

Welcome New Wolves!

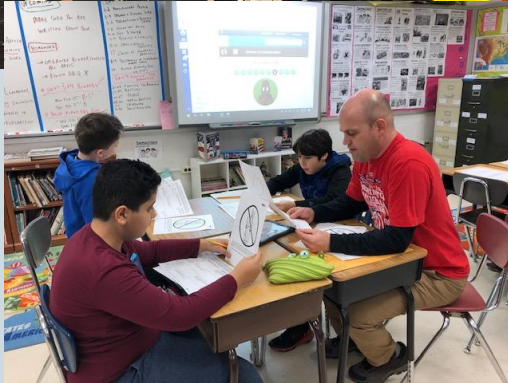
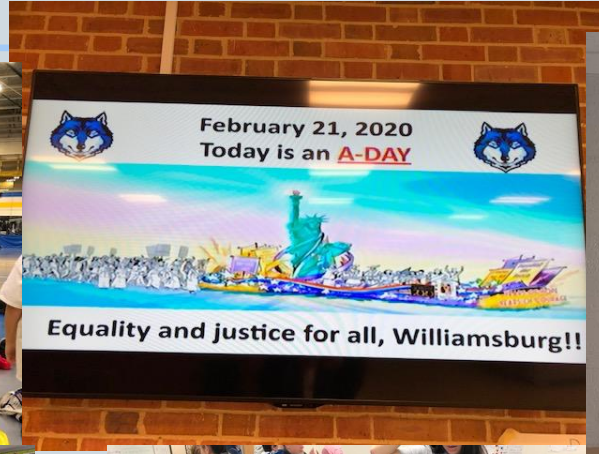
WMS New Family Orientation

Williamsburg Middle School

August 16, 2023

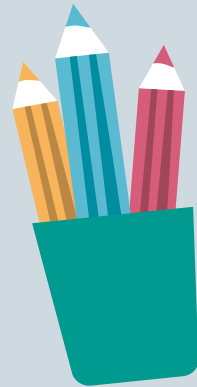


WELCOME TO WILLIAMSBURG VIDEO!



Agenda

- ❏ Welcome to WMS
- ❏ Introductions
- ❏ Student Schedule/Wolf Time
- ❏ Student Activities
- ❏ Clinic Update
- ❏ Technology Resources



WMS Administration

Bryan Boykin

Principal

Nicole Johnson

Assistant Principal, 6th/7th Grade (Capitals)

John Koutsouftikis

Assistant Principal, 8th/7th Grade (Wizards)

Elise Kenney

Director of Counseling



School Counselors

Counselor	Grade Level
Gretchen Brenckle	6th Grade
Ashley Bleakley	7th Grade
Paul Gardner	8th Grade
Natalie Battle	Intervention Counselor



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

New Family Liaison

Gretchen Brenckle

Primary Role: Information events throughout the year to help learn more about Arlington County Public Schools and Williamsburg Middle School.

Example: Using information platforms such as ParentVUE/StudentVUE, Canvas, etc. to support your student and stay informed.

Grade Level Counselor will still be the primary point of contact

New Student Groups

7th and 8th Grade School Counselors will run a small group for new students:

- Students can meet other new students
- Ask questions that may not be gone over in classes
- Talk about ways to get involved and feel a part of the WMS Community

6th Grade School Counselor will run a transition small group

- Talk about transitioning to a new school and middle school
- Connect with other students feeling the same way about the transition
- Ask additional questions about WMS
- Talk about ways to get involved and feel a part of the WMS Community

Team Structure

- ❑ There are 2 teams at each grade level
- ❑ 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



Teacher/Subject	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	Intervention	Intervention	No Wolf Time on C-Days	Intervention	Intervention
Math	Intervention	Intervention		Intervention	Intervention
Special Education	Intervention	Intervention		Intervention	Intervention
Science	Extension	Extension		Extension	Extension
Social Studies	Extension	Extension		Extension	Extension
PE	Extension	Extension		Extension	Extension
Elective	Extension	Extension		Extension	Extension
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Flex	Support	Support		Support	Support



Flex

Purpose

- Begins when Wolf Time starts, October 23, 2023
- to assist students from both grade level teams who need additional support to complete work due to absences, make up tests, retake tests, etc.
 - all students can go to flex time except those receiving intervention in math, reading, or writing
 - teachers determine which students need to see a flex teacher
 - during Wolf Time
- it is **not** for homework completion

