8th Grade Parent Meeting

May 3, 2018

Announcements

- **BMS ART SHOW on May 17, 2018 (6:00pm - 8:00pm)**
  Celebrating a Year of Creativity

- **Yearbook order deadline was Friday April 6, 2018**
  - Very limited number available to buy in June
  - questions, email Lauren Bullock: lbullock@westportps.org

- **BMS is no longer accepting waivers or adjusting schedules for grade 9 SHS (deadline was 3/29/18)**

- **Colin's Crew -** ALL snacks/drinks due tomorrow

Moving-Up Ceremony

- **Wednesday, June 20, 2018 from 5:00-7:00 pm**
  - Ceremony is 5-6:30, Reception 6:30-7
  - Students report to homeroom 4:30 PM
- Tickets will be distributed to parents at BMS on June 6th when you pick up your child from the NYC trip
- 4 tickets per family
- Two-household families will receive 3 tickets for each household
- ***Extra tickets***: email Sue Bastien at sbastien@wetsportps.org **AFTER** you pick up your tickets on June 6th: any emails sent to Sue B before you pick up your set of tickets will be **DELETED**.

Field Trip Updates

NYC Field Trip

- Wednesday, June 6, 2018
- Harbor Cruise and Broadway Show: Aladdin
- 2nd Payment of **$105** and permission slip due:

Friday, May 25th

- We will be leaving before and arriving after regular school hours.

8th Grade Picnic

- June 21st: Camp Mahackeno

Important Dates: 8th Grade

Science Showcase

Families are welcome to attend on

Monday, June 18th, 3:30 pm in the Cafeteria

SBAC Testing - May 8-10

(NGSS Pilot - May 15th)

Mid-Quarter Email Notification: May 17th

Bedford Bears Relay for Life

Saturday, June 9th

8th Grade Fundraising Event: Sponsored by teachers

week of 5/21

- ALL $ goes to the Bedford Relay Team
- $1 a ticket
- Exciting prizes include: reserved seating at moving up ceremony

Any questions, email 8th Grade Relay Coordinator, Alison Antunovich aantunovich@westportps.org

End of the Year Assessments

- **Finals**
  - Math Exam: Friday, June 15
  - Language Arts Exam: Tuesday, June 19

Science Update

- **Recent**
  - Forces and Motion
- **Science Showcase**
  - End of middle school science project
- **Bridges**
  - In-class build project

Science Showcase

April 16th - June 18th

- **Showcase June 18th**
  - Open to public at 3:30PM in cafeteria
- Students should dress professionally

Highlights

- Value-driven experiments
- SHS Scientific Research mentoring
- Most written work completed in class
- Choice to work w/partner – in same class section only
- Display boards are created digitally
- Schoology contains additional information

Science Showcase

- Tri-Fold Display Board due by 5/31
- 36” high x 48” wide when open
- White cardboard is cheapest and best

English Language Arts Update

<u>Upcoming Dates</u>

- **Written memoirs 5/14**
- **Argument essays TBD**
- **LA Final 6/19**

<u>Things to look forward to...</u>

- *Snapshot memoirs*
- *Argument writing*
  - *Student Rights*
- Final "Bridges" Unit
- Summer Reading
  - *One fiction*
  - *One non-fiction*

Social Studies Update

Human Rights Unit

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)
- Role of the United Nations
- Research based project
  - Exhibit, website, documentary, performance
  - Student selected human rights topic or person
- Human Rights Book Club
- TED Talks

Mathematics Update

<u>Math 8:</u>

- Currently:Linear & Non-linear Functions
- Upcoming Unit of Study:
  - Pythagorean Theorem
  - Transformations

Mathematics Update

<u>Algebra 1 & 1+</u>

- Currently: Piecewise Functions

- Still to come: Absolute Value Functions

ALL CLASSES: Final Exam on June 15th
(second semester only)

Mathematics Update

- Geometry
  - Students are in the middle of the Polygon Unit
  - Quadrilaterals are next --- Circles will be our last unit!
  - Final exam is Friday June 15
  - Students need their graphing calculators every day.
  - Check Schoology for assignments and class information.
  - Extra help is available in the mornings in the World Language office.
  - Please contact Kathy Sicbaldi if you have any questions or concerns.

See you at Moving Up!