

Mustang Messenger

Wildwood Middle School
October 2012

"Home of the Mustangs"



Letter from the Principal.....

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's October!!! We have a very busy month of activities planned for the students. Next, Monday, October 8, 2012 is IS Day, Wildwood Spirit Week will be held October 15-19, 2012. We also have Red Ribbon week activities during the week of October 22-26, 2012.

The entire month is designated as anti-bullying month which is an issue that the nation is addressing daily. We introduced the 20 Essentials for Wildwood Middle School which targets many of the characteristics we all need to follow to live in a civilized society. Our children will benefit from seeing us model the acceptable positive behaviors that are necessary to be successful in our careers. As we so often say *-it is all about choices!*

At the risk of sounding like a broken record please monitor your children and their school work through Live grades. Contact the teachers and ask questions so that you understand the processes that each teacher may be employing. **Report cards will be issued October 26, 2012 and then Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 4th, 2012 from 6 to 8. Please mark your calendar for these important dates.**

Please be sure that you have completed *all forms*. The form related to school lunches is very important and can be completed online to meet the October 3, 2012 due date.

Be sure to check our calendar often to see all the sporting events and location of these events.

Our LSIC met September 27, 2012 and discussed many ideas to bring the Mustang Spirit alive. We discussed the possibility of conducting Student Town Hall type meetings to help our students become more familiar with communicating ideas and asking questions to better understand their school and world. We discussed continuing to build on our partnerships between our parents, teachers and students...clear communication was the key term.

Another fantastic group is our P.T.O. and they will be meeting October 4, 2012. This group of parents are tackling the task of the dance for the students to be held October 19, 2012 from 6-8 among other activities. I have thoroughly enjoyed continuing to meet our Wildwood Middle parents. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns Happy Fall!--Ms. Brockway





Parents: You Can Make a Difference Right Now

As a parent, you can be influential today by starting a conversation with your child and safeguarding your teen from prescription drug abuse.

It can be convenient for your teenager to get his or her hands on prescription drugs right in your own home. Getting high can be as simple as going into a medicine cabinet and taking a few pills out of a bottle. Research shows that 65 percent of teens who have abused prescription pain relievers say they got them from friends and relatives.

Many teens incorrectly believe that taking a prescription drug to get high is less dangerous than taking illegal drugs. Adding to the danger is that teens often mix alcohol and other illegal drugs with prescription drugs.

Be Aware

There are a number of easy steps you can take immediately to be more aware of the prescription drugs in your home.

Create a Safe Environment

Do not let your children have any access to prescription or over-the-counter (OTC) medications in your home.

Dispose of Unused Medicines

Many of us keep expired or unused prescription medications sitting in our medicine cabinets for months, even years. An important and easy step you can take to protect your teen is to appropriately dispose of unused prescription medications.

Notice Changes in Your Teen

Even though you have a busy schedule, try to talk to and spend time with your teen as often as possible. This may make it easier to notice if your teen is exhibiting any physical or behavioral changes that could indicate prescription drug abuse.

Talk to Your Teen

Parents can play an influential role in guiding the choices their teens make. In fact, research shows that teens who learn a lot about the risks of drugs from their parents are up to 50 percent less likely to use drugs.

MUSTANG SPIRIT WEEK FESTIVITIES

Spirit Week will be held October 15-19.

Activities include:

Monday—Crazy Hat/Tie/Sock Day

Tuesday—Twin Day

Wednesday—Decade Day

Thursday—Orange & Blue Day

Friday—Jersey Day



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Volleyball (A) HFMS 6:00	2 Cross Country (H) WMS/CTMS 6:00	3 Football (H) ShMS 6:30	4 (H) VB Capon Bridge 6:00 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD	5 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD	6 (A) VB Hill topper
7	8 IS DAY No School	9 (A) VB Romney 6:00 CC MAC 4:00 Championship (A) Warm	10 (H) VB ShMS 6:00	11 FB (A) HFMS 1:30	12	13
14	15 *****	16 (A) VB Capon Bridge MAC SPIRIT	17 *****	18 FB(H) Moorefield 6:30 WEEK	19 End of Grading Period ***** Jersey Day	20
21	22 Crazy Hat/Tie/Socks	23 Twin Day	24 Decade Day	25 Orange/Blue Day	26 Report Cards Issued Club Day *****	27 FB Champion- ship 6:30 TBA
28	29 *****	30 RED BOOK	31 RIBBON FAIR	WEEK	*****	