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

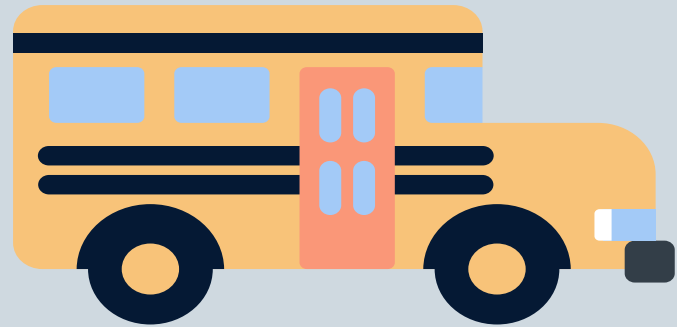
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Activities Coordinator



WILLIAMSBURG AFTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- There are **two After School Periods (ASP)** at Williamsburg Middle School.
- At dismissal, report directly to your after school activity or sport.
 - **ASPI: 2:45 - 3:30**
 - **ASPII: 3:30 - 4:00**

- **Late buses leave promptly at 4:10pm**



- * **Late buses are provided on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays (some Wednesdays for sports only).**

Sports Participation Requirements

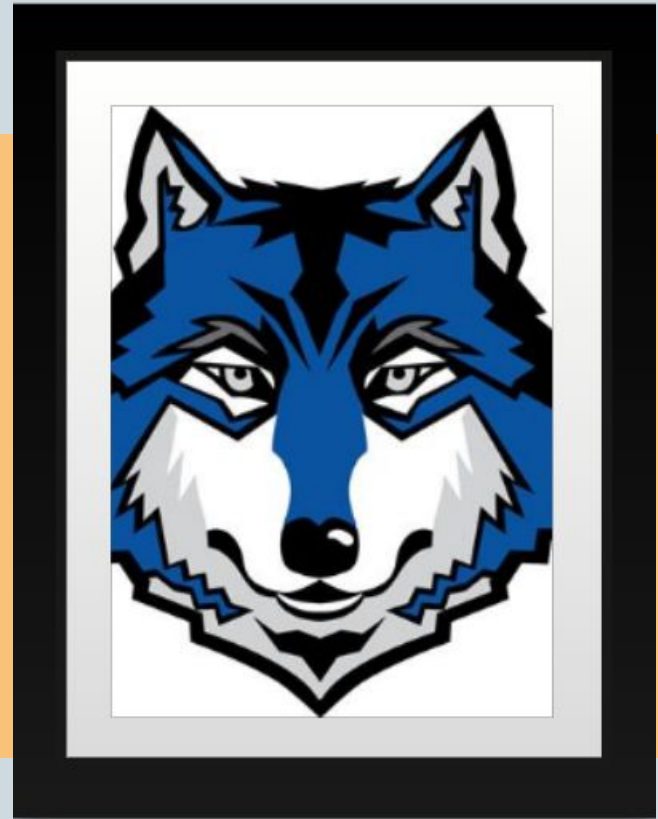


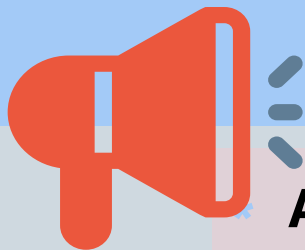
- In order to participate/tryout, student athletes **must** have a **current sports physical exam form (VHSL)** on file with the school. In addition, students must be in good academic standing.
- **The physical exam must be dated after May 1st, 2023.**
- Forms can be located on the school website using 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.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS

- Ultimate Frisbee
- Basketball (Boy's and Girls)
- Tennis
- Wrestling
- Soccer (Boys and Girls)
- Cheerleading
- Swimming
- Track
- Intramurals
- Robotics Club
- Model UN
- Inked
- Math Counts
- TAB

**Clubs vary by year*





ACTIVITY FAIR DATES

Activities Fair - (*Held after school*)

- **Monday, September 18th for 6th graders**
- **Tuesday, September 19th for 7th & 8th graders**
- ****Late buses will be provided**

*** Late Buses will officially begin September 26th.**

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 or TA



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



Williamsburg Middle School

PTA[®]

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President: Heather Selig

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, Kory Bradley
 - c. School Psychologist, Amy Nemeth

