

# REFLECTION ASSEMBLY

What went well in 2023  
and how can we make  
2024 better!

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# **EXPECTATIONS AT SCHOOL WIDE EVENTS**

**No horseplay**

**Follow the WMS Three Rs**

**Have a great time**

**Listen Attentively**

# 2023

# POSITIVES

- ❖ Celebrated our National Blue Ribbon Recognition
- ❖ SPORTS celebration
- ❖ Awesome band, orchestra and chorus concerts
- ❖ Music Department earning Blue Ribbon Recognition
- ❖ Chorus won best overall choir at Kings Dominion 2023
- ❖ Seeing students everyday choose to be kind and work hard
- ❖ Awesome Best Buddies Club!

# 2023

# POSITIVES

- ❖ Classroom participation
- ❖ Collaboration with peers in class
- ❖ Honest Feedback
- ❖ Girls' Soccer 2023 Co-County Champs
- ❖ Boys' Basketball 2023 Co- County Champs
- ❖ Wolfpaws
- ❖ Only 1 phone call from a local business regarding student behavior

# 2024 ROOM TO GROW



Beginning of the year expectation  
reminders and where we can work to grow

# Williamsburg Middle School

## Guiding Principles

**R**espect yourself

**R**espect others

**R**espect our shared environment



# MORNINGS

## Arrival:

- Must go to grade level areas before the 7:40am bell
- You may **not go to lockers** or visit teachers before the 7:40am bell (unless you have pre-arranged for a club/activity) - BE PREPARED
- **School begins at 7:50am.** Please arrive to school on time... arriving to school on time matters to the WMS school culture.

## Breakfast:

- Must be eaten in the cafeteria. You may not take food from the cafeteria.
- **No food or drink in the gym or auditorium**
- Eat at designated tables to keep cafeteria clean in the morning

# RESPECTING YOURSELF

- ❖ Be on time and come prepared
- ❖ Responsible for your OWN actions
- ❖ Turn off your phone; place it in the locker
- ❖ Turn off your AirPods; place in the locker
- ❖ Ipad usage - appropriate usage
- ❖ Coming to school dressed appropriately



# Be on TIME AND Be PREPARED

- ❖ Arrive to school on time (~ 7:25 - 7:45)
- ❖ Get ALL necessary materials:
  - \*binders, writing tools, assignments, books, etc. from bag/locker
  - \*IR book/library books
- ❖ Get to class before the TA bell rings, by 7:50
- ❖ Always do your BEST – don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it.
- ❖ Maintain a positive attitude!
- ❖ Do your own work; do not share your work with others

# CELL PHONES

Cell phones, AirPods, electronic watches **must be turned off** and **put away from 7:50 am – dismissal. This means it should not be out and in use, including watches**

**If you have your phone out in a classroom, hallway, or cafeteria:**

- **1<sup>st</sup> offense – WARNING**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> offense – Taken by your teacher and you pick up from the office at the end of the day.**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> offense and beyond – Your phone goes to the main office and your parent will need to pick it up.**

# IPADS

- ❖ School issued device (it is not a personal device)
- ❖ Utilized ONLY for learning purposes (classwork and homework)
- ❖ Follow Arlington Public Schools rules when using your device anywhere.
- ❖ Follow WMS school rules & staff instructions when using your device and the APS network.
- ❖ Put away the ipad when asked by the teacher or any adult in the classroom.

# YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU

- ❖ Take responsibility for your actions without blaming others
- ❖ Own your mistakes without blame and make a change
- ❖ Do the right thing even when no one is watching!



# RESPECTING OTHERS

- ❖ Teasing
- ❖ Racial slurs
- ❖ Prejudice and discriminatory comments
- ❖ Responding to adults
- ❖ “Hands off” school

# TEASING AND INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE

- ❖ When teasing is meant to hurt and is done over and over, it can become bullying.
- ❖ Bullying is repetitive behaviors against someone else: serious consequences will follow.
- ❖ Remember, what is playful to you may not be playful to another. If someone is hurt then teasing is hurtful.
- ❖ Report bullying, harassment and targeting to an adult

**There is no tolerance of inappropriate language at WMS.**

Remember, words you use to describe a person's gender or race may be considered harassment or may be dehumanizing.

# RESPECT FOR ALL ADULTS

## WAYS TO SHOW RESPECT

- ❖ Be polite to all adults
- ❖ Listen when an adult is speaking; don't interrupt
- ❖ Speak when given the chance to respond; respond politely
- ❖ Speak with an adult before leaving class or location you are supposed to be at
- ❖ Apologize when wrong
- ❖ Follow classroom directions or the rules
- ❖ Be honest and kind



# **“HANDS OFF” SCHOOL**

- ❖ Refrain from pulling or pushing each other
- ❖ Refrain from tugging and pulling a peer’s clothing
- ❖ This includes fighting, play fighting, and any physical “fooling around”.
- ❖ “Flat Tires”
- ❖ **KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOURSELF.**

Refusal to adhere to this policy could result in disciplinary action.



# **RESPECTING OUR SHARED ENVIRONMENT**

- ❖ **Cafeteria expectations**
- ❖ **Transitions in the hallways**
- ❖ **Locker maintenance**
- ❖ **Bathroom expectations**
- ❖ **Our shared responsibility**
- ❖ **School Buses**

# CAFETERIA EXPECTATIONS

- ❖ **Walk** into the cafeteria
- ❖ Stand behind the red line to get your lunch in orderly line
- ❖ **Sit** at a table - three or four students to a bench; be inclusive
- ❖ All trash must be cleaned up in your area when finished eating.
  - This includes the floor underneath and around your table.
- ❖ Listen to any adults that are speaking to the entire cafeteria or to you.
- ❖ Control your voices - no yelling, screaming,
- ❖ If given time to go outside - respect others and environment; enter safely

# TRANSITIONS IN THE HALLWAYS

- ❖ Walk
- ❖ Remember that we are a “hands off” school
- ❖ Get to class on TIME
- ❖ Gather your belongings and go to class
- ❖ Use inside voices in the hallway

# SCHOOL BUS

- ❖ Feet and hands out of the aisles
- ❖ Report damage
- ❖ Appropriate volume
- ❖ Nothing hanging out the windows
- ❖ Respectful behavior toward driver and staff

# LOCKERS

## **Your responsibility to:**

Keep it neat

Retrieve your materials quickly

Close the locker door (prevents theft)

# BATHROOMS

## **FOLLOW THE CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

Sign out & get the classroom pass

Go to the nearest bathroom

Return in the expected time

Respect the shared environment - no  
destruction of school property

# OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

- ❖ Hold each other accountable

**“W” IN EVERYTHING**



**HAVE A GREAT REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!**