WMS New Family Orientation

Williamsburg Middle School
August 18, 2021
WELCOME TO WILLIAMSBURG VIDEO!
Welcome to WMS
Introductions
Student Schedule / Wolf Time
Student Activities
Clinic Update
Technology Resources
WMS Administration

Bryan Boykin  Principal / 7th Grade Administrator
Jody Osler    Assistant Principal, 6th Grade
John Koutsouftikis Assistant Principal, 8th Grade
Elise Kenney  Director of Counseling
### School Counselors

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School Counselors:
- Provide short-term counseling, skills development and interventions
- Individual and small group counseling
- Invite all new students to a New Student Group
- Conduct classroom lessons through core classes and Health and PE classes
- Student can see their counselor by asking a teacher to come see them or messaging them on Canvas
- Collaborate with parents and teachers to support all students
## A Day In The Life - Block Schedule

### Block Schedule Days (M, T, Th, F)

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Team Structure

- There are 3 teams in 6th and 8th grade; 2 teams in 7th grade
- Each grade level has a counselor
- Each team has its own unique name that is associated with an animal, a Washington area sports team or a Virginia college or university
## WOLF TIME WEEKLY PLAN

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Flex Teachers

- **Purpose** - to assist students from all teams who need additional support to complete work
- Each flex teacher is open and available during Wolf Time
- Teachers will determine which students need to see a flex teacher based on classroom and assessment performance and will be assigned to go to the Flex teacher for a specified period of time
- Students may also request time with a Flex teacher if they feel specific support is needed
WMS TRIVIA
Questions

● What is the WMS mascot?
● What are our school colors?
● How many teams do we have in each grade?
● Who can name one team from your grade level?
● Who is your grade level administrator?
● Who is your grade level counselor?
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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Activities Coordinator
STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS

- Ultimate Frisbee
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Wrestling
- Soccer
- Cheerleading
- Swimming
- Track
- Intramurals
- Robotics Club
- Model UN
- Inked
- Math Counts
- TAB

*Clubs vary by year
Sports Participation Requirements
(Physicals and other Forms)

- In order to participate/tryout, student athletes **must** have a **current sports physical exam form (VHSL)** on file with the school. In addition, students must be in good academic standing.
- **The physical exam must be dated after May 1st of the current school year.**
- Forms can be located on the school website using this link ○ [Sport Physical form](#)
- The Athletic Participation Agreement **must** be signed before trying out for a sports team. Eligibility forms are required for participants – **Student athletes must be passing each of their classes in order to participate in after-school sports.**
- If you have questions, please call/email Ms. Hogwood (ashley.hogwood@apsva.us) at 703-228-2446.
There are two After School Periods (ASP) at Williamsburg Middle School.

At dismissal, report directly to your after school activity or sport.
- ASPI: 2:35 - 3:30
- ASPII: 3:30 - 4:00

Late buses leave promptly at 4:10pm
ACTIVITY FAIR DATES

* Activities Fair
  o Monday, September 20th for 6th graders
  o Tuesday, September 21st for 7th & 8th graders
  o **Late buses will be provided

* Late Buses are provided on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays (some Wednesdays)

* Late Buses will officially begin September 27th.
THINGS TO REMEMBER!

Cell Phones
- Turned off or on silent
- Left in your locker during the school day

iPads/other devices
- No iPads or other electronic devices in the cafeteria during lunch

Backpacks
- No backpacks in classrooms or cafeteria. Please leave them in your locker and grab only needed items during locker breaks

Water Bottles
- CLEAR water bottles only
GET INVOLVED!  WMS PTA

President:  Sara Batla
Email:   president@wmspta.org
Website:  www.wmspta.org
Facebook:  Williamsburg Middle School PTA
Twitter:  @wmspta_wolves
**Parent Resources**

Williamsburg Middle School:

1. WMS Student Services staff:
   a. Your student’s School Counselor: information and consultation
   b. School Social Worker
   c. School Psychologist

2. Parent Coffee’s - Members of the Student Services team offer parent sessions at least quarterly throughout the school year. Previous recorded sessions can be found on the WMS website under Counseling → [Parent Coffee](#).

