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Middle School
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Updates:

Making Middle Grades Work Site Review: On December 6, we held our Making Middle Grades Work (MMGW) site review. MMGW is an initiative which was developed by the Southern Regional Education Board and is designed to help schools prepare students for success in further education. Through the site review process, we were able to gain feedback on the key practices in our building. We were able to survey 61 parents, as well as interview 13 teachers, 28 students, our guidance counselors, our administrators, and our superintendent. Our site review team also conducted 49 classroom walk throughs, as well as attended our TBT meetings. This process was invaluable, as we continue to strive to *#bebetter* at WMS. We are truly grateful for our MMGW committee members, Joni Wade and Michelle Roediger, as well as the team of teachers and administrators from each of the buildings in our district who assisted in the site review process.

Robotics Club: On Saturday, December 8, our Robotics Team, along with their coaches Laura Folger and Lindsay Zielonka, attended the First LEGO League Competition. The morning began with practice rounds and continued with competitions in the afternoon. The students and coaches enjoyed this experience and look forward to planning for next year's robotics program.

Other INFO:

- On December 10, our 6th and 7th grade choirs showcased their talents during their winter concert. On December 17, our 5th, 6th, and 7th grade bands had the opportunity to showcase their talents, as well, during their winter concert.
- On December 14, WMS celebrated "Christmas Day." Students were invited to donate \$1 and wear Christmas apparel. What a festive sight! The money raised was used to sponsor a family for Christmas.
- On December 14, the 5th grade Wapakoneta Wish Granters Club sponsored "Muffins in the Morning" for staff members as a way to raise money to grant kids' wishes at the Middle School.
- On December 14, our first period 7th grade choir went carolling at the Wapakoneta Manor. The students were able to share sounds of the season with the residents at the Manor.
- On December 14, our students who had earned a Character Corn certificate were able to redeem their certificate for a bag of popcorn during lunchtime.

Upcoming Events:

December 20, 2018 - PTO Fall Fundraiser Reward Party at Astro Lanes, 8:10-10:45 AM

December 20, 2018 - MAP and CAP Window Ends

December 21, 2018 - Spelling Bee in WMS auditorium, 9:30 AM

December 21, 2018 - Group Photos in gym, 1-3 PM

December 24, 2018 to January 4, 2019 - Break

(Reminder: WOE day is January 4, 2019. Teachers will need 6 hours of PD for that day.)

January 10, 2019 - Optimist Tubing Trip

January 14, 2019 - BLT

January 16, 2019 - DLT at Harvest Baptist, 7:50 - 10:50 AM

January 21, 2019 - MLK Day, No School

January 22, 2019 - BOE meeting

January 28, 2019 - BLT

January 29, 2019 - Committee Meeting Day

January 30, 2019 - Special Education Meeting, 3:15 - 4:15 PM

February 4 - 8, 2019 - The Rock & Mineral Guys with 6th Grade

February 6, 2019 - MMGW Regional Workshop

February 11, 2019 - BLT

February 15, 2019 - PD Day

February 17, 2019 - 7th Grade Field Trip to Victoria Theater

February 25, 2019 - BLT

