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**For the Parents, Staff,
& Community of Windy
Hill Middle School**

WINDY HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

From Your Principal

Welcome back Wolves! We are very excited about the new school year and hope that our Wolves had a wonderful and relaxing summer break!

The start of the school year is so exciting filled with new opportunities and experiences. As the start of the year progresses, please be patient with our guidance department as they work to tweak student schedules and do their best to accommodate requested changes. Before long, the car rider line and bus transportation times will improve as our Wolves become acclimated with middle school arrival and dismissal procedures.

For our families new to Windy Hill, welcome! We are the best middle school in the county, because we have the BEST students and exceptional teachers and staff. Our students did amazingly well on state assessments this past school year, with all grade levels having an area of growth to celebrate! WHMS topped the district in Algebra and we are a mere 6 points from a school grade of an 'A.' We are going to build on the successes of the previous year with a focus on authentic literacy.

Authentic literacy affords students opportunities to read, write, think, and speak about what they read in every classroom, every day. During x-block, which is our remediation and acceleration period, students will have opportunities to engage in activities to promote a love of reading and be able to engage in dialogue with peers and adults about what they are reading. In addition, to support students who may struggle in a class, remediation and credit recovery opportunities will be offered through x-block. Families can support literacy by reading with your child and discuss what your child is reading each night. Our goal is to promote a lifelong love of reading and learning.

We have some exciting news for this upcoming school year! WHMS now offers a school market that will be stocked with snacks, food and toiletries available to ALL students on the Hill, free of charge! More information will be shared with students and families, but again, any WHMS students can visit the market, no questions asked. We could not do this without the generous support of Kroger Supermarkets, who donated \$10,000 to the WHMS market! Thank you Kroger!

Finally, the team at Windy Hill would like to keep you abreast of the happenings on the Hill and we have multiple communication tools to keep our families involved. I will conduct a telephone callout each week, so please ensure your phone number on file is correct. Also, Windy Hill has a Twitter handle, @WindyHillWolves, so please be sure to follow us on Twitter! We are also on Facebook, so be sure to like us on Facebook! Lastly, please visit our school website, which can be found at www.whm.lake.k12.fl.us. You can also use the QR-code below to access the Windy Hill website.

I look forward to working with our families to make this the best school year for your child. If there is anything I can do, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school! Remember, at Windy Hill, we are ONE PACK!

Respectfully,
William P. Roberts, Principal



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Mission Statement: To promote the love of learning through a partnership with the students, parents, teachers, and the community, for success in the 21st century.

¡Lobos, una vez más les damos la bienvenida! Estamos muy entusiasmados con el nuevo año escolar y esperamos que nuestros Lobos hayan tenido un verano maravilloso y relajado.

El inicio del año escolar es tan emocionante, lleno de nuevas oportunidades y experiencias. A medida que avanza el inicio del año escolar, agradeceremos su paciencia con nuestro departamento de orientación mientras trabajan arduamente para modificar los horarios de los estudiantes y hacen todo lo posible para acomodar los cambios solicitados. En poco tiempo, la fila de automóviles y los tiempos de transporte en autobús mejorarán a medida que nuestros Lobos se aclimaten con los procedimientos de llegada y salida de la escuela intermedia.

A nuestras familias nuevas en Windy Hill, ¡bienvenidos! Somos la mejor escuela intermedia del condado, porque tenemos los **MEJORES** estudiantes, y maestros y personal excepcionales. ¡Nuestros estudiantes tuvieron un desempeño asombroso en las evaluaciones estatales el año escolar pasado, donde en todos los niveles hubo un área de crecimiento como para celebrar! WHMS encabezó el distrito en Álgebra y estamos a solo 6 puntos de una calificación de 'A'. Vamos a aprovechar los éxitos del año anterior con un enfoque en la alfabetización auténtica.

