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"Carrying on a Proud Tradition of Learning"

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Dear Parents and Families,

Spring Break is behind us and we're on our final push to the end of the year. May and June are notoriously packed with end of the year activities and for families with multiple children, it can be a crazy time. However, it is a culmination and an acknowledgement of all your child's hard work. All are encouraged to finish strong and continue to take pride in their work output. We're looking forward as this fourth marking period is poised to be as strong as the other three.

## Calendar of Events:

[Monthly Calendar](#)

## Principal's Video Message

[Principal's Update May 7, 2019](#)

**Notable Events. If the activity is underlined & in a different color, please click to obtain more specific information.**

Tues	May 7	Teacher Appreciation Day.
Wed	May 8	Nurse's Appreciation Day.
Wed	May 8-7pm	Grade 7 and 8 Spring Musical Concert at the Investor's Bank Center at WTHS
Thurs	May 9-7pm	People's Choice Awards
Fri	May 10-8:30am	Principal's List Breakfast
Mon	May 13	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orleans Hanna
Wed	May 15	Bull Dog Bash Tags due to counseling office
Thurs	May 16	Humanities Field Trip to Temple University
Fri	May 17	Music in the Parks Dorney Park

Mon-Tues	May 20-21	Middle School Science Testing-NJSLA
Wed	May 22	Bulldog Bash
Fri-Mon	May 24-27	Memorial Day Holiday
Tues	May 28	Presentation regarding health concerns on Vaping
Wed	May 29	Rain date for the Bulldog Bash
Thurs	May 30-7pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Music Concert at Bunker Hill Middle School

## Gym Floor Information

Families, the Board of Ed

The community of Washington Township has brought concerns to the superintendent regarding the presence of Mercury in the rubberized floors not only at BHMS but other schools in the district. In an effort to provide current information that is readily accessible, Mr. Bollendorf is posting the latest updates on the following link on the district web page: [Gym Floor Testing](#)

Please go to the link to see what the district is doing to ensure the floors are safe. Mr. Bollendorf has been working with the engineers and certified professionals in this arena to ensure he can provide the most exact information to you.

At that site, also, you can view his most recent letter to families regarding the concrete underneath the gym floors showing no reading of Mercury. This is good news on many fronts as it helps provide a continued better picture of what the remediation and replacement will entail over the summer.

## Standardized Testing

The English and Math state testing are behind us and we eagerly await the student's results. Most of the students took the test seriously and worked to do their best. State testing can be a long week, but the students engaged in testing and classes. On 5/20 and 5/21, students will take the science portion of this test. On 5/13/19 the district at the middle level is testing all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students on a test called the Orleans Hannah. This test has proven to be a very good indicator for students for math placement and becomes an additional measure of review when looking at students as they strive for advanced math and eventually Algebra I. For the 6<sup>th</sup> graders, it's very important to stay focused. This test will take place during the students' math class.

## May 22, 2019 Bulldog Bash

On May 22, 2019, we have our annual field day activity, the Bulldog Bash. This is a fun event that encompasses most of the day with different games. While this day is fun, this day is not guaranteed for everyone. The "Bash" is earned for having quality academics, 6 hours of community service, involvement in activities, and have good standing in the school in regards to behavior. Students who would like to participate must have the Bulldog Tag completed and turned into the counseling office.

Once we have the dog tag, we will ensure that the student meets the criteria to participate. **DOG TAGS ARE DUE MAY 15, 2019 TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE. PLEASE CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINK TO ACCESS THE BULLDOG TAG AND CRITERIA:** [Bulldog Bash: Dog Tag](#)

## **Hershey Trip Information**

The annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Hershey Park trip is June 3, 2019. Please Click on this link: [Hershey Park Information](#) for information regarding the trip. Please know that 8<sup>th</sup> grade students must adhere to attendance, behavior, and grade requirements to be considered eligible for the trip. For questions, please reach to Mrs. Zeoli at [czeoli@wtps.org](mailto:czeoli@wtps.org) or Mrs. Reilly at [mreilly@wtps.org](mailto:mreilly@wtps.org).

## **Information for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Families.**

Throughout the next couple of Principal's Updates, we will try to provide important links to help with transitional information. We're very excited to welcome our youngest Bulldogs. We will continue to provide links so that you are up to speed

[5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Night 2019](#)

[5th to 6th Grade Summer Transition Information](#)

## **Dorney Music Trip**

For all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade music students, information is now up for the May Trip to the Music Festival. Please go to Mrs. Dickinson's Website for Information. You can access that site at <https://www.wtps.org/Page/25618>. Keep in mind that if you as a parent would like to chaperone, there is information there as to how to volunteer.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Unified Classroom Pilot**

Families, we are working with 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to pilot a better way to help you access and follow your children's assignments and due dates. Please see this letter at the following link: [Updated Unified Classroom Support](#)

Our hope is to provide an area where you see assignments all in one place. This is something we wanted to see if you like. Your feedback is very much appreciated.

## **National School Folders**

For the 2019-20 school year, we are partnering with National School Folders to provide sturdy folders to students in the middle school. These students will be similar to the ones in the elementary school where there is organizational support. However, in order to fund these folders we're seeking the support of businesses. Please see the link below to help us in this endeavor.

[School Folder Information](#)

## **PTO Webpage**

Please log onto the PTO Webpage by clicking this link: [BHMS PTO](#). Once there, you may access information about activities and meeting times/dates. If you're unable to make some meetings, please click on "Meeting Minutes" for information. The current month is posted now by clicking on this link: [April PTO Newsletter](#)

## **"The Bunker Hill Times"**

This is a student created newsletter that comes out quarterly. To view the most current edition please click on this link: [Bunker Hill Times Spring 2019](#)

## **Clubs and Extracurricular Activities**

Many of the clubs have started. Please listen to the morning announcements or view them on the website. If you don't hear your club on the announcements, please view the club list in the main hallway or in the cafeteria to see who the teacher is to contact. You can also visit this link: <https://www.wtps.org/Page/6860>. Please keep in mind that in all three middle schools there are clubs that are the same and clubs that are different. We try to have a wide assortment of clubs for all students to enjoy.

It is also important that families know about the prep clubs. Prep clubs are in place to provide homework assistance and study assistance. If your child needs to attend or receive extra support, please see this link so you know when your child's grade level prep club meets. <https://www.wtps.org/Page/26254>.

## **Remind Account BHMS Updates**

To join, text the message: @bhmstwp to the number 81010

Sincerely,

Mike D'Ostilio