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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

Hello Wolf Pack!

Families, thank you for an EXCEPTIONAL start to the 2020-21 school year! I am so proud of our staff, students, and parents for a smooth opening of school, during a most unusual time! At the writing of this letter, we are well into our normal operating procedures and your child is doing wonderfully! I appreciate our Wolves wearing their mask and ID badges every day, being on time to their classes, and putting forth maximum effort. As a school, we will ensure we provide your child with engaging, standards-based instruction, in a positive and safe classroom environment!

This year, we continue to focus on authentic literacy, specifically engaging the students in activities that include reading, writing, thinking, and discourse. As a leadership team, we will be coaching teachers through feedback to afford all of our Wolves opportunities to read, write, and talk about their thinking. Our goal is that students are participating in reading based activities for at least half of the school day. You can support the effort at home by ensuring that your child is reading for a minimum of 30 minutes nightly. Even encourage your child to read to you to help build fluency and their ability to read in front of others. In the QR-codes below, I am including two websites that highlight creative ways to support reading with your child. With this concerted effort on authentic literacy, we are paving our way to an A!

As we move into the fall season, our sports teams are kicking into high gear, with cross-country and volleyball beginning games in October! In addition, our performing arts department is preparing for their upcoming performances. Please be sure to visit our school website and listen to our weekly callout message for upcoming events, along with new procedures for all events, as safety is our paramount concern!

Did you know that we are a National Demonstration School for AVID? AVID stands for Advancement via Individual Determination and it is our goal to ensure ALL of our Wolves leave WHMS ready for what's next. This includes college, career, technical school, and the military. AVID provides our Wolves with the tools and habits to be a successful student and lifelong learner. The last Friday of each month is designated as AVID Friday and your child will be learning about a different college or career on AVID Friday. In August, students learned about the University of Florida during x-block on AVID Friday, and at the end of September, the focus will be the military. Be sure to ask your child about it!

Lastly, follow us on social media through our Twitter handle, @WindyHillWolves or #OnePack.

As always, we are grateful for the support you provide our school and thank you for entrusting us in your child's education.

Respectfully,
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.



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Sixth Grade
Through
Eight Grade



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Lake Live Learning

Parents and students:

If you have a child attending Lake Live there are certain guidelines your child must follow as if they were attending school in person. Please review these guidelines with your child so they are aware of the expectations. It is also important to use home time wisely as if your child were in the classroom.

Guidelines:

1. Please be sure your child is logging in a few minutes early before their class begins. This way they can check their audio and be sure their camera is working. If they receive an error message, there is a chance the teacher has not started the class. Wait one minute and try again.
2. Students need to have their camera/video on at all times. This is part of their attendance for the class and a non-negotiable. If your child is having technical issues with the school issued Chromebook, please complete the form in this link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe9KuCDrwJd4XVgB2TgSLKGv22ESyLMCrOD-EXBb_yuLE9oSQ/viewform and a district technician will contact you with next steps.

<h1>Repair Costs for Chromebooks</h1> <p><small>*depending on the model, prices subject to change</small></p>	 <p>\$32-125* Broken Screen</p>
 <p>\$230-303* Total cost of Chromebook</p>	 <p>\$9-20* Broken Screen Hinge</p>
 <p>\$20-36* Missing Charger</p>	 <p>\$10-25* Broken Trackpad</p>

The school will notify you of collection dates and times, but please take care of your district Chromebook. Students are responsible for these devices.

3. Students must be dressed in acceptable school attire during all Lake Live classes.
4. Students should be in a room with minimal distractions so they can concentrate and hear the teacher.
5. Students should be working on ONLY the classwork they are logged-in for at that time.
6. Use school etiquette when communicating with others through Google Meet. Please remember, when your microphone is live, conversations can be heard by everyone in attendance.

Health Screenings

To all 6th grade parents:

The School Health Team from the Department of Health of Lake County will be at Windy Hill Middle School to perform health screening on Tuesday, November 3 for the 2020-2021 school year. They will perform Growth and Development, Vision, and Hearing screenings.

The screening process used is not diagnostic.

Screenings are intended to identify children with a wide range of problems that families should follow-up with professional examinations. As with any screening process, there is no assurance that all problems will be detected. No screening process is a substitute for a full examination by qualified professionals.



Superintendent's Reading Challenge

WHMS invites students to participate in the 2020-2021 Superintendent's Reading Challenge. Please encourage your student to read and participate in this important opportunity by reading 12 books on the student's reading level. Students should record the books they read between October 2, 2020 and March 5, 2021 on the reading log provided by their ELA teacher. The reading logs will be collected in March and students who meet the goal of reading 12 or more books will receive recognition for their accomplishment.



On-line Payments

Wolves,

Just a reminder Windy Hill Middle School will not accept a personal check. Items can be purchased with cash or **Revtrak** (our on-line payment system). To access **Revtrak** - go to the Windy Hill website, scroll down the main page to payments. You will find items for purchase, pay fees and dues. Once an account has been created with **Revtrak**, you can purchase items from multiple schools in one transaction.



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Birthday Shout Outs

Due to the popularity of Windy Hill Middle School's "Birthday Shout Outs," WHMS has decided to provide another option for celebrating your student's birthday on the Hill. You will be able to show the community the importance of your child's birth by announcing their birthday on our school's marquee. For \$20, their name will be displayed for 5 days, giving them a truly unique birthday gift. We will also be continuing "Birthday Shout Outs" during morning or afternoon announcements for \$10. Both options can be enjoyed by your child for \$25. This fundraiser will provide incentives for students and teachers. Thank you for your support.



