WLMS 20-21 Parent Orientation

“We are here to make good things happen for our students, staff, and community.”
Our Administrative Team aka RYM TIME

Mr. Rattay
Principal

Ms. Young
Asst Principal

Mr. McVey
Asst Principal
MEET THE STAFF

Front Office
Ann Yetter - Admin Secretary

Guidance
Renee Cornelius - 6th/7th Gr
Matt Deyton - 7th/8th Gr
Susan Hill - Guidance Secretary

BSAP Liaison
Melva Cole-Fleet

6th Grade Team Leader
Karen Gagern

Spec Ed ITL
Kaitlyn Stuart
DR. M’s Key Messages

“To Teach A Child Well Is To Know A Child Well”

Triple A’s: Access, Attendance, Achievement
Students will become self-advocates and creative problem solvers in a safe and rigorous environment.

STUDENT GROWTH

ACADEMIC ACCESS ATTENDANCE ACHIEVEMENT

SOCIAL ACCESS ATTENDANCE ACHIEVEMENT

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WLMS Mantra
Middle school is a defining point for students in the college and career readiness process.

Source: The Forgotten Middle: Ensuring that All Students Are On Target For College and Career Readiness Before High School, ACT, 2008.
Learning at WLMS
The level of academic achievement that students attain by eighth grade has a larger impact on their college and career readiness than anything that happens academically in high school.

Source: The Forgotten Middle: Ensuring that All Students Are On Target For College and Career Readiness Before High School
The Middle School Schedule
All students are enrolled in seven 50-minute classes every day.
All students receive daily instruction aligned to Maryland’s College and Career-Ready Standards in:

English
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies
In addition, Maryland regulations require all students take:

Health Education
Physical Education
Fine Arts (Music and/or Visual Arts)
Music Performance
Ensemble Options

Band – Chorus – Orchestra

• Year-long classes
• Includes a daily large ensemble rehearsal and a weekly small sectional that are scheduled on a rotational basis
• Ensembles are ability-based.
• Music teachers will be in contact with elementary programs to schedule meetings and auditions.
Additional Course Options

Family and Consumer Science
Technology Education
Reading and/or Math Intervention
Innovation & Inquiry Reading Modules
GT Research
Breakfast and Lunch
How Does It All Fit Together?
What does the schedule look like?

Student Entry
7:45 AM

First Bell
7:52 AM

7:45 - 7:55  Homeroom
8:00 - 8:50  Period 1
8:53 - 9:43  Period 2
9:46 - 10:36 Period 3
10:39 - 11:10 LUNCH
11:14 - 12:04 Period 5
12:07 - 12:57 Period 6
1:00 - 1:50  Period 7
1:53 - 2:45  Period 8
Wilde Lake MS Schedule

Introducing . . .

“The Hands”
Every student has 7 fifty-minute classes every day.
Wilde Lake MS Schedule

OVERVIEW - Core 4

Every student receives daily instruction in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science.
Wilde Lake MS Schedule

OVERVIEW - 3 Remain

Take away the 4 common core classes, and each student has 3 classes left per day.
Wilde Lake MS Schedule
OVERVIEW - 2 RA Wheels

Every student has 2 related arts classes per day:

P.E. WHEEL:
- **PE**
  - 2 Q’s
- **Health**
  - 1 Q
- **Careers**
  - 1 Q

2nd WHEEL Options:
- **Art/TE/Gen Mus/FACS (Package)**
- **GT Research (Sem) + 2 from Above**
- **Reading Intervention (FY)**
Wilde Lake MS Schedule

Introducing . . .

The Thumb
OVERVIEW: “The Thumb”

Students either choose 1 Orange or they are placed in Green.
WLMS Thursday Study Hall

One Period
Rotates through Core 4

- EXTRA HELP
- ENRICHMENT
- MAKE UP WORK
- PROJECTS
Finding the Right Balance Between

- Course Placements
- Rigor
- Personal Interests
- Student Success
Motivation and behavior, combined, have more impact on a student’s readiness than academic achievement.
The earlier a student develops important academically related behaviors, the more likely these behaviors are to become a habit.

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Supporting Academic Behaviors

At our school, staff and students:

● Start with the goal in mind
● Do what they do best, every day
● Celebrate effort and achievement
● Engage in positive experiences each school day
● Create excitement for the future.
What will be expected?

- Ready
  - On time, with supplies, positive attitude
- Responsible
  - For our actions and belongings
- Respectful
  - Positive words, voices, and actions
- Safe
  - Words and actions
Will There Be Any Special Events?

- Family Block Party - August
- Back To School Night - September
- East Columbia Library field trip
- Author visit
- Outdoor Education - November
Outdoor Education
November 11-13, 2020
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<td>Bridges “JAWS”</td>
<td>October - May *Students must be invited</td>
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<td>January</td>
<td>Performing Arts Selection Letters Sent Home w/ 5th Graders</td>
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<td>Jan - Feb</td>
<td>GT Placement Process conducted at individual elementary schools.</td>
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<td>May 14th</td>
<td>Course placement forms go home w/ 5th graders with Interim Reports</td>
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<td>May 19th</td>
<td>Fifth Graders Visit WLMS</td>
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<td>May/June</td>
<td>Elementary counselors will complete transition lessons with 5th graders.</td>
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<td>Late August 2020</td>
<td>Middle schools will host orientation for incoming 6th graders.</td>
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Transferring to our school? Please make a registration appointment.
Registration appointments are required and families should schedule them by contacting the school's office.

URGENT: Update Your Emergency Information!
Update your Family File emergency information. Students will not be allowed to participate in any school activities during the emergency without updated information.

National School Lunch Program - Applications for Student Meals!
Free and Reduced Meal services will expire soon. You must fill out this form each year to continue eligibility.
QUESTIONS

THOUGHTS?
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