredible learning community. I know this year has not been traditional by any means, but much like a family, we will work through this and come out the other side together. Go Eagles!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4 Eagles of the Month
7	8	9 Title 1 meeting for Parents 5 pm	10 NUHS Induction Ceremony 5pm	11
14 Governing Board Meeting at the District 4:00 pm—5:30 pm	15	16 Christmas Colors & hat day	17 Christmas Characters Day	18 End of First Semester Christmas Sweater Day
21 Happy Holidays! Break begins at the end of classes: Friday December 18th, 2020 Classes Resume Monday, January 04th, 2021	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
28 Winer Break Continues	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

A note from Mrs. Silva



December 2020 Eagles Of The Month



Top Row: Raul Aguilar, Monica Cortez, Isabella De La Paz, Pierre Huerta,
Middle Row: Maria Jose Martinez, Omar Navarro, Adamary Quezada, Camila Reyes, Arturo Romo **Not Shown:** Isaac Montijo

Annual Lion's Club Peace Poster Contest

The Nogales Lion's Club held their annual Peace Poster Contest in November 2020. The winner was our own Eagle—Arturo Romo! Awesome and Congratulations! Arturo won the grand prize of \$100.



Character Counts By Lisa Putnam & Alba Irastorza



The fourth of the Six Pillars of Character is Caring. Here are some ways each of us WCMS Eagles can be caring in our everyday lives:

- Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Show Empathy • Express gratitude • Forgive others and show mercy • Help people in need • Be charitable and altruistic

The holiday season is a perfect time to explore ways to be caring, not only with our family, friends, classmates, and teachers but within our community as well. How can you help people in need this month? One simple act of caring and kindness goes a long way!



A Holiday Message

COVID-19 has made it difficult for all of us to come together, but it has given us an opportunity to reflect on what truly matters in our lives. We are looking forward to the day we can be together with a new sense of appreciation for each other. Please keep safe and wishing you and your families a Blessed Holiday Season. Be sure to take a look at our Christmas Video at: <https://counselorscare.wixsite.com/schoolcounseling/christmas-video>