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

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WINDY HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

From Your Principal

Happy New Year Wolves!

The month of January came and went, and we are into the second semester; it is hard to believe the school year is over halfway over! I want to thank all of our parents and guardians for making the first half of the year such a success, supporting your child to put forth their maximum effort and do their best, every day.

With the start of the second semester, it is time to start preparing for state assessments. During the first week of April, all students will be taking the Florida Standards Assessment in writing. 7th & 8th graders will take the writing assessment on the computer, while 6th grade students take a paper-based version. Our language arts teachers have been working hard to prepare our students through standards-based instruction, with a focus on writing using evidence. Furthermore, teachers in all subjects have supported writing by writing across the curriculum. This includes students taking Cornell notes in chorus, real-life research projects in math, writing tasks in physical education, and lab reports in science. It is One Pack preparing our Wolves to become exceptional writers!

Following the writing assessment, the reading and math assessments will occur during the month of May, along with the Civics and Algebra end of course assessments. Our students are working hard and our teachers are making sure they are well-prepared for the assessments. Please note that we keep a current copy of our testing calendar on our school website, which can be found at www.lake.k12.fl.us/whm.

Finally, please be sure to stay current with our multiple communication modalities! You can follow us on Twitter, @WindyHillWolves, like us on Facebook, or visit our website at www.lake.k12.fl.uswhm. That's all for now Wolves, remember, we are ONE PACK!

Sincerely,
William P. Roberts

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Click on Schools
Select Windy Hill Middle



Email: As a tool for communicating with your child's teacher, we invite you to use our email system. Email addresses of all administrators, teachers and staff members of Windy Hill Middle School can be found on the Windy Hill Website at www.lake.k12.fl.us, click on Schools, select Windy Hill Middle, select Teachers.

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.

Testing Information



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of Education
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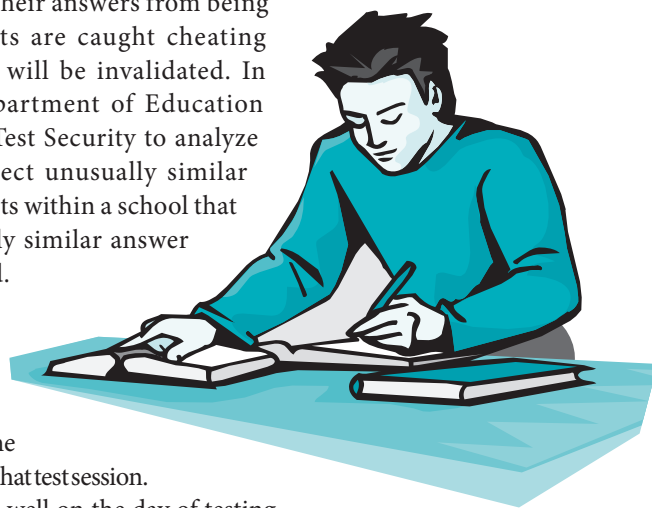
Sixth Grade
Through
Eight Grade



Just Take 20

Please review the following policies with your student/child before testing:

- **Electronic Devices** - Students **are not** permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom), even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them. If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Calculators** - Calculators **are not** permitted during Grades 6 Mathematics tests.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**-All FSA tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment printed in the student's test and answer book that reads: "I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated." Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by signing below the statement in their test and answer book.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing** - The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states: "Because the content in all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items, passages, and prompts) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, or Instagram." Please make sure your student understands that "discussing" test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.
- **Working Independently** - Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. In addition, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus** - If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (e.g., for lunch, an appointment, illness), he or she will not be allowed to return to that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.
- **Testing Accommodations** - If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL), please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.



AVID Recruitment Time is Here!

Are you interested in joining AVID at Windy Hill Middle School? Do you have collegiate goals? Do you enjoy helping others in your community? Will getting extra assistance in organization and math help you? Would you like to visit college campuses? Then the time to join AVID is now! AVID will assist students in being college and career ready, as well as strengthen important 21st century skills. Applications are now available on the Windy Hill Middle School website at www.lake.k12.fl.us/whm.

Science Fair Winners

Category of Project	Name Of Student(s)	Place They Won
Team Project	Jenny Zhao & Joelle Hamade	Won 1st Place
Engineering Project	Landon Dodd	Won 1st Place
Biomedical & Health Sciences	Elianna Ramdial	Won 2nd Place
Earth & Environmental Sciences	Lunna Mas	Won 2nd Place
Chemistry	Paxton Owen	Won 3rd Place
Plant Sciences	Claire Byram	Won 3rd Place
Engineering	Orlando Brown	Won 3rd Place
Chemistry	Emmiliano Gonzalez Granja & Olivia Luczak	Won Honorable Mention
Physics & Astronomy	Samantha Atherton	Won Honorable Mention



WHMS Culinary Arts Department

Happy second semester. Things are off to a great start in our culinary department so far.