Welcome to a new school year! Things are moving along in our culinary arts department. This year we welcome 6th graders to the culinary program. They are the first cohort that will be going through the program this year, and it is very exciting. Sixth graders start with beginning culinary, then move to Hospitality and Tourism for 7th grade, and then 30 students will be chosen for the advanced culinary in 8th grade. It is sure to be an exciting couple of years for everyone.

Class dues help in purchasing certification tests, personal culinary hats, and cooking/cleaning supplies in class. All dues can be paid through the school website for convenience.

Beginning students are wrapping up safety and starting on sanitation. They, along with the Hospitality and Tourism students, will be working towards earning their Food Handler certification. This certificate demonstrates understanding of safety and sanitation in the kitchen. This is also a requirement for students to work in the kitchens. Our advanced students will be working towards earning the NRFSP Food Manager certification in the winter. This is the next certification up from Food Handler. This industry certification is good for five years and gives them an edge in the employment area.

With COVID affecting much of what is happening in and out of school, please know that I will be taking the utmost caution when having students working in the kitchens. I already have high expectations, but now they have grown even more. Students are always required to wear hats, aprons, and gloves when working with food. In addition, they MUST earn their certifications and wear face masks to be in the kitchens. They will also be working in smaller groups/pairs to limit how many students are in the kitchens. Which means labs will go throughout the week.

We are still planning to have our yearly delicious fundraisers. In the coming weeks, watch for our Caramel Apple and Caramel Popcorn fundraiser to begin. Culinary and hospitality students, both Lake Live and Face to Face, will be selling homemade caramel apples and popcorn for the fall season. These items are made fresh in house, not purchased from outside vendors. Students learn how to run a business through our fundraisers and make items they can be proud to sell. We will be pre-selling these items for two weeks with delivery in the middle of October. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at breedingk@lake.k12.fl.us. You will be able to purchase these items both through culinary and hospitality students and through our school store site.

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Revised Lake County Schools 2020-21 Student Calendar

Board Approved 7/27/20

School Month			Student Days
AUGUST	August 24	First Day of Classes/First Grading Period Begins (Monday)	6
SEPTEMBER	September 7	Labor Day/Student Holiday (Monday)	21
OCTOBER	October 22	End of First Grading Period (Thursday)	16 Total Days 43
	October 23	Non-Student Day (Friday)	
	October 26	Classes Resume/Second Grading Period Begins (Monday)	5
NOVEMBER	November 11	Veteran's Day/Student Holiday (Wednesday)	15
	November 23-27	Thanksgiving Holiday/Student Holiday (Monday-Friday)	
DECEMBER	December 21-31	Winter Break/Student Holiday (Monday-Thursday)	14
JANUARY	January 1	Winter Break/Student Holiday (Friday)	10
	January 4	Classes Resume (Monday)	
	January 15	End of Second Grading Period (Friday)	Total Days 44
	January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday/Student Holiday (Monday)	
	January 19	Non-Student Day (Tuesday)	
	January 20	Classes Resume/Third Grading Period Begins (Wednesday)	8
FEBRUARY	February 15	Presidents' Day/Student Holiday (Monday)	19
MARCH	March 15-19	Spring Break/Student Holiday (Monday-Friday)	18
APRIL	April 1	End of Third Grading Period (Thursday)	1 Total Days 46
	April 2	Non-Student Day (Friday)	
	April 5	Classes Resume/Fourth Grading Period Begins (Monday)	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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Out of Field/Not Highly Qualified Teachers

- Alyssa Agnew is certified in Social Science and needs to take and pass the Math 5-9 subject area exam.
- Bridgette Donaldson is certified in Social Science and needs to take and pass the Science 5-9, English 5-9, Math 5-9, ESE K-12 subject area tests and complete ESOL and Reading Endorsements.
- Kristina Garcia is certified in Social Science 6-12 and needs to earn credits for School Counseling degree.
- Alicia Impastato is certified in Social Science 5-9 and ESE K-12 and needs to pass English 5-9, Science 5-9, Math 5-9 subject area tests; and complete ESOL and Reading Endorsements.
- Katie Kennie is certified in Social Science and needs to pass Science 5-9 subject area test.
- Tanya Masson is certified in Art K-12 and needs to pass Math 5-9 subject area test.
- Christopher Moffett is certified in English and needs to complete ESOL Endorsement.
- Jessica Monroig Pena is certified in Business Ed 6-12 and needs to pass Elementary Ed and ESE K-12 subject are test.
- Kimberly Montague is certified in Art K-12 and English 6-12 and needs to complete ESOL Endorsement.
- Jennifer Mueller is certified in Social Science 5-9, Social Science 6-12, Math 5-9 and needs to pass Elementary Ed and ESE subject area test.
- Cristina Ormeno is certified in Social Science 6-12 and need to pass English 5-9 subject area test and complete ESOL Endorsement.
- Shelby Smith is certified in English 6-12 and needs to compete ESOL Endorsement.



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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)
X-Block 1:45-2:25				
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
4th 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	4th 12:40-2:25	4th 1:15-1:45	X-block 1:50-2:25	Lunch 1:55-2:25 (45 minutes)
X-Block 1:45-2:25				
6th/Announcements 2:30-4:05 (95 minutes)				
Dismissal 4:05-4:15 (total instructional minutes = 325 minutes)				
Total Weekly Instructional Minutes: M, T, Th, F (325 * 4) + W (265) = 1565 minutes				

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)
X-Block 1:05-1:50				
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
Lunch 11:10-11:40	X-Block 11:15-11:43	4th 11:15-12:15	4th 11:15-12:47	4th 11:15-12:35
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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