

WELLSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

6TH GRADE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The sixth-grade students at Wellston Middle School attended the production of the "Nutcracker" at the University of Rio Grade on November 16, 2018. The students and staff had a wonderful time. We wish all our students and their families a very Happy Thanksgiving. We are thankful to have such a fantastic group of students. The photos in the newsletter are the cell projects completed by our students in Mr. Mantell's science class.

Sincerely,

The Sixth Grade Team

Sixth Grade Happenings

ELA

ELA has moved on to realistic fiction. We are reading the novel Hatchet. Students will be viewing the movie of Hatchet later in the nine weeks. They will be asked to compare and contrast the book and the movie. They will also be reading the story Alone in the Jung compare/ contrast essay over Hatchet and Alone in the Jungle.

Math

Our students continue to work on basic math skills. They are currently finding the greatest common denominators. Math homework practice. Please ask your child about upcoming tests and quizzes.

Upcoming Events

November 19 & 20

Morning WRAP **only**

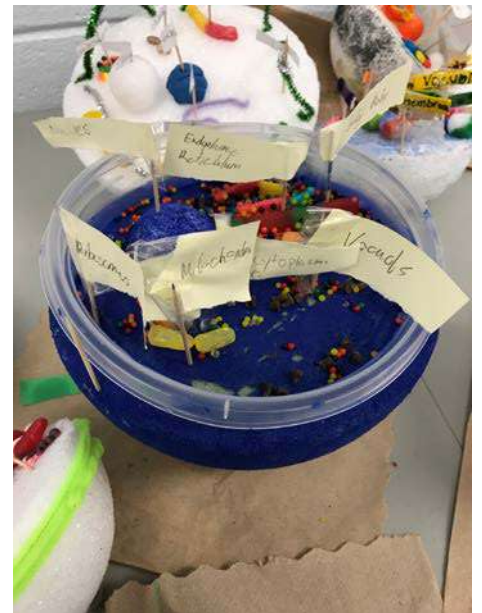
November 21-26

Thanksgiving Break

December 18

WRAP Event (Students Attending WRAP)

The Christmas Carol



Social Studies

November is flying by! In Social Studies we are working on the Five Major Religions of Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. We took a week off to concentrate on the Terra Nova. We are looking at the basic beliefs of each and how the various religions have impacted the countries where they originated and spread. We will continue this unit of study into December. Have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Science

The sixth-grade science classes finished the first grading period studying cells. The culminating project was the construction of cell models. The students really enjoyed this activity and learned a lot in the process. The second grading period has begun with students studying matter. We have explored finding things that are matter and things that are not matter. We have also worked on measuring the mass and volume of matter, as well as calculating the density of different materials. We will continue to study matter after Thanksgiving break.



In the Community

Christmas Treats on Wellston Streets

December 1, 2018 9 am

Important Information

Join our school on **Remind** by texting @WMS6Grade to 81010.



The Mid-Ohio Valley's "The Nutcracker".



November 2018

Dear Rocket Families:

As we approach the holidays, we have much to celebrate and be thankful for in our students and in each other. As we continue our work with Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS), it is with pride that I share our discipline data surrounding tenets of Rocket Pride: Respect, Responsibility, and Right Choices. Our current discipline data reflects improvement in student behavior; specifically, from last year to this year, Wellston Middle has reduced total Behavior Incident Reports (BIRs) by 26%. Further, from last year to this year, there has been a 53% reduction in major behaviors. We are proud of our Rockets, reinforcing positive behavior daily through Rocket Pride tickets matched with specific positive feedback as to how students are reflecting the 3 Rs! Further, students receiving less than 3 minor behavior instances in a quarter--with no major behaviors--become eligible to participate in a Rocket Reward Day each quarter. Last quarter, our Respectful Rockets earned a movie day featuring "The Greatest Showman." We anticipate further successes in reducing behavior instances, with a surplus of Rocket Pride reflecting daily--and we encourage you to inquire with your student(s) about our Rocket Pride matrix and the 3 Rs. For example, you may ask: "What does 'Respect' look like in all settings?" or "How are you showing your Rocket Pride?" We thank you for your continued support--a team effort.

Further, our work with the Thriving Learning Communities program (TLC) in Advisory continues to yield positive results. Please inquire with your student(s) regarding their top character strength(s) utilized most this month, requesting that they show how that strength has helped them or others--or how others used their strengths to help your student.

As encouraged by our TLC program, we invite you to celebrate your strength of GRATITUDE! Research shows that finding more opportunities to connect the things, moments, and people in your life with this grateful feeling can decrease stress, improve self-esteem, and overall make you a happier, more resilient person. And, what's even better: you don't need grand gestures of appreciation to notice the benefits of this strength. Find gratitude in your health for simple things. The key is to start noticing the small things, and instead of taking them for granted, giving them a moment of appreciation for making your life just a little bit sweeter. Our quick challenge to you is to spend one week focusing on the *little* gifts in your life, then watch how those little gifts multiply and grow... Gratitude Motto: Tell people "thank you," often. Exercises for boosting gratitude: Write down three good things that you are grateful for each day. Set aside at least ten minutes every day to savor a pleasant experience.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season!

Ms. Cupp
WMS Principal