

Wisconsin Dells Middle School



Dear Wisconsin Dells Middle School Parents and Families,

Weekly Recap:

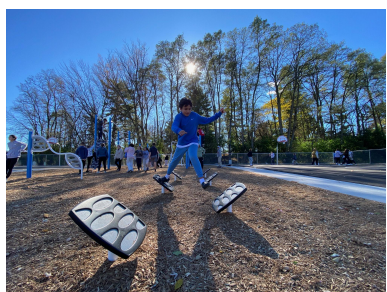
Thank you for two wonderful nights of student-led conferences over the past couple of weeks! It is so great to see and hear our students talk about their learning here at WDMS. **A huge shoutout to MACS and their staff for preparing a delicious meal for our teachers!**

In learning this week, our 6th grade students have been writing personal narratives about a specific moment in time in the ELA classes - they are showing some great dialogue and the ability to slow down time as writers! Our 7th grade students have been presenting their learning about the different Native American Nations in their Social Studies classes. And finally, our 8th grade students have been learning about the power of symbolism in their ELA classes. Be sure to ask your students about these learning experiences happening throughout their week.

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Veterans Day is on Tuesday, November 11. Thank you to all of our veterans on staff in the SDWD as well as the veterans in our community and in our extended families. My grandfather served in WWII, my uncle served in Vietnam, my cousin is a Marine, and my nephew is currently in the National Guard. Theirs, as well as other veterans' commitment and bravery to serving and protecting our country is unmatched and greatly appreciated. Our entire school, 6th-8th grade students, will travel to WDHS next week for the high school's Veterans Day program to honor the veterans in our community.

Pictures From the Week:



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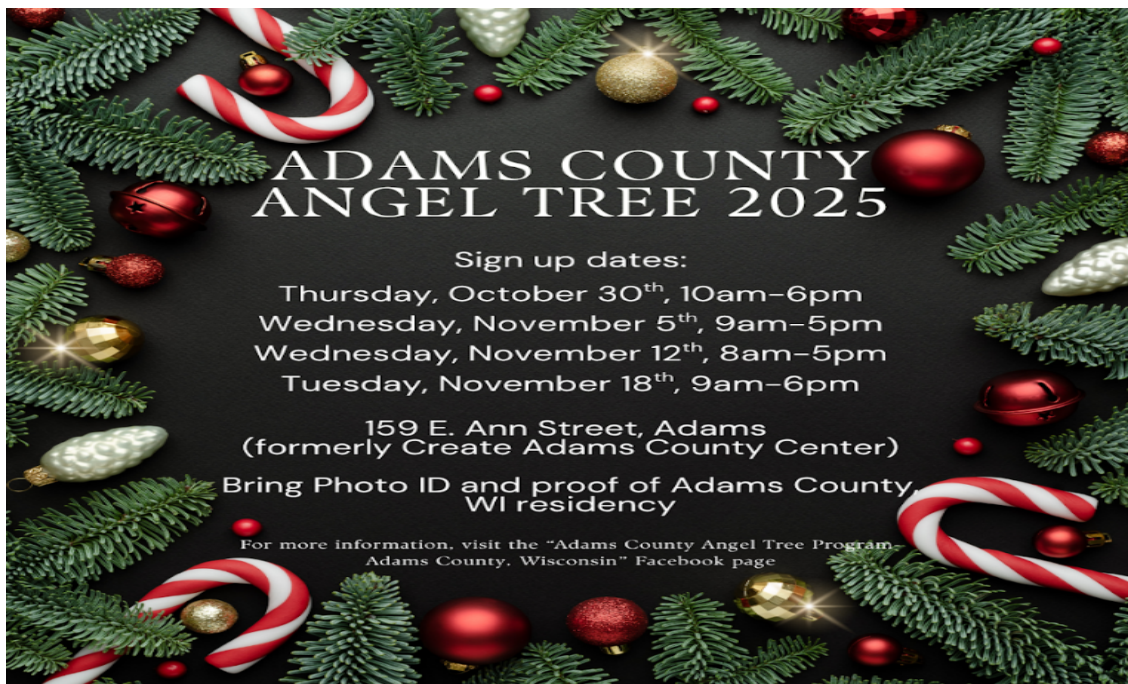
Seal-A-Smile

The Seal-A-Smile Program (Seals-On-Wheels Oral Health Program) is scheduled to visit Wisconsin Dells Middle School on November 18 and again in the spring. This is a FREE dental service offered to all students from pre-K to middle school in the Wisconsin Dells district.

