



Watertown Public Schools

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Dear Watertown Middle School Families,

Hello and happy Thursday! It is so difficult to believe it's almost June! I hope everyone had a relaxing long weekend and was able to enjoy at least a bit of the sun.

For Additional Information:

Don't forget to check out the (fairly) new WMS website. It's updated regularly!

<https://wms.watertown.k12.ma.us/>

And like us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/watertownms/>

Follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MiddleWatertown>

Some important upcoming dates/events:

Calendar

May 30	i-Ready Reading Assessment
May 31	7th/8th Grade Band/Choir/Orchestra Festival Trip
June 3	Student Council election speeches
June 3	i-Ready Mathematics Assessment
June 4	Student Council election voting
June 4	Cluster 5 field trip
June 4	Hosmer grade 5 visit
June 5	Cunniff and Lowell grade 5 visit
June 6	Choosing to Participate (CP) Showcase
June 10	Grade 6 Wingmasters presentation

- June 12 Grade 6 to Canobie Lake Park
- June 12 Cluster 5 field trip
- June 13 Grade 7 Awards Ceremony 8:45 am
- June 14 Grade 6 Awards Ceremony 8:45 am
- June 14 Cluster 4 field trip
- June 14 Grade 8 Dance – WMS Upper Gym 6-10 pm

Students must attend a full day of school to attend the dance that evening.

- June 17 Grade 8 Awards Ceremony and Graduation 8:45 am
- June 17 **Last Day of School – Early Release Day 12:30 pm**

*** No lunch served ***

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31
Memorial Day	A day	B day	A day	B day
No School				
June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7
A day	B day	A day	B day	A day
June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14
B day	A day	B day	A day	B day
June 17				
A day	HAVE A	HAPPY	SUMMER!!!	
Early release				
Last day of school!				

GRADE 8 DANCE: The dance will be held in the WMS Upper Gym this year from 6-10 pm. We are all very excited for this event and to see the gym transformed for the Glow in the Dark theme! Dinner will be served as part of the evening’s events, and tickets are \$10 each. Reminder: Formal clothes, flowers and dates are not required!

AWARDS CEREMONIES: Each grade will have an awards ceremony during the final days of school. The ceremonies will begin at 8:45 am and will take place in the auditorium.

June 13 – Grade 7

June 14 – Grade 6

June 17 – Grade 8 (also graduation)

INFORMATION ABOUT THE BUS FOR NEXT YEAR:

[Yellow Bus Registration Information 2019-2020 English.pdf](#) [Yellow Bus Registration Information 2019-2020.Pashto.pdf](#) [Yellow Bus Registration Information 2019-2020.Portuguese.pdf](#) [Yellow Bus Registration Information 2019-2020.Spanish.pdf](#)

GRADE 5 TRANSITION: Ashley Cohen, who will be the grade 6 counselor next year, and I have been meeting with grade 5 parents, teachers and students to prepare for the exciting transition to middle school! We enjoyed meeting many parents last Wednesday at Grade 5 information night, and then traveling to the schools at the start of this week to meet with the students and tell them a bit about WMS. The Social was also very fun! We are looking forward to welcoming the 5th graders from each school for a visit next week as well!

ONE SCHOOL ONE BOOK SELECTION COMMITTEE: The One School One Book selection will be revealed soon! Stay tuned for the exciting announcement and information about the summer reading and assignment.

REMINDER ABOUT DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY: We have received a number of complaints about dogs being on the WMS school property and I would like to remind all of you (dog owners) about the town ordinance regarding pets. I too love dogs, but please follow the regulations of the ordinance in order to keep both people and pets safe.

Raptor Visitor Management System: This was installed at WMS in October to build on the district's program of safety for students and faculty. Part of keeping students and faculty safe is knowing who is in our building at all times and the Raptor system allows us to do that. The Raptor system allows us to track visitors, contractors and volunteers in our schools and provides us with a safer environment for our students and staff.

Upon entering a district building, visitors will be asked to present a valid state-issued ID, which will be scanned into the system. The Raptor system will scan the visitor's name, date of birth and photo for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders, as well as locally established alerts (e.g. "no trespass" orders). Additional visitor data from the driver's license is not gathered nor is the system connected to any other system such as the Department of Motor Vehicles. Therefore any other information on the ID is not scanned by the system and is not accessible to any of the users. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit.

MORNING DROP OFF: As stated at the beginning of the year and in the handbook:

*If you are driving your child to school, **Please consider the safety of our children who are walking nearby. DROP STUDENTS OFF ON BEMIS ST. ONLY. Please do not block traffic, and pull your car clear of others before pulling away. To avoid traffic tie-ups, consider dropping your child off a block away and letting him/her walk the rest of the way.***

Please DO NOT drop off students before 8:30 at the Waverly Street door. Several buses drop off students there, and it is unsafe to have cars in between the buses and vans. Please drop off your students at the Bemis Street entrance before 8:30am. Our number one priority is keeping the students safe, and so we ask you to please follow the drop off procedures so no accidents occur.

Best,

Donna Martin, Principal

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