

# MARCH UPDATE

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



### MARCH HIGHLIGHTS FOR WWS FAMILIES

#### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



#### »» THE WINDHAM WOODS WAY

Recently, I had occasion to join Steph Silk's Language Arts class, where the 'Do Now' is often a collaborative effort to solve the daily Wordle. Each of the 6th grade students brought a different but crucial problem-solving approach, and the class succeeded in guessing the word. A key element of the Windham Woods Way is to celebrate and leverage individual strengths. When different ways of thinking are integrated together, a team of learners can accomplish a goal far greater than any one person could achieve.

- Jeremy Robbins



## >>> MCAS AND SAS TESTING

WWS administers standardized testing for students from Massachusetts and New Hampshire for whom we have formalized agreements with their public school districts.

- April 8-11 and 22-23 - ELA
- April 29-May 8 - Math
- May 13-14 - STE

## >>> OUTDOOR ATTIRE REMINDER

The weather warms with the start of spring, and classes increasingly utilize outdoor spaces for learning. It is important for students to keep at school a pair of tall, waterproof, all-weather **boots**, as well as a waterproof **rain jacket**. They can store these in their lockers.

## >>> BIKING ON THE TRAILS

The Flex biking group has taken to the trails for the spring. Students navigate varied terrain, challenging themselves and working as a team to help each other when the occasional tire goes flat!





# WWS MUSICAL MARCH 16-17, 2024

Congratulations to the cast and crew of this year's musical for their smashing performances! The show featured both Elementary, Middle, and Upper School students, and many of our Middle Schoolers took part. Here are a few snapshots!

# Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID JR

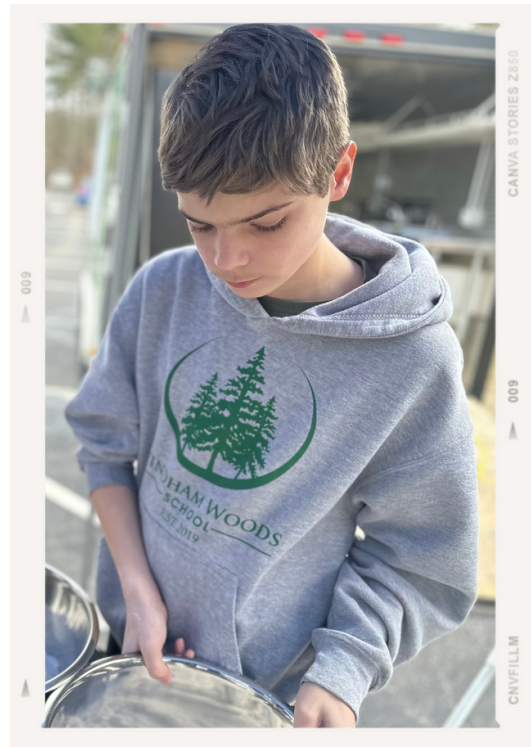




*Our righteous food truck is here to provide delicious food to our local community while empowering our fellow students to develop their culinary, social, and business skills and have fun while doing it!*

## »»» FOOD TRUCK

March saw the Soft Launch of our Windham Woods Food Truck Program. Students worked worked to prepare recipes, learned about food safety, built a launch plan, and raised excitement. The Food Truck will be an on-going fixture of the school, and we expect the program to grow and adapt with our students' skills and imagination. We will be selling our world famous waffles on a stick, coffee, and hot chocolate to students, teachers, and parents out of our Food Truck.









## I respect the WWS staff by.....

- Cleaning up messes
- not making messes
- listening
- not talking when another is talking
- doing what is asked of me
- showing up to class on time
- helping
- showing interest in what they are talking about
- calling them Mr/Mrs/Ms
- Putting in effort
- giving gifts
- doing my work
- being polite
- asking how they are doing
- asking permission first
- returning things I borrow
- paying attention
- passing out supplies
- entering rooms quietly
- controlling my temper
- not swearing

## The WWS staff respects me when they.....

- ask how I am doing
- ask how my break was
- taking me outside
- letting me take a walk
- letting me have a break
- rewarding me
- taking the class to DD
- take us on hikes
- give me more time to complete work
- accept late work
- changing the schoolwork for me
- giving out tickets
- give me food
- put up with me
- make sure I am being safe

## I show respect to my classmates by.....

- Being nice
- Not talking over them.
- Opening/holding the door
- Minding my own business.
- Complimenting others
- Saying "Hi"
- Asking them how they are doing
- Listening to their ideas & opinions
- help them look for things
- Using correct/chosen names & pronouns
- Helping
- Including everyone
- Making eye contact
- Taking turns
- Picking up trash
- Sharing
- Letting others borrow my things
- Passing a ball in a game
- showing a new student around

## My classmates respect me when they.....

- Share food/candy
- help me
- compliment me
- are polite
- ask if I am ok
- apologize
- give gifts on special days
- hold the door for me
- offer to explain something
- use correct/chosen names & pronouns

## ➤➤➤ FOSTERING RESPECT

Respect is a key community value at WWS, which forms a core part of THRIVE.

Students in ECO 1 Animal classes reflected on the value of respect in our school community and the ways it is shown between students and staff. It is our goal to promote attention, motivation, and positive behavior around a culture of respect for others.





## >>> SPRING FLING DANCE THURSDAY, MAY 9 6-8PM

Our Middle School events planning group has announced the theme for the next dance!



## >>> POSITIVE BEHAVIOR REWARDS DRAWING

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Students continue to earn recognition for their positive behaviors through our rewards cards. Each card is entered into a raffle drawing at the end of the months. The 20 student winners will enjoy a pizza party hosted by Mrs. Urton during lunch on Thursday, April 11. Winners will be announced during morning Advisory on April 2.

## >>> CANOBIE LAKE TRIP AND 8TH GRADE CAMPOUT - MAY 31

Students in Ms. Rodi's Flex group worked with Mr. DeJoy to plan a trip for the Middle School towards the end of the year. We are excited to announce there will be a trip on Friday, May 31 to Canobie Lake Park. We will leave right after school and return to campus for a BBQ picnic dinner. The 8th Grade students will have the option to camp overnight at WWS. More info to come soon!





# »»» SNAPSHOTS FROM AROUND THE MIDDLE SCHOOL





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MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024 3-4PM



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Literacy Week	April 1-5
Pancake Breakfast and Eclipse Party	April 8
Staff Development - No School	April 12
April Vacation - No School	April 15-19
ECO Field Trips	May 3
Spring Fling Dance	May 9
Parent Conferences	May 9-10
Canobie Lake Trip	May 31
8th Grade Graduation	June - 10
Last Day of School	June - 14 *UPDATED