2. Parent Coffees - 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](#)

CLINIC TEAM

Public Health Nurse

Melissa Wong, RN
mwong@arlingtonva.us
703-228-5452

School Health Aide

Rahel Gebregiorgis
rgebregiorgis@arlingtonva.us
703-228-5454

Clinic Hours: 7:30am - 3:00pm



Services we provide:



- Routine first-aid and sick-child care
- Emergency care
- Administration of medications
- Hearing/vision screenings (for all 7th grade students, new students, and by special request)
- Coordination with teachers of accommodations relating to short-term (i.e. concussions, injuries) and chronic conditions
- Case management of students with complex health-care needs
- Coordination with special education staff and mental health/counseling staff (i.e. 504 meeting)
- Education on a variety of topics to students, staff, and parents
- Prevention measures and student contact tracing of communicable diseases (i.e. Respiratory, GI outbreaks)

MEDICATION POLICY

- Virginia law requires that all medications, prescription or over-the-counter, given in school be accompanied by a Medication Authorization form signed by a parent and/or physician.
- Students may **NOT** bring medications of any kind to school without a signed Medication Authorization form in the clinic.
- If your child needs daily or as needed medications at school, please contact the clinic about the required forms. They can be downloaded from the school health website.

<https://health.arlingtonva.us/public-health/school-health/>



INJURIES

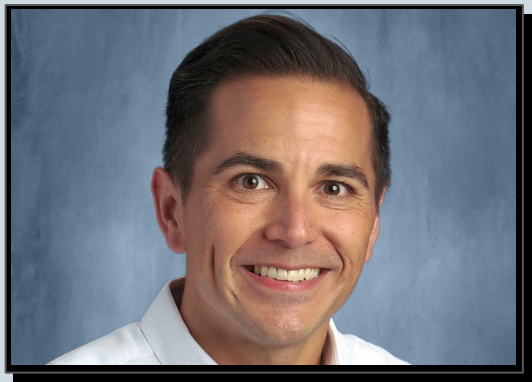


- Parents must provide a written note if their child needs accommodations for an injury, surgery, concussion, or any other condition that requires a student to be unable to participate in PE
- For accommodations **3 days or longer**, a note from a physician is required.

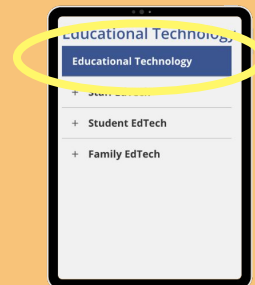


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Educational Technology & Resources @ Williamsburg Middle School



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Parent Vue

- Update emergency contact info
- View student attendance and class schedules
- View assignment grades and report cards
- Communicate with teachers
- And more!



<https://www.apsva.us/parentvue-canvas>



Log into ParentVUE

Educational Technology

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+ Staff EdTech

+ Student EdTech

Family EdTech

Tech Help For Families

ParentVue & Canvas

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Parent Vue Help

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



<https://www.apsva.us/parentvue-canvas>

ParentVUE Account Access

Login

Arlington Public Schools District

User Name:

Password:

[Forgot Password](#)

Login

[Activate Account/Reset Password \(More Options\)](#)

[Activate Account](#) [Forgot Password](#)

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Canvas Family Access

- APS Canvas Overview for Students & Parents
 - Lots of resources and links to Canvas guides for students & parents.
 - Directions how to create a Canvas Parent Observer account.



<https://apsva.instructure.com/courses/33998>

PARENT ORIENTATION



[Canvas Parent Observer Orientation](#)

PARENT ACCOUNTS



[Step-by-Step: Create your Observer account and pair with your child](#)

PARENT FAQs



[Canvas Parent Accounts: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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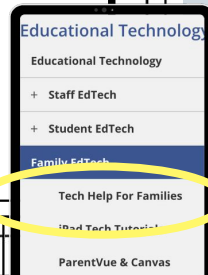
Tech Help for Families

- From the WMS Webpage> Technology> Family EdTech
 - Tech Help
 - iPad Resources
 - Canvas & ParentVue

 <https://williamsburg.apsva.us/edtech/family-edtech>

Technology Help Resources for Families

 Digital Learning Devices	 ParentVue Help Overview of ParentVue
 Canvas Parent Observer FAQs	 iPad Tech Help





