Happy Fall!

As we begin a new season, the staff and students at Wellington Middle School are doing well! The end of first quarter is October 18th! Reminder that students should be showing you and talking about their planners on a daily basis. This allows them the opportunity to learn that the skills of organization is a critical life skill. This will keep you informed and engaged with your student regarding where they spend a huge part of their day. If your student loses a planner, he/she may purchase a new one from the office. Please note that October attendance count is September 24 through October 8th—see article inside this edition.

Our sports' teams are doing very well this year! Come on out and join us at one of our many athletic opportunities! Football, softball, tennis and cross country are all going on! Students are participating in athletics or coming to Eagles After Hours, often with more than 75% of our students still here at 5:00 p.m. doing amazing things!

If you are still interested in volunteering at our school, please call us at 488-6600 and sign up for an event! The more the merrier! Si usted habla espanol, favor de llamarnos si necesita ayuda.
Stay informed - sign up for PSD e-mail alerts!

You will receive updates on your school and the district:
- Emergency/School Closure Information
- District Changes Impacting Your Child
- District News and Accomplishments
- Board of Education Action
- Monthly E-newsletter

No school

Kindergarten – 5th grade, October 18,
Parent/Teacher Conference Day-WMS is in session on this day!

Kindergarten – 12th grade, October 19,
Parent/Teacher Conference Day-WMS is NOT in session!

Online School Choice application available for 2013-14

The online School Choice application is now available online under “School Registration on the PSD website.” The first consideration deadlines for 2013-14 are:

January 25, 2013, for secondary (grades 6-12)
February 8, 2013, for elementary (grades K-5)

School Choice applications may be submitted after the first-consideration deadline until the first day of class at the beginning of the school year of requested enrollment. For more information, view the School Choice policy and timelines on the PSD website.
Volunteers, businesses and community partners wanted in the classrooms

If you have a few hours to share your skills and expertise, you could make a huge difference in the lives of students. Please contact Cyndi Gile, volunteer coordinator at the PSD Partnership and Volunteer Center at cynthiag@psdschools.org, or 490-3208.

Also, the Partnership and Volunteer Center is looking for business people to come into the classrooms and talk with students about your career, your day-to-day tasks, and your education. If you’d like to share with students, please contact Jody Margheim, Partnership and Volunteer Coordinator at jody@psdschools.org or 490-3207 or Cyndi Gile at cynthiag@psdschools.org or 490-3208.

PSD hosts college fairs

Poudre School District will host two free events to help high school students continue their education at a college, university or post-secondary school after graduation. Please note the In-State College Fair was held in September.

Out-of State College Fair, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9, Poudre High School, 201 Impala Drive. For more information, contact Kim Wilder, PHS International Baccalaureate counselor, 488-6015.

Family Financial Aid and College Night, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 15, Fort Collins High School, 3400 Lambkin Way. For more information, contact Tanya Rivera-Vigil at 488-8103.
From our WMS Health Tech: Interesting eating alternatives that your kids will love:

http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/49091635/ns/today-food/#.UPuD5VHELnQ

Also, “Must Have Been Something I Ate”, by Peggy Kotsopolous, a nutritionist has found great food substitutes for families to get the energy boost they need without the high sugar glycemic index.

It’s the annual October Count time: September 24-October 8th! As you know, schools are funded with relation to attendance rates. Please make sure that your student attends each and every day of school, most especially during the “count”

Halloween at Wellington Middle School: We do not dress up in costume for Halloween at our school because we allow students to dress up at the fall dance, this year on November 2, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Costumes during the school day can be very distracting AND we want to celebrate the idea of costumes, if you would like to. Therefore, the dance on November 2nd will include costumes. Students may bring costumes to school, store them in the office or their lockers, and wear them at the dance. No masks or excessively violent costumes. If your student isn’t sure about a costume, check with Dr. Durand or Mrs. Bradshaw BEFORE the dance!
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Student Led Conferences, October 25, 2012

On the recommendation of current educational research, we have decided to continue our conferences format this year. The time honored "parent-teacher conference" has often excluded the student from the process. We want to allow Wellington students to assume greater control of their academic progress and we are training them right now for our Student Led Conference (SLC) Night, October 25, 2012. Here is the schedule:

All students whose last names start with A-I: Please come between 5:30 and 6:15 p.m.
All students whose last names start with J-Q: Please come between 6:15 and 7:00 p.m.
All students whose last names start with R-Z: Please come between 7:00 and 7:45 p.m.