Congratulations are in order for all of the beginning culinary and hospitality students that have earned their Food Handler certification. This test demonstrate their understanding in the importance of sanitation and safety in the kitchen. They are also trained in how to work in a kitchen in COVID conditions as well.

Our 8th grade advanced culinary students are preparing to take their Food Manager certification in a few weeks. This is a college level industry certification that they will earn. They have worked very hard for this and we want to wish them luck as their testing date draws closer.

Our last fundraiser of the school year will be happening around Easter. We make homemade buttercream Easter eggs. If you have never had them, they are made of buttercream, some flavored with peanut butter and some coconut. Then we dip them in chocolate. They are a beautiful addition to your Easter lunch/dinner spread or to give as special treats. Look for more information to come on our social media sites and the school website.

Applications for incoming 6th graders will be coming available in the coming months. More information to follow

Bon Appetit



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Families can now pay-

- Classroom fees
- Club fees
- Band fees
- Purchase PE uniforms
- Purchase school spirit wear
- Replacement ID's, fines, field trips, concert tickets and fundraisers
- "Leave your mark on WHM" Paw Prints

We are always updating the schoolstore, so please check back with us to see what you can play online. The online school store accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card, and now American Express. You can visit www.lake.k12.fl.us to access our school store or stop by Windy Hill!

Attendance

When your student is absent from school, please send in a doctors note to have the absence excused. Excused absences or tardies include:

- Illness or injury of the student
- Illness or injury of the students immediate family which includes, parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, uncle, legal guardian
- Death of an immediate family member
- Doctor or dental appointment which cannot be scheduled outside of school hours
- Prearranged absences of educational value and with the principals prior approval - this request must be at least 5 days in advance unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- Recognized religious holidays
- Judicial hearings

All other absences or tardies are considered unexcused.

Upon return from an absence, students are responsible for making arrangements with the teacher to make up assignments and/or tests.

2 parent notes per 9 weeks will be excepted.



Incoming 7th Graders



To Incoming 7th grade Parents/Guardians:

In order for your child to start the first day of school for the 2021-2022 school year, they **MUST** be in compliance with their vaccinations. This means that they will need their TDAP vaccination. This can be given at your doctors office (I would call soon as I'm sure the appointments fill up fast), or an Urgent Care. The Department of Health at this time is currently closed.

If your child comes to school on August 10 and does not have the vaccination, they will be sent home.

Once your child receives the TDAP shot, please send a copy of their new FL680 (Immunization Record) to Mrs. Santocki. You can fax to 352-394-7901, email to santockic@lake.k12.fl.us, or have your child bring to the front office.



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Revised Lake County Schools 2020-21 Student Calendar

Board Approved 7/27/20

School Month			Student Days
MARCH	March 15-19	Spring Break/Student Holiday (Monday-Friday)	18
APRIL	April 1 April 2 April 5	End of Third Grading Period (Thursday) Non-Student Day (Friday) Classes Resume/Fourth Grading Period Begins (Monday)	1 Total Days 46 20
MAY	May 31	Memorial Day/Student Holiday (Monday)	20
JUNE	June 4	Last Day of Classes/End of Fourth Grading Period (Friday)	4 Total Days 44
		Storm Make-up Days will be determined as needed	177



IXL

Wolves,

IXL is now up and running for ELA and Math. Science will be added soon, so be on the lookout for it! Your teachers have already shared your user name and log-in information. If your student is in need of their password, email their teacher or Mrs. Wolf at wolfr@lake.k12.fl.us.

Parents, IXL is an individualized learning platform based on your students' diagnostic needs. Please read the attached letter for more about IXL or click here: <https://www.ixl.com/>. IXL calculates student learning on a SmartScore proprietary algorithm and as your students learning increases, IXL adjust to meet their needs, reward for their achievements and constantly reassesses. Remember our SmartScore target is 80 and 90 is excellent. Happy IXL-ing!



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McKay Scholarship

February 8, 2021

Required notification to parents/guardians of students with disabilities:

Your child **may** be eligible to participate in the John M. McKay Scholarship for Students with Disabilities Program for the 2020-21 school year.

