



Whisconier Wire

We at Whisconier Middle School will respect ourselves and one another, appreciate individual differences, and encourage one another to reach our potential.

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***Fall
Newsletter***

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Greetings from the Principal - Mr. Deane Renda

Looking Forward to an Exciting 2015/2016 School Year!

Welcome to Whisconier Middle School. On behalf of our WMS family, it is truly my pleasure to extend a heartfelt welcome to you as we begin the 2015/2016 school year. I hope that this summer was a time well spent with your family and friends. Let's get ready to continue our learning and recharge the batteries for another exciting school year ahead.

I know that the beginning of the school year is a time to reconnect with old friends and welcome new friends. We will really miss our 8th graders from last year and at the same time we are excited to meet our 5th graders and new students to the district and their families. I hope that the first month of school has been a positive and exciting time for everyone.

At WMS, we will always be committed to maintaining a safe, academically rigorous, and positive school environment that will allow your child to thrive and learn. I am always inspired by the dedicated staff and families in Brookfield and feel fortunate to be a part of Whisconier Middle School for the last 20 years. I look forward to another fantastic school year!!

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***"Character is how
you treat those who
can do nothing for
you."***

What is Going on at WMS?

Middle school life at WMS is always busy with different activities. A great way to stay abreast of all of this information is to read our daily announcements page and view our school calendar on the website - www.brookfieldps.org. Also, make sure to take time to view our teacher websites and follow us on Twitter @WhisconierMS.

Parents, please make sure that you update your demographic and emergency contact information on the parent portal. Cell phone numbers, emergency contact names and numbers, email, etc. Your email address will be the main source for communication between home and school throughout the year.



Rachel Agati is our new Art teacher at WMS. She comes to us from Brookfield High School. She has taught Art at Brookfield High School since 2003.



Kristie Cellelo is our new 8th grade Science teacher. She comes to us from Brookfield High School. She has taught Science at BHS since 2002.



Diane Cerasoli is a front office secretary at WMS. She comes to us from Central Office where she was the secretary to the Head of Facilities. Diane has worked in the Brookfield District for 25 years.



Lauren Faulkner is a new Special Education teacher that will split her time between WMS and HHES. She has a Bachelors in Elementary/Special Education and Psychology from Keene State College.



Nicole Forstrom is a new Special Education teacher at WMS. She comes to us from Center Elementary School where she ran the VBLASS Program. Nicole is now in charge of our Life Skills Program

More New Staff Members at WMS for the 2015/2016 School Year!



Courtney Gesualdi is a new paraprofessional for our Life Skills Program. She has a Bachelors Degree in Psychology from Western Connecticut State University and is pursuing a Masters in School Counseling from Western.



Helayna Herschkorn is our new School Psychologist. She has a Bachelors of Arts in Psychology from Purchase College, State University of New York and a Masters of Science and a Doctorate Degree in School Psychology from St. John's University.



Alexandra Kolb is a new Speech Pathologist that will split time between WMS and HHES. She has a Bachelors of Arts in English from the University of Vermont and a Masters of Science in Speech-Language Pathology from Adelphi University.



Aneta Klusak is our new 6th grade Literacy teacher. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Dartmouth College and a Masters in the Art of Teaching from Quinnipiac University.



Kasey McCullough is a new paraprofessional at WMS. She has a Bachelors of Arts in Sociology from Sacred Heart University and is pursuing a Masters Degree in Psychology. She is also a graduate of the Brookfield School District.

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Elizabeth Robinson is our new 7th Grade Spanish teacher. She comes to us with 10 years of teaching experience in Virginia. She has a Bachelors of Arts in Spanish, Minor in Education and a Masters in the Art of Teaching from James Madison University.



Kayla Ryan is our new 8th grade Math teacher. She has a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education: Mathematics from Western Connecticut State University with a Minor in Spanish. She did her student teaching at Brookfield High School and is a graduate of the Brookfield School District.



Lynda Scarcella is a new paraprofessional for our Life Skills Program. She has a Bachelors of Arts in Sociology and Minor in Elementary/Special Education from Mercy College and Masters degree in Special Education from Long Island University.

Upcoming WMS Sports Schedule

- ♦ September 24th - Cross Country - New Fairfield, Bethel, Thomaston - (Home) 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ September 25th - Boys Soccer - Rochambeau MS - (Home @ Larson Field) 3:45 p.m.
- ♦ September 25th - Girls Soccer - Rochambeau MS - (Away) 3:45 p.m.
- ♦ September 25th - Field Hockey - Rochambeau MS - (Away) 3:45 p.m.
- ♦ September 28th - Cross Country - Rochambeau MS - (Away) 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ September 28th - Boys Soccer - Great Oak MS - (Away) 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ September 28th - Field Hockey - Thomaston MS - (Away) 4:15 p.m.
- ♦ September 28th - Girls Soccer - Great Oak MS - (Home @ Cadigan) 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ September 30th - Girls Soccer - Thomaston MS - (Home @ Cadigan) 4:15 p.m.

Meet our Permanent Building Subs

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**One extra degree
of effort makes
all the difference!**



Ben Krier is one of our permanent building subs. Last year he was a long term sub in 8th grade math. He also completed his student teaching at WMS the year before with Mrs. Schang in math. He has a Bachelors in Human Development and Family Studies from UCONN and a Masters in Elementary Education from the University of Bridgeport.



Andrew Slater is one of our new permanent building subs. Last year he was a long term sub in 7th/8th grade Literacy. He has a Bachelors Degree in Secondary Education/English from Dominican College in NY. Andrew was the goalie and captain of the Dominican College Lacrosse Team.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- ♦ **September 23rd - Rosh Hashanah - No school**
- ♦ **September 29th - Picture Day**
- ♦ **September 29th - Odyssey of the Mind - student and parent meeting. 6:00 p.m. in WMS Cafeteria**
- ♦ **October 12th - Columbus Day - No school**
- ♦ **October 13th - WMS PTO meeting - 6:30 p.m.**
- ♦ **October 15th - WMS Annual Walkathon**





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WOW! WMS READS!!

**Summer Reading Challenge #s
are in. We had 92% of students
participate and we read
4,349 books.**



**The Annual Walkathon is
here!! Last year we had a
large number of students
participate and we made
around \$28,000. Can we
beat that in 2015??**

**Want to make a connec-
tion with your child?
Take some time to ask
about the day, friends,
what he/she is learning,
or just take some time
and read with him/her.
It will make a difference.**

Whisconier 1st Day Pics



We are Looking to Spread Kindness at WMS This Year!!

Have you ever been having a bad day and someone comes up to you to ask if you are okay? Maybe someone goes out of their way to text you to say they thought your presentation in Literacy class was really great? Or maybe someone asked if you wanted to sit with them at lunch because they noticed you were sitting alone. This year WMS is looking to spread kindness. Let us all look to pick people up, not put them down and practice kindness everyday in our lives. How much better would WMS (and our world) be if this was the mindset of everyone that walks through the doors? See some examples below.