La alfabetización auténtica ofrece a los estudiantes oportunidades para leer, escribir, pensar y hablar sobre lo que leen en cada salón de clases, todos los días. Durante el bloque-X, que es nuestro período de recuperación y aceleración, los estudiantes tendrán la oportunidad de participar en actividades para promover el amor por la lectura y podrán dialogar con compañeros y adultos sobre lo que están leyendo. Además, para apoyar a los estudiantes que pueden tener dificultades en una clase, se ofrecerán oportunidades de mejora y recuperación de créditos a través del bloque-X. Las familias pueden apoyar la alfabetización leyendo con su hijo y discutiendo lo que su hijo está leyendo cada noche. Nuestro objetivo es promover un amor de por vida hacia la lectura y el aprendizaje.

¡Tenemos algunas noticias emocionantes para este próximo año escolar! ¡WHMS ahora ofrece un mercado escolar que se abastecerá con bocadillos, alimentos y artículos de tocador disponibles para **TODOS** los estudiantes, **libre de cargos!** Se compartirá más información con los estudiantes y las familias, pero nuevamente, cualquier estudiante de WHMS puede visitar el mercado, sin que se le haga preguntas. ¡No podríamos hacer esto sin el generoso apoyo de Kroger Supermarkets, que donó \$ 10,000 al mercado WHMS! ¡Gracias Kroger!

Finalmente, al equipo de Windy Hill le gustaría mantenerlos al tanto de los acontecimientos en el plantel escolar y tenemos múltiples herramientas de comunicación para mantener a nuestras familias involucradas. Realizaré una llamada telefónica cada semana, así que asegúrese de que su número de teléfono sea correcto. Además, Windy Hill tiene una cuenta de Twitter, @WindyHillWolves, ¡así que por favor asegúrese de seguirnos en Twitter! También estamos en Facebook, ¡así que asegúrese de darnos un "me gusta" en Facebook! Por último, visite el sitio web de nuestra escuela, que se puede encontrar en whm.lake.k12.fl.us. También puede utilizar el siguiente código QR para acceder a la página web de Windy Hill.

Espero trabajar con nuestras familias para que este sea el mejor año escolar para su hijo. Si hay algo que pueda hacer, no dude en contactarme en la escuela. Recuerda, en Windy Hill, somos UNA MANADA! Respetuosamente,

William P. Roberts, Principal



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Athletics



Sport Seasons

Fall Sports	Winter Sports	Spring Sports
Season start date 8/19	Starting at the end of November	Starting at the end of February
Volleyball -info meeting in August	Boys Basketball -info meeting TBA	Co-Ed Soccer -info meeting TBA
Cross Country-Boys and Girls -info meeting in August	Girls Basketball -info meeting TBA	Track and Field -info meeting TBA
Flag Football -info meeting in August	Cheerleading -info meeting TBA	

Intramurals and Interscholastic Team

- Intramurals are 26 hours-includes the try-outs
- After 26 hours an interscholastic team is selected to travel
- Teams travel all over the county playing different middle schools
- All sports are available to grades 6-8
- Each coach will have meetings giving information before season start date-see dates above for fall sports
- **Use the WHMS website, under athletics for other important information, dates, and updates**

Athletic Packets-How am I eligible to participate?

- Packets are found online on the athletics website
- Must be completed by parents and include current physical for that year and a copy of insurance card
- Eligibility packets are due prior to the sport being offered

Athletic updates:

Save the Date Sports Physical Night- August 1st 2019 4:00-6:00
Here at WHMS by Florida Sports Injury and Orthopedic Institute

- Eligibility packets will be on hand and available to complete
- Bring a valid copy of insurance card and you can turn in to AD that night
- This will cover you for every sport offered for the 2019-20 year
- **Cost is 10\$ per person-cash only**

Questions: contact Athletic Director James Phillips at phillipsj@lake.k12.fl.us with any questions.

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Windy Hill Middle School Supply List 2019-20

*This is the basic supply list for the four content classes. Electives will have additional requests at the beginning of the school year/semester and content area teachers may have minimal additions.