In order to be eligible for the McKay Scholarship Program, a student must apply for the program prior to withdrawing from public school. The student must have an Individual Education Plan (IEP), or 504 Accommodation Plan issued under s. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (with duration of more than six months), and:

- Have been enrolled and reported for funding in a Florida public school (Grades K-12) for the school year prior to applying for a scholarship (foster student may be exempt from the requirement); or
- Have been a prekindergarten student who was enrolled and reported for funding in a Florida public school during the school year prior to applying for a scholarship; or
- Have received specialized instructional services under the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program from an approved provider pursuant to section 1002.66, Florida Statutes, during the previous school year; or
- Have attended the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind during the preceding school year's student membership surveys (Grades K-12).

If your child meets these requirements you may receive a scholarship for your child to attend a participating private school. Parents may also choose another public school within the district's school choice plan or another public school in an adjacent school district. In order for a student to be eligible for the program, an intent to participate in the McKay Scholarship Program must be filed on the Department of Education's School Choice website (www.floridaschoolchoice.org) prior to withdrawing from public school. The deadline to apply for the first payment period for private school McKay for the 2020-21 school year is July 3, 2021. Parents interested in public school choice McKay need to call the district McKay contact at 352-253-6600.

This notice does not guarantee your student's eligibility. To learn more about your child's educational options, contact the Department of Education, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice Information Hotline at 1-800-447-1636 or visit the website at www.floridaschoolchoice.org and select the John M. McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities Program option. You may file your intent online. For more information, contact your school or Sharon Rodgers, ESE Program Specialist, at (352) 253-6630.

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Bell Schedule 2020-2021 School Year

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Teacher Contract Day: 8:45-4:15				
Teal Day (periods 1,3,5)				
Planning 8:45-9:45				
Supervision 9:30-10:00				
1st 10:00 - 11:30 (90 minutes)				
A LUNCH	B LUNCH	C LUNCH	D LUNCH	E LUNCH
Lunch 11:35-12:05	X-Block 11:35-12:10	3rd 11:35-12:45	3rd 11:35-1:20	3rd 11:35-1:05
3rd 12:05-1:40	Lunch 12:10-12:40	Lunch 12:45-1:15	Lunch 1:20-1:50	X-block 1:05-1:55 (95 minutes)
X-Block 1:40-2:25	3rd 12:40-2:25	3rd 1:15-1:45	X-block 1:50-2:25	Lunch 1:55-2:25 (45 minutes)
5th/Announcements 2:30-4:05 (95 minutes)				
Dismissal 4:05-4:15 (total instructional minutes = 325 minutes)				
Black Day (periods 2,4,6)				
Planning 8:45-9:45				
Supervision 9:30-10:00				
2nd 10:00 - 11:30 (90 minutes)				
A LUNCH	B LUNCH	C LUNCH	D LUNCH	E LUNCH
Lunch 11:35-12:05	X-Block 11:35-12:10	4th 11:35-12:45	4th 11:35-1:20	4th 11:35-1:05
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6th/Announcements 2:30-4:05 (95 minutes)				
Dismissal 4:05-4:15 (total instructional minutes = 325 minutes)				
<i>Total Weekly Instructional Minutes: M, T, Th, F (325 * 4) + W (265) = 1565 minutes</i>				

Bell Schedule 2020-2021 School Year


Wednesday

Teacher Contract Day: 8:45-4:15				
Wednesday Teal Day (periods 1,3,5)				
Planning 8:45-9:45				
Supervision 9:30-10:00				
1st 10:00 - 11:10 (70 minutes)				
A LUNCH	B LUNCH	C LUNCH	D LUNCH	E LUNCH
Lunch 11:10-11:40	X-Block 11:15-11:43	3rd 11:15-12:15	3rd 11:15-12:47	3rd 11:15-12:35
3rd 11:40-1:05	Lunch 11:43-12:13	Lunch 12:15-12:45	Lunch 12:47-1:17	X-block 12:35-1:20 (80 minutes)
X-Block 1:05-1:50	3rd 12:13-1:50	3rd 12:45-1:05	X-block 1:17-1:50	Lunch 1:20-1:50 (45 minutes)
5th/Announcements 1:55-3:05 (70 minutes)				
Dismissal 3:05-3:15 (total instructional minutes = 265 minutes)				
Wednesday Black Day (periods 2,4,6)				
Planning 8:45-9:45				
Supervision 9:30-10:00				
2nd 10:00 - 11:10 (70 minutes)				
A LUNCH	B LUNCH	C LUNCH	D LUNCH	E LUNCH
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4th 11:40-1:05	Lunch 11:43-12:13	Lunch 12:15-12:45	Lunch 12:47-1:17	X-block 12:35-1:20 (80 minutes)
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