

# WELLSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to take this time to introduce you to our quarterly newsletter. We will include events, activities, and projects that have been completed during the quarter, along with upcoming events for the next quarter. We hope to showcase our students' work and talents throughout the quarter.

Sincerely

The Sixth Grade Team

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### Sixth Grade Happenings

#### ELA

Our students have completed their Memoir/Biography Genre Study. Sixth grade students conducted biographical research on a person of their choice. They wrote a biographical essay about their subject. Students should continue reading for at least 20 minutes a night. Our students have finished their first novel, *Zlata's Diary*. The students enjoyed reading about the perspective of war through the eyes of an 11-year-old girl from Bosnia. Our students are currently reading a realistic fiction novel, *Hatchet* by Gary Paulson. It is a riveting survival story about Brian Robeson, a 13-year-old boy, who finds himself fending for himself in the wilderness after a plane crash. Students will go on to compare this novel with a nonfiction account of a teenage who survived a plane crash and her time in the Amazon Rainforest. Please encourage your child to keep reading at home to help increase their vocabulary.

### Upcoming Events

#### November 5, 2020

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held by phone or Google Meeting this year due to the pandemic.

#### November 20, 2020

Interims

#### November 16-24, 2020

Terra Nova Testing

#### November 25-30, 2020

Thanksgiving Break

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### Important Announcement

Join our school on **Remind** by texting @wms6Grade to 81010.

## Math

Math students are currently completing their chapter 2 math test. We have studied prime and composite numbers, prime factorization, and greatest common factor. We will be identifying parts of an expression and substituting. Remember the students have homework Monday through Thursday. Please make sure the students are completing their homework every night. Homework gives the students valuable practice time necessary to learn new skills.

## Social Studies

We have been extremely busy during the start of our 2020-2021 school year. First we traveled through the ancient worlds of Mesopotamia, India, Egypt, and China before moving on to the Five Major World Religions of Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. After testing our knowledge of these belief systems, we will explore how these religions have impacted the modern countries that are now located where they got their start by researching and writing individual essays.

One word of note: IF your child is quarantined or absent for an extended time, he/she will still need to keep up with studies. Most of my classes start with a Google Meet that can be accessed from home. Students need to sign in at the start of their class time just as if they were in the room with me. In this way, they won't miss my instruction and they can interact by unmuting or writing in the chat! Social Studies

## Science

6<sup>th</sup> grade science has gotten off to a great start. We began the year learning about observations and inferences. Then, we moved into learning about different types of variables in experiments. Currently, we are studying about cells. Students have been learning about the different parts (organelles) found in cells and their functions. The students will be using their knowledge of cells to create a "Cell City" in the near future. We are looking forward to a productive 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the year!

## More Important News

### Upcoming Projects:

#### WRAP at WMS

If you would like to attend the after school WRAP program, please submit the application to Mrs. Justice. Application is located on school website under Parent forms.



## In the Community

### November 11, 2020

Veteran's Day

### November 28, 2020

Small Business Saturday

### November 30, 2020

Cyber Monday