3. Newsletters

APS:

[Parent Resource Center](#)
A MESSAGE FROM THE CLINIC
IMMUNIZATIONS

• Rising 7th graders
  ○ The clinic must have an immunization record with:
    ■ Tdap vaccine after the age of 7
    ■ First dose of meningococcal vaccine
  ○ Tdap & meningococcal documentation are required for school entry on August 30th.

• Please contact the clinic regarding immunizations questions and resources.
Students may not bring medications of any kind to school without authorization from both a doctor and a parent.

If your child needs medication at school, please contact the school nurse about the required forms. They can also be downloaded from the school health website. https://health.arlingtonva.us/public-health/school-health/
If your child is injured, had surgery or has an illness, a concussion, or any other condition that requires them to miss PE or any other class, you must provide a doctor's note. We will accept a note from a parent excusing a child from PE for up to 2 days. For 3 days or longer, we must have a note from a doctor.
Clinic Hours: 7:30am - 3:00pm

Public Health Nurse
Lisa Kaintoch RN, MS, BSN, CCM
lkaintoch@arlingtonva.us
703-228-5452

School Health Aide
Devon Smith
devsmith@arlingtonva.us
703-228-5454
Health and Safety

- Masks are required regardless of vaccination status while inside the building and on school buses, but are not required when eating or when outside during PE, athletics, or other activities
  - Each class has extra masks
- No temperature checks or screening are required upon boarding the bus or arriving to school. It is recommended that families complete the Qualtrics screening each day
- Handwashing/hand sanitizing will be encouraged throughout the day
  - Sanitizer is available in every space
- Students have access to disinfectant wipes
- All classrooms have air purifiers
- Health and safety signage posted
- School visitors will be limited
- High contact surfaces cleaned thoroughly every day
- Lunch tables have a maximum of 8/9 students
- Outside eating available, weather permitting
- See the APS website for more health and safety information
Technology Resources and Communication

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ParentVue

- Can see grades, attendance, assignments
- Change your email for APS School Talk emails.

ParentVUE – Online access to your student’s information

help@APS – The ParentVUE Help Center
ParentVue Help

- Contact the school if you need an activation code.
- If you have any problems with logging into ParentVue or forgot your password, please see: https://www.apsva.us/family-access-center/ for parent help resources.
Canvas Parent Access

- **General info for students and parents on Canvas**
  - Lots of resources and links to Canvas guides for both students and parents.
  - There are directions on this page for parents on how to create a parent observer account.
Tech. Help for Parents

- WMS homepage -> Families -> Tech. Help for Parents
APS Technology Resources for Students

• APS username and password
  • StudentVue – access to grades, schedules
  • APS Google
  • Canvas courses
  • APS wifi/iPad configuration

• Additional resources
  • iPad Tech Tutorials for middle school students
  • Student Handbook and other WMS information are in the WMS Canvas course for students

• Student Tech Help process (form | process)
APS Acceptable Use Policy

- You must follow Arlington Public Schools rules when using your device and the APS network.
- You must follow school rules and staff instructions when using your device and the network.
- You must follow copyright and fair-use laws.
- Only use the device issued to you.
- Follow your family’s values when using your device. Talk to your family about what is acceptable for access on your device.
- Your family should decide and monitor how and when your device is used at home.

More details are on the WMS website.
Understanding the APS iPad

• More filters while on APS wifi.
• Teachers will be using Apple Classroom during the school day to manage student iPads in the classroom.
• App Store can’t be found on iPad. APS has an App Catalog that is managed.
• WMS parents can request specific apps for their child’s iPad through an online form.
• Additional restrictions on iPad
  ○ AirDrop, iMessage and Facetime are removed
  ○ Global Protect
Any Questions?

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Communication is KEY

• Please monitor the school website for information

• Read the School Talk messages that come from WMS and APS (you were automatically enrolled to receive these when you registered). Go to https://www.apsva.us/schooltalk/ for more information

• Utilize ParentVue/StudentVue and Canvas to check assignments and grades

• If you have a concern about a class please contact the teacher/counselor/grade level assistant principal
Questions?

Thank you!