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School News

Important Upcoming Dates

Mar. 2- Miss WRMS Pageant @ 6pm
Mar. 6- Rising 6th Graders Visit @ 9am
Mar. 6- Rising 6th Grader Parent Night @ 6pm
Mar. 25-29- Spring Break
Apr. 8-26- Georgia Milestones Exams
Apr. 23- 7th Grade Award Night @ 6pm
Apr. 24- 6th Grade Award Night @ 6pm
Apr. 25- 8th Grade Award Night @ 6pm
Apr. 26- Spring Dance @ 6pm
May 24- Last Day of School for Students



Family Engagement

Welcome Warrior Family, I am Maria Cook the Family Engagement Coordinator. I look forward to working as a partner with you to improve communication from school to home and home to school. You may contact me on Monday-Friday during school hours at 929-7832 ext. 33210 or by email at maria.cook@hcbe.net.

Parental Involvement, Communication and Academic Success is our key focus at Warner Middle School. We are planning many exciting programs and academic activities for you and your child. To ensure success and enjoyment for all, we need your help. Periodic flyers and call out messages will follow to notify you of forthcoming parent nights and workshops. Please join us in making this a very special year by talking with your child daily and supporting all academic workshops. It is very important that you meet your child's teachers and keep in touch with the guidance counselors regarding attendance, progress and behavior. Infinite Campus and Homework Hotline are resources that are also available to you. Thanks for making our school a place where everyone is someone special!

Athletics

A sport physical is required to participate in all athletics events. On Thursday, April 16th, sport physical exams will be offered by physicians from Houston Orthopedic Surgery and Sport Medicine at Warner Robins High School for the upcoming 2019-20 school year. All sport physical forms must be signed by a parent and a \$10 payment is due Tuesday, April 14th to Coach Martin.

Teacher's Corner

Please reinforce the importance of being prepared with supplies and completing all classwork and notes in a timely manner. Completing homework and finishing classwork at home is necessary to grasp concepts in class, as there is not enough time in class to review every topic. Studying and completing work is a necessity every day as the Milestone is quickly approaching!

Administration

2019 has started well in Warrior Country. Thank you for trusting us with your children. So far, the year has been very successful. Our new 6th grade warriors have settled into the Warrior Way and are doing well. Our 7th and 8th grade warriors are experienced veterans to the Warrior Way and are leading the way. This semester has been busy with many activities, both academic and extracurricular. We have successfully conducted school safety and weather drills for this semester and students have surpassed our expectations in each of those. We encourage you to have conversation with your children about safety as often as you can. Please encourage them to stay focused on academics as we move closer to the end of the school year. If you have any questions for us, we are always available. Have a great rest of the school year.

Relay for Life

T-shirts are on sale for \$10. Your student may pick up a form from Mrs. Cook or Mr. Martinez, Room 315.

Counselor's Corner

We hope 2019 is off to a successful start for you and your students! Second semester offers a fresh beginning for students to work hard to ensure a strong finish. We encourage them to complete all class and homework assignments as well as seek help through tutoring and speaking with a teacher or counselor when necessary.

One of the major components that counselors will address this semester is careers. We will work with students at each grade level to explore their strengths, interests, and careers that may be suitable. We anticipate this activity as it allows us to interact with students collectively. As always, please feel free to contact your child's counselor at any time. It is our pleasure and purpose to help students academically, personally, and socially.



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6th Grade News

Social Studies

The weather is cold in Warner Robins this time of the year, but it is really, cold in the Country the 6th grade students are going to concentrate on next. This month we are going to learn all we can about our neighbor to the north: Canada.

Science

What better conversation starter than the weather? Students will be having their own conversations about weather as we try to understand how the conditions in the atmosphere evolve creating weather events. Students will learn everything from local and global wind systems to weather fronts and severe weather.

Math

The study of geometry is interesting and fun for many students, as it is often more concrete and visual than some other domains of mathematics. Sixth grade students extend their understanding of the meaning of area and volume from elementary grades, now often having fractional edge lengths to work with instead of only whole number lengths. This represents the types of measurements they very often encounter in real-life, and helps students understand magnitude and applications of operations on fractional numbers. Additionally, the fifth unit has students find area by composing and decomposing figures into familiar shapes, triangles and rectangles. They also use nets of three-dimensional figures to find surface area.