APS Technology Resources for Students



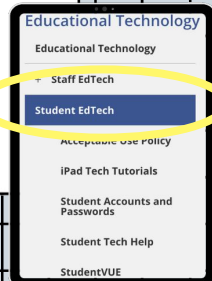
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- APS username and password
 - StudentVUE: grades, schedules, & more
- APS Google Apps
- Canvas Courses
- APS wifi/iPad configuration

Student iPad Tech Tutorials
for middle school students

Student Handbook & other
WMS info are in the WMS
Canvas course for students

Student Tech Help
All student technical support
requests (For all issues:
hardware, software, & network,
accounts & more.) should be
**submitted via your
TA Teacher.**





APS Acceptable Use Policy

- You must follow Arlington Public Schools rules when using your device anywhere.
- You must follow WMS school rules & staff instructions when using your device and the the APS network.
- Your family should decide and monitor how and when your device is used at home.
- 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.

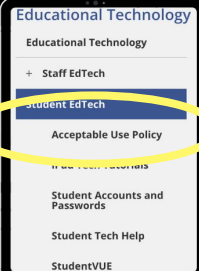
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Acceptable Use Policy

All Williamsburg and Arlington Public School Students must sign and adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy.

1. Arlington Public Schools loans digital devices to students as a tool for learning. These devices are the property of Arlington Public Schools, and students are responsible for keeping their individual devices in good order.





Understanding the APS iPad

- From the WMS Webpage> Technology> Family EdTech
 - Tech Help
 - iPad Resources
 - Canvas & ParentVue

<https://williamsburg.apsva.us/edtech/family-edtech/>



[Digital Learning Devices](#)



[ParentVUE Help](#)

[Overview of ParentVUE](#)



[Canvas Parent Observer FAQs](#)



[iPad Tech. Help](#)

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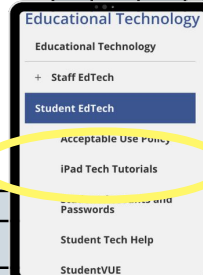


Understanding the APS iPad



- More filters while on APS wifi.
- App Store can't be found on iPad. APS has an App Catalog that is managed.
- Additional restrictions on iPad
 - AirDrop, iMessage and Facetime are removed
 - LightSpeed

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App Catalog	Deleting Apps from APS iPad	Microsoft Stream
Apps Automatically Installed	Deleting iPad Photos/Videos	Microsoft Teams - Joining a Meeting
		Microsoft Teams App Login
		Microsoft Teams Login - Using a Browser
		Microsoft Teams: Log out and back in
		Microsoft Teams: Look for missing join link
C	G	O
Canvas APS Overview - for Students/Parents	Google Account - Signing Out of Personal Accounts	OneDrive - Safari App
Canvas App - Calendar	Google Apps: Create a Google File	OneDrive App - Install and Navigation
Canvas App - Discussion	Google Apps: Create a Google Folder	OneDrive Overview
Canvas App - Display Images	Google Apps: Delete a Google File	
Canvas App - File Upload	Google Apps: Install and Login	
Canvas App - Google Cloud Assignment	Google Apps: Moving Google File to Google Folder	
Canvas App - Inbox email	Google Apps: Share a Google File	
Canvas App - Login		
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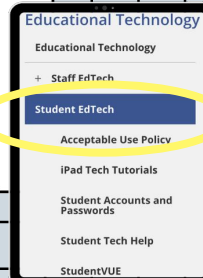




iPad Deployment



- First couple weeks of school
- Through TA classes
- Issuing new iPads that are already updated
- Students will be changing passwords. Passwords need to be 10 characters long. Please make sure that you know your password from elementary school.





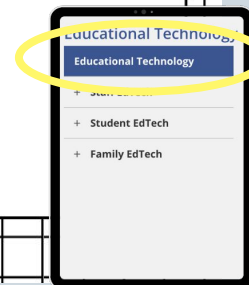
Any Questions?



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Communication is KEY

Please monitor the school website for information

PARENT SQUARE (division wide family-school communication)

- ❑ Replaced SchoolTalk
- ❑ Should have or will receive an activation email
- ❑ If you did not register, you should have or will receive text, email, and phone notifications
- ❑ Questions? Please email parentsquare@apsva.us

<https://www.apsva.us/departments/school-community-relations/parentsquare>

ParentVUE remains the APS platform for updating student and family information, accessing transportation information and receiving student academic progress report.

Also, please communicate with your child's teachers and school counselor to discuss concerns about your child's progress.

Questions?

Thank you!