6th Grade:

To Homeroom Teacher:

\$15.00 School Fee (Agenda/ID/**Locker Fee)
 1 Package of Baby Wipes
 1 Pack - White Copy Paper
 1 Pack - Colored Copy Paper
 1 Package Expo Dry Erase Markers (4 Count)
 1 Package Glue Sticks (2 glue sticks)
 1 Packages College-ruled Notebook Paper
 2 Packages Pencils (24 Count)
 2 Boxes Tissue
 1 Package Index Cards (lined)
 1 Package Cap Erasers
 1 Packages Highlighters

To Science Teacher:

\$15.00 Lab and Fair Fees

For Students to Keep Themselves:

Three Ring Binder (3"-5" Width) (No Zippers)
 Divider Tabs (12 tabs) (Preferably Plastic)
 Zipper Pouch (With 3 Holes for Binder)
 1 Package graph paper (to math teacher)
 1 Set Inexpensive Earbuds (not Bluetooth)
 2 Plastic Folders with Prongs and Pockets
 1 Package Highlighters
 1 Package Colored Pencils
 1 Package Pencils (10 Count)
 2 Packages College Ruled Notebook Paper
 1 Ruler

Notebooks Needed:

Learning Strategies: 1 one-subject notebook
Intensive Reading: 1 three-prong folder
Math: 2 one-subject notebooks (1 per semester)
History: 2 one-subject notebooks

7th Grade:

To Homeroom Teacher:

\$15.00 School Fee (Agenda/ID/**Locker Fee)
 1 Package of Baby Wipes
 1 Pack - White Copy Paper
 1 Pack - Colored Copy Paper
 1 Package Expo Dry Erase Markers (4 Count)
 1 Package Glue Sticks
 2 Boxes Tissue
 2 Packages College -Ruled Notebook Paper
 2 Packages Pencils (10 Count)
 1 Package Index Cards (lined)

To Science Teacher:

\$15.00 Lab and Fair Fees

For Students to Keep Themselves:

Three Ring Binder (3"-5" Width) (No Zippers)
 Divider Tabs (12 tabs) (Preferably Plastic)
 Zipper Pouch (With 3 Holes for Binder)
 1 Set Inexpensive Earbuds (not Bluetooth)
 2 Plastic Folders with Prongs and Pockets
 1 Package Highlighters
 2 Packages College Ruled Notebook Paper
 2 Packages Pencils (10 Count)
 1 Package Colored Pencils
 1 Ruler

Notebooks Needed:

Learning Strategies: 1 one-subject notebook
Intensive Reading: 1 three-prong folder
Math: 2 one-subject notebooks (1 per semester)
Science: 2 one-subject notebooks
Civics: 2 one-subject notebooks (1 per semester)
ELA: (varies per teacher)

8th Grade:

To Homeroom Teacher:

\$15.00 School Fee (Agenda/ID/**Locker Fee)
 1 Package of Baby Wipes
 1 Pack - White Copy Paper
 1 Pack - Colored Copy Paper
 1 Package Expo Dry Erase
 1 Package Glue Sticks
 3 Boxes Tissue
 3 packages 10-count Pencils
 2 Packages College-Ruled Notebook Paper

To Science Teacher:

\$15.00 Lab and Fair Fees

For Students to Keep Themselves:

Three Ring Binder (3"-5" Width) (No Zippers)
 Divider Tabs (12 tabs) (Preferably Plastic)
 Zipper Pouch (With 3 Holes for Binder)
 1 Set Inexpensive Earbuds (not Bluetooth)
 1 Package of Highlighters (Different Colors)
 1 Package Colored Pencils
 Blue or Black, and Red Pens
 1 Science calculator (i.e., Texas Instrument 30xa)
 2 Packages College-Ruled Notebook Paper
 1 Package Index Cards (3x5)

Notebooks Needed:

Pre-Algebra: 2 one-subject notebooks (1 per semester)
Algebra: 2 one-subject notebooks (1 per semester) (or composition book for team WN)
Language Arts: 4 one-subject notebooks
American History: 2 one-subject notebooks
Science: 4 one-subject notebooks (College Ruled)
Learning Strategies: 1 one-subject notebook
Intensive Reading: 1 three-prong folder
ELA: 1 three-prong folder