A paper permission form is available at the office or you may sign your student up for the program online at the link below:

sealasmile.wisconsin.gov/consent

Adams County Angel Tree



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Native American Heritage Month



November is National Native American Heritage Month! Beginning Monday, November 10th, WDHS/WDMS/SHES/LDES will have a week-long opportunity to celebrate Indigenous peoples.

Monday, Nov. 10

To kick off our week-long celebration, we are starting with Neon Day. Wear your brightest colors to celebrate the bright and diverse cultures of Native America!

Tuesday, Nov. 11

In recognition of a national movement that advocates for the end of violence to Native American Women, WEAR RED ! MMIW (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women) movement aims to draw attention to the high rates of missing and murdered Native American people, particularly females. The U.S. Department of Justice found that 4 out of 5 Native American women have faced violence and face murder rates that are 10 times higher than the national average. Learn more at : nativewomenswilderness.org

Or you are invited to wear your hair in braids. Many Native American cultures have beliefs and

customs about their hair. One of them is that a person's strength lives within their hair; this is why we don't touch other people's hair.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

As we continue our celebration of National Native American Heritage Month, you are invited to wear a Waje (wah-jay) or Woonazi (woah- naw- zhee). Dress in the Ho-chunk traditional attire or simply wear your Dells Chiefs gear. Show pride in what a chieftain represents: humility, honor and integrity.

Thursday, Nov. 13

Rock your Ribbons or beads ! You can wear a ribbon skirt, shirt or any beadwork/native jewelry. Show pride in the fashion evolution of Native America. Take pride in resilience, strength and survival!

Don't have one? That's okay too - simply dress to impress! Dress fancy!

Friday, Nov. 14

Friday - Rock your moccs or crocs. As we wrap up the week and honor National Native American Heritage celebration Month, please Rock your Moccs or Crocs Friday, Nov. 14th. No moccs? No problem! Wear your Crocs or a turquoise ribbon to show your support. Rock your Moccs is a national movement to unify Native American, Aboriginal, First Nations, and Alaskan Native indigenous peoples.

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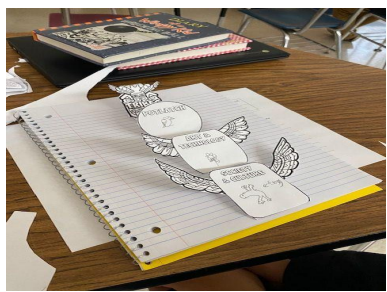
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Our 6th grade students completed a clean water lab in their Science classes this week. Our 7th grade students have continued studying different cultural groups - this last week they were studying cultural groups from the Pacific Northwest - in their Social Studies classes. And finally, our 8th grade students have started a new unit on proportional relationships in their Math classes. Be sure to ask your students about these learning experiences happening throughout their week.

Our recent choir concert was a huge success. Our band students will have their first concert on November 11th in the Nelson Performing Arts Center. Also on November 11th, our entire student body will be attending the Veterans Day Assembly at the high school. We look forward to honoring our veterans in the community and all those that have served to defend our freedoms!