If these times do not work for you, please come anytime on this night!

If coming back to school on October 25th does not work for you, you and your student can conduct a SLC in the comfort of your own home with the correct materials.

Pizza and pop will be available for sale all night long so you can have a light dinner with us too!

Conference goals:

1. to encourage students to accept personal responsibility for their academic performance
2. to teach students the process of self-evaluation
3. to facilitate the development of students' organizational and oral communication skills and to increase their self-confidence
4. to encourage students, parents, and teachers to engage in open and honest dialogue about student work to encourage parent attendance at conferences and encourage parents not to wait until conferences to contact teachers.

We look forward to seeing you at our school on October 25th. Don't miss this important night with your student! He/she has been preparing all year for your visit!
Fall Sports

Fall athletics is up, going, and off to a great start! Congratulations to the following students for participating in one of WMS fall sports.


Tennis: Shelby Eckhardt, Kaylee Smith, Meredith Giddens, Makaela Kuhlman, Laisha Martinez, Darion Cordova, Rick Jones Vladi Clark, Damion Cordova

JV Softball White: Katie Billington, Jessica Bock, Nicole Conley, Megan Eisenach, Holly Heckendorf, Breanna Hernandez, Valeria Hernandez, Katie Jo Kelly, Corina Lemus, Rebecca Stanton, Shaylee Arnold, Calista Jacquez

JV Softball Maroon: Cheyanne Dube, Brittanie Flowers, Lilly Gallegos, Kaylie Morgans, Bailey Vannorsdel, Aaliyah Bartles, Terry Thompson, Kayley Pringle, Allison Rector, Elizabeth Crane, Aspen Buys, Sierra Bridwell


*** For athletic schedules, please visit the WMS webpage ***
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Upcoming Events

October 9, 2012  7th and 8th grade Music Concert 7:00 pm

October 10-12, 2012 Softball Tournament TBD

October 15, 2012 Girls Basketball Practice Starts

October 18, 2012 End of 1st Quarter

October 19, 2012 Teacher Work Day / No School

October 22, 2012 Wrestling Practice Starts

October 25, 2012 Student Led Conferences 5:30pm-8:00pm

** For a complete listing of activities and athletics, please check out the Activities and Athletics calendar on WMS web page.**
Promoting Healthy Activities

Walking and Wheeling To School

Did you know...

Poudre School District has a School Wellness Policy?

Since 2006, PSD has been working to implement their Local School Wellness policy to improve the health and wellness of our PSD students, staff, and community. To read the policy, go to [http://www.psd123.org/sites/default/files/PSD-123.pdf](http://www.psd123.org/sites/default/files/PSD-123.pdf).

The policy has many goals that will be highlighted throughout the year. For the month of October, PSD’s Physical Fitness and Nutrition Advisory Council would like to focus on the goal of providing health-promotion activities and incentives for students, parents, and staff that encourage regular physical activity such as events, speakers, recreational demonstrations, and walking clubs.

What better way to promote regular physical activity than walking or riding your bicycle to school!

- Exercise before school helps kids be able to start school with more focus and concentration and stimulates the brain in a way that helps them actually learn better!
- Kids need 60 minutes of physical activity EVERYDAY!
- Parents and kids can get exercise together, promoting family health.

Don’t forget to always wear a helmet—Kids AND Adults!

Online resources for walking and biking to school

- Safe Routes to School-Fort Collins – [www.fmgov.com/saftroutes](http://www.fmgov.com/saftroutes)
- Walking School Bus Information – [www.walktoschoolbus.org](http://www.walktoschoolbus.org)

- Winter is around the corner, so we should enjoy the nice weather as much as we can.
- Parents, get some exercise, too, by riding or walking with your child. Form a “human school bus” by picking up other kids in your neighborhood in your walking and wheeling train. Parents can trade off days for being the “bus driver” or partner with another parent to be the “caboose”.

Features:

- Physical activity
- Teaching safe walking skills to children
- Awareness of how walkable a community is and where improvements can be made
- Concern for the environment
- Reducing traffic congestion, pollution and speed near schools
- Taking back neighborhoods for people on foot
- Sharing time with community leaders, parents and children
- [www.walktoschool.org](http://www.walktoschool.org)

Please visit: [leading-learners.com](http://leading-learners.com)