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- Enrichment | Elective FEES**
- Choir/ Theatre - \$40
 - Art - \$15
 - AVID - \$15
 - Band (Concert & beginning) - \$70
 - Band (Jazz) - \$90
 - PE (uniform & PE locker) - \$20
 - Culinary – (see below)
 - 7th Gr. (Semester class) - \$20
 - 7th Gr. (Intermediate Class) - \$40 (certification and hat)
 - 8th Gr. Advanced 8th Gr. Advanced Class - \$50 (fee + embroidered chef hat)

**obtaining a locker is optional; school fee remains the same, tentatively due by 8/31/19.



WHMS Culinary Arts Department

It is hard to believe that summer is over and school is back in session. This is going to be a great year in our Culinary Arts Department. We have new and exciting things happening as well. Returning for this school year is our amazing Wolves Café and Wolfies' Bites and Beverages will be in full swing as well. We also have our new hospitality and tourism course for semester students starting this school year. Even more great news is that we are very excited to be collaborating with the Windy Hill Fine Arts Department to open the first Food Market at school. This is going to be an amazing venture that will benefit all of our students and families on the hill.

Students accepted into the new 7th grade intermediate class will be learning about hospitality and tourism as well as working towards the Food Handler certification. These students will also be helping to operate our Food Market that will be opening this year as well. This is an amazing opportunity for these students and we look forward to a successful first year.

Our 8th grade students accepted into the advanced culinary class will be continuing to run and operate our Wolves Café and Wolfies' Bites and Beverages coffee cart. These student-run ventures give our culinarians the opportunity to take what they learn in class and apply it to real world job skills. Students will also be working towards their industry certification in the Fall and then on their food truck businesses in the Spring.

We have a delicious new offering for everyone at Windy Hill. Celebrate your friend's, student's, teacher's or staff member's birthday with our new Paw Print Birthday cookie packages. Surprise them with fresh homemade sugar cookies for themselves or to share with friends. We will be offering either a three, five, or 12-cookie bundle to send during school and all orders must be placed two weeks before the birthday. The order form will be available on the Windy Hill School website under the payment tab once school begins.

Our first fundraiser for the 2019-2020 school year is our caramel apples and introducing fresh homemade caramel popcorn. These will be sold in late September through the beginning of October. All fundraisers through the Culinary Department are made in-house. We do not order from large companies as this allows students to make a multitude of items and gives them practice in working a business as well. All fundraisers are available for purchase through students and our online school store throughout the school year.

Look for more information for our delicious treats as the school year rolls on. Keep a lookout in upcoming newsletters for all the latest information regarding culinary!
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Too Sick for School Guidelines

When should your child stay home from school and when should parents be called to pick up their child from school?

Children sent to school when they are sick cannot concentrate on content being taught in the classroom. Teachers are concerned with the health and safety issues of all children, but their main objective is to provide the best education for the children. If a teacher has to concentrate on taking care of a sick child in the classroom, this takes away valuable educational time. When there is a clinic on campus, this clinic is to maintain your child for a short period of time only. When a parent is notified their child is not well it is the parents responsibility to pick up the child within an hour. It is best practice to keep your child at home when he/she complains of feeling sick. Please remember to always provide current home, work and emergency telephone numbers where you may be reached in the event your child is sick and needs to come home. If you do not have a home or work phone we need the number of a relative or neighbor that can contact you when necessary. We understand parents must work, but arrangements need to be made for someone to pick up your child in the event of illness at school. If a child becomes very ill at school and the parents cannot be reached it may become necessary to call 911 to take the child for medical attention at parent expense.