Pictures From the Week:





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Showtimes:

Friday, Nov. 7th @ 7:00pm

Saturday, Nov. 8th @ 7:00pm

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Where: Nelson Performing Arts Center

Tickets: \$12 General Admission | \$6 Students

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Halloween is Coming Up Next Week: NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY

At WDMS, students should **NOT** be wearing inflatable costumes, or any other costume, have face paint on, or have masks, wigs, or props of any kind at school. Students will be asked to change. There are **NO Halloween parties** in our classrooms here at WDMS, so please do not let your students convince you otherwise. All of our school rules that deal with hats and hoods that we have worked hard to implement this school year always apply between 7:30am-3:25pm. **Students need to dress accordingly and appropriately as we are always here to work and learn.**

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A Message From the Yearbook Staff



Pre-order your yearbook today
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Use code **YRBK5** through October 31st to get \$5 off
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Our 6th grade students set goals with world water ski jump champion, Hank Longo this week. Mr. Longo has been visiting WDMS for the past six years helping our students realize their potential and reach for their dreams through his SOAR Program. Our 7th grade students have been working with microscopes to observe a variety of “life forms” in their Science classes. And finally, our 8th grade students have been filming their “book slams” in their ELA classes. Be sure to ask your students about these learning experiences happening throughout their week.

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Midterm Grade Check:

This week marks the midterm of the first trimester. We will be conducting a grade check next week so be sure to speak with your child about his/her progress in each of their classes. Remember, we use standards-based grading here at WDMS so you will see the following in Infinite Campus:

- **Standards-Based Learning in Content Areas:**
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By changing the way we communicate a student's progress, we are able to provide better, more meaningful communication to parents and students about specific skills and standards being met or unmet. This progress is measured using rubrics, which clearly articulate what different levels of performance look like and provide parents and students valuable information about the student's progress and also a roadmap for growth. It is a much better way to communicate progress.

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WDMS Spirit Week

WDMS SPIRIT WEEK DRESS UP
OCTOBER 13TH-17TH

MONDAY 10/13	<i>Rock Your Crocs or Crazy Socks or Wear Yellow</i>	
TUESDAY 10/14	 PAJAMA DAY	
WEDNESDAY 10/15	<i>Class Colors Day</i>	6TH 7TH 8TH
THURSDAY 10/16	JERSEY DAY	
FRIDAY 10/17	DELLS DAY	

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SEPTEMBER 09, 2025
OCTOBER 07, 2025 - RETAKE



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TAREAS PENDIENTES:



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Marca tu calendario



Plan your outfit & hairstyle
Planifica tu atuendo y peinado



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Por favor, no vistas de verde.
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• **PERSONALIZE & ORDER:** Select your photo, choose a background and customize with text. *PERSONALIZAR Y REALIZAR EL PEDIDO:* Seleccione su foto, elija un fondo y personalícelo con texto.
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We have an **early release on Wednesday, October 1, 2025**. A reminder that our dismissal time at the middle school is 12:25pm.

To help our high school celebrate homecoming, WDMS students are invited to show their school spirit on Friday, October 3, by dressing in their favorite WD gear.

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- October 13-17 - WDMS Spirit Week (More details coming soon!)
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sealasmile.wisconsin.gov/consent

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- **Evacuations**

- This drill is practiced and called to move students and staff from one location to another.
 - For example, we practice this type of drill in the event of a gas leak, fire, burst pipe, etc.

- **Administrative Holds**

- This drill is practiced and called when the hallways need to be kept clear, even during class changes. With this drill, business continues on as normal in our classrooms with the doors locked. Students remain in their current classroom until given the "All clear" to pass again in the hallways.
 - For example, we practice this type of drill in the event of a medical emergency or another situation where we need to keep the hallways clear of students.

- **Lockdowns**

- This drill is practiced and called when there is a threat or hazard inside the building. Students and staff move away from sight, maintain silence, and lock classroom doors. Think: *Lock, Lights, Out of Sight*.
 - For example, we practice this type of drill in the event of an intruder in the building.

- **Shelter Drills**

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Your help in having a conversation with your student about this policy and other policies is greatly appreciated! Over a short amount of time at the beginning of the school year, this will become another routine at WDMS for our students.

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In sports news, our WDMS football team dominated Westfield 52-6 this week!

Picture day is on September 9, 2025. A reminder that your student should avoid wearing anything green as green screens are used. The photographers do not want your child to just be a floating head!

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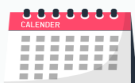
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