English/Language Arts

These 9 weeks we are working on our Nonfiction Writing Unit over Teen Activism. Student will be writing a mini book over a topic that relates to teen activism. Students will be learning key researching skills and learning how to convey their thoughts onto paper. We will also begin our test prep unit in March and start to prepare our students for the Georgia Milestones in April.



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7th Grade News

Social Studies

The 7th grade students have completed their studies of SW Asia and we are currently focusing on SE Asia. We have completed our studies of how Gandhi used non-violent resistance to achieve Indian independence from Brittan. Our attention is now on the Domino Theory and the wars America fought in Korea and Vietnam to try to stop the spread of communism during the cold war.



Science

We have wrapped up the study of the Theory of Evolution of Organisms. We explored Natural Selection & changes in traits by using mathematical representations to evaluate explanations of how natural selection leads to changes in specific traits of populations over successive generations. We examined Genetic Variation, & the environmental factors influence on survival & reproduction. In the process, we constructed our explanations based on evidence that describes how genetic variation & environmental factors influence the probability of survival & reproduction of a species. We looked at patterns in the Fossil Records & analyzed & interpreted data for patterns in the fossil record that document the existence, diversity, & extinction of organisms & their relationships to modern organisms. Coming up, we will be looking at Diversity of Organisms. We will develop & defend a model that categorizes organisms based on common characteristics. We will explore & evaluate historical models of how organisms were classified based on physical characteristics & how that led to the six-kingdom system (currently Archaea, Bacteria, Protists, Fungi, Plants, & Animals).



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Math

In seventh-grade mathematics, students have recently completed learning about chance in the Probability Unit. Probability is the likelihood that an event will occur. With consistent dedication and focus to practicing mathematics, mathematical ability is "certain" to improve. For the next several weeks we will be enhancing mathematical skills with review of this year's concepts and preview of next year's mathematical topics.



English/Language Arts

In language arts, students are beginning a new unit on argumentative writing. They will choose an issue, research both sides of the issue, choose a side to take, and then use evidence from their research to support their claim in an argumentative essay. Throughout this unit, students will learn to consider both sides of an issue, introduce a claim, acknowledge opposing claims, and organize their reasons and evidence logically. They will also learn to identify logical, relevant evidence from credible sources and recognize when a text shows bias or lacks credibility. Once we complete this unit, we will move into our test prep unit - meant to review and prepare students for the GMAS state assessment. Our test prep unit will feature a heavy emphasis on improving students' reading stamina and volume, so in addition to reviewing skills for the Milestones, students will spend a significant amount of time reading during class. Please encourage your child to read at home as well - it will make a substantial difference when it comes to their GMAS scores. After the Milestones, we will begin our final unit - nonfiction book clubs and informational writing.

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8th Grade News

Social Studies

In Georgia Studies, we are investigating the changes at the turn of the century in transportation, the economy, new technologies and events that are shaping our world: the trial of Leo Frank, World War I, the impact of the boll weevil on agriculture and farmers, the technologies of the Roaring Twenties and the ultimate economic downturn of the Great Depression. We will see World War II lift our state out of economic depression and into modern changes for the people of Georgia. We are also reviewing economic concepts and will soon begin a focus on the juvenile justice system. While we continue to explore new Georgia Studies content, we are constantly preparing our students for statewide testing in April. Please encourage your students to remain focused on learning as we move ahead this year!



Science

This second semester is off to a great start and time is moving very quickly. We have just finished our unit on Electromagnetic Waves and are currently studying Motion and Force. We are continuing to prepare ourselves for the upcoming Milestones Test in April. We encourage you to look through your child's science notebook to check out what they are learning on a daily basis. Reviewing standards and concepts from the last semester can also be done at home. Tutoring is available with Mrs. Jones and Mr. T. Floyd from 7:10-7:25 and with Mrs. Dantes from 3:00-3:35. The success of your child is very important to us. We look forward to a productive second semester.



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Math

Students have been working hard on slope, y-intercept, and slope intercept form with equations. We will continue this concept in unit 6 as we also investigate standard form and rewriting these equations into slope intercept form. We will then move on to two-way tables and scatterplots. Students will learn how to analyze and interpret data from these tables and graphs and translate them into real-world situations. Unit 7 will bring us back to linear equations and using them to solve a system of linear equations. Students will be using coordinate planes, elimination and substitution methods, and real-world examples to solve these simultaneous equations.



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English/Language Arts

In 8th grade ELA, we are writing an Argument/Position Paper. Students are also reading Nonfiction Text. It is recommended that your student read at least 20 minutes per night to increase their reading stamina, fluency and vocabulary building.



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