1. A runny nose is the way many children respond to pollen, dust, chalk, or simply change of season. If it isn't a common cold, then it is possibly allergies and allergies are not contagious. The child should not miss school unless the allergic responses are severe enough to cause respiratory difficulty. Parents should send an adequate supply of tissues for the child to use during the day.
2. A bad cold or cold symptoms can indicate a severe cold, bronchitis, flu or even pneumonia. Some children may be unfortunate enough to suffer one cold after the other during the season and a common cold should not be a reason to miss school. However, good hand washing techniques, and covering the mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing should be taught and encouraged by parents as well as school personnel. Tissues should be sent to school for the child to use during the day. If the child is not acting as usual, has difficulty breathing or is becoming dehydrated, it could be serious and a visit to the child's doctor is highly recommended. Rest and plenty of fluids are always encouraged.
3. Diarrhea and vomiting make children very uncomfortable, and being near a bathroom becomes a top priority. If a child has one episode of diarrhea or vomiting, does not have a temperature and no other episode occurs the child may stay in school. However, if there are repeated episodes of either diarrhea or vomiting the child should be picked up by the parent. If the child has diarrhea and vomiting, accompanied by fever, a rash or general weakness, consulting the child's doctor is highly recommended. If any of these symptoms are present before school the parent should not send the child to school. A child can easily become dehydrated and malnourished when diarrhea and vomiting persist and can lead to a very serious, life-threatening situation for the child.
IF A SICK CHILD IS TAKEN TO THE DOCTOR, PLEASE REQUEST A NOTE FROM THE DOCTOR STATING THAT HE/SHE MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL. THIS NOTE SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE DIET RESTRICTIONS AND ANY LIMITATIONS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY.
4. An elevated temperature of 100o or above is an important symptom, when it occurs along with a sore throat, an earache, nausea, listlessness, or a rash the child may be carrying something contagious. Students with a fever greater than 100o may not return to school until fever free for 24 hours **without** fever reducing medicine.
5. Strep throat and Scarlet fever are two highly contagious conditions caused by a Streptococcal (bacterial) infection, the two conditions usually are recognized by a sore throat and high fever, a rash will also appear. A child with either Strep throat or Scarlet fever should be kept at home. A parent will usually take a child to the doctor for these conditions and the parent should request a medical release for the child to return to school.
6. Chicken Pox, a viral infection is not life threatening to most children, but it is very uncomfortable and extremely contagious. The child may have a fever, is itching and begins to have pink or red spots (with watery fluid centers) on the back, chest, and or face; the chances are it is chicken pox. Please notify the school if your child is diagnosed with chicken pox. It is very important that schools are made aware because some children have low functioning immune systems and chicken pox could be life threatening for them. The child with this illness should be kept at home for at least one week from the first time symptoms appeared and at least two days after the last spot appeared, whichever period is longer. The rash spots should be dry and scabbed over before returning to school.

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7. Measles (Rubeola) is a viral infection that attacks a child's respiratory system, causing a dry hacking cough, general weakness, red inflamed eyes and fever. If these symptoms appear, the child should be kept at home and seen by the child's physician immediately to prevent more serious complications. If a doctor confirms it is a case of measles, please notify the school so we can be alert for the symptoms in other children. The measles rash of tiny hard bumps will appear on the child's face, behind the ears and down the body. Your child's doctor must report this disease to the local Health Department. The doctor will usually advise the parents to keep the child at home several days after the rash has disappeared. WITH PROPER IMMUNIZATIONS WE HOPE THIS DISEASE WILL NO LONGER BE A PROBLEM FOR CHILDREN.
8. Conjunctivitis or pink eye is highly contagious and uncomfortable, so be aware that if your child complains of eyes burning, itching and produces a whitish discharge, the eyelashes may be matted together upon arising in the morning from sleep. Minor cases (caused by virus) and severe cases (caused by bacteria) require treatment with eye drops prescribed by the doctor. Please request the doctor provide a medical release for the child to return to school.
9. Ear infections may be contagious and, unless properly treated can cause permanent hearing damage and loss. This condition should have a doctor's evaluation. Antibiotics are usually ordered and the child should be without discharge from the ear and fever for 24 hours before returning to school. It is best to ask the doctor for a release for the child to return to school.
10. Mites and lice once brought into the home or school can quickly produce an epidemic of itching and scratching. Mites are tiny insects in the same class as spiders and ticks; they irritate the skin and cause scabies. Lice are tiny parasites (like ticks) that thrive on warm, damp scalps of children and adults. Caution your child and family members against sharing anyone's comb brush, clothes, helmets, hats, caps, scarves, or any other personal item. If your child or family member becomes a host to mites you will need to consult your physician. If it is a situation with head lice you may check with the doctor, local Health Department. Your child's school has information available for treating a head lice problem. Lice cannot survive longer than 48 hours away from the human host. LAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS HAS A NO NIT POLICY, SO IF YOUR CHILD HAS LICE, HE/SHE MAY NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL UNTIL ALL LICE AND NITS ARE REMOVED.
11. Scabies is usually treated with a medication ordered by the doctor. Please ask the doctor for a release for when the child may return to school.

A Strong and Successful School Year

Happy new school year! To ensure your child continues a strong and successful school year, it would help to establish a solid home-study routine with your child. Encouraging, supporting, and participating in this vital activity will improve your child's attitude and performance at school and support a work ethic that endures for a lifetime.

1. **SET A SCHEDULE:** Establish a regular timeslot for this important daily activity. Seek your child's agreement and commitment to reserve this time each day for homework and study. Encourage this habit. In many ways, it's his/her job and should become routine. Your support and involvement in your student's home-study effort makes a huge difference in the high school experience. Setting a schedule can also help with bed time routines too. Try to avoid playing video games or watching television prior to going to bed.
2. **CREATE THE ENVIRONMENT:** Students can be easily distracted. Teach them to create an atmosphere conducive for concentration. Having a defined study area works with some students but not all. The ideal location should be clean, well lit, and a comfortable space. Minimizing social media access, loud music, and other detractors will improve effectiveness and retention.
3. **OBSERVE AND ENGAGE:** Psychologists suggest that it takes three weeks to break or establish a habit. Now that the new school year has begun, commit three weeks to this routine with your child. Make it become a habit for both of you. Your daily assistance and attitude toward school have a huge impact on your child's success.





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2019-2020 Student Calendar(180 Days)

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School Month			Student Days	
AUGUST	Aug 12	First Day of Classes/First Grading Period Begins (Monday)	15	
SEPTEMBER	Sep 2	Labor Day/Student Holiday (Monday)	20	
OCTOBER	Oct 11	End of First Grading Period (Friday)	9 Total Days	
	Oct 14	Non-Student Day/Teacher Work Day (Monday)		44
	Oct 15	Classes Resume/Second Grading Period Begins (Tuesday)		13
NOVEMBER	Nov 11	Veterans Day/Student Holiday (Monday)	15	
	Nov 25-29	Thanksgiving Holiday/Student Holiday (Monday-Friday)		
DECEMBER	Dec 19	End of Second Grading Period (Thursday)	14 Total Days	
	Decr 20-31	Winter Break/Student Holiday (Friday-Tuesday)		42
JANUARY	Jan 1-3	Winter Break/Student Holiday (Wednesday-Friday)	18	
	Jan 6	Non-Student Day/Teacher Work Day (Monday)		
	Jan 7	Classes Resume/Third Grading Period Begins (Tuesday)		
	Jan 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday/Student Holiday (Monday)		
FEBRUARY	Feb 17	Presidents' Day/Student Holiday (Monday)	19	
MARCH	Mar 12	End of Third Grading Period (Thursday)	9 Total Days	
	Mar 13	Non-Student Day/Teacher Work Day (Friday)		46
	Mar 16-20	Spring Break/Student Holiday (Monday-Friday)		7
	Mar 23	Classes Resume/Fourth Grading Period Begins (Monday)		
APRIL	Apr 10	Non-Student Day (Friday)	21	
MAY	May 25	Memorial Day/Paid Holiday (Monday)	20 Total Days	
	May 29	Last Day of Classes/End of Fourth Grading Period (Friday)		48
		<i>Storm Make-up Days will be determined as needed</i>	180	