The Wolverine Wire

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> Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and diligence.
> -Abigail Adams



Hello, Wolverine Families!

I have to say, I've been incredibly impressed with all of our students over the past few weeks. I've been a school administrator for 14 years, and prior to that, I spent 7 years working in schools as a counselor and mental health professional. I can honestly say that this has been the smoothest start to a school year I have ever experienced! Our students have jumped right into their curriculum, and they have already completed their i-Ready ELA Benchmark assessments.

September is Latin American History Month, and our students will be completing a variety of assignments and crafts throughout the month to celebrate and learn more about the rich history and culture of Latin America.

September is also Self-Care Month. Mrs. Kovar has written a wonderful article for this month's newsletter about the importance of taking time for yourself and making self-care a priority. I've also included some fun and helpful videos in our Links section for students and families to enjoy.

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's newsletter. As always, please know that we are here to support you and your students whenever you need us. We're looking forward to another great month together!

Go Wolverines!

-Mr. Cuevas

Upcoming Events

- 9/11 Observance
- Open House: September 16th
  - 4:40pm to 6:30pm
- Last Chance Enrollment Event
  - Thursday September 24th from 4-530pm

Reminders

- Students are only permitted to bring water to class.
  - Students should not have glass bottles or cans of soda for lunch

Fun Links

In celebration of Latin American History Month I am including an awesome video of all our kids favorite Latin Disney Stars talking about their cultures.

Self Care Month is upon us. When was the last time you took some time for you? Here is a great TED Talk to remind all of us parents and caregivers to take the moment to help ourselves so we can continue to help our kids.



Importance of Self Care

In Observance of self care month, we met with Mrs. Kovar to discuss its importance in our lives:

The start of a new school year can be exciting, but it can also feel busy and overwhelming at times. New teachers, new routines, homework, sports, activities, and earlier bedtimes can take some getting used to-for students and parents! This September, remember to make a little time to take care of yourself and each other. Self-care can be as simple as going for a walk after dinner, putting phones away for a little while, listening to music, drawing or coloring, reading together, getting outside, or making sure everyone is getting enough sleep. It can also mean talking about your day, asking for help when you need it, or taking a few quiet minutes when things feel stressful. Families might even try a quick check-in at dinner or before bed: "What was one good thing about today?" or "Is there anything you need help with tomorrow?" There's no perfect way to start a new school year. Give yourself and your family time to settle in, enjoy the little wins, and remember that taking care of yourself is an important part of having a successful school year.

-Mrs. Kovar

A Letter From Ms. Clark

Dear Wolverine Families,

As we settle into the new school year, I want to take a moment to recognize the hard work and positive energy our students have already demonstrated. It has been wonderful to see them getting comfortable in their classrooms, building relationships, and embracing the opportunities that a new school year brings.

Our students have also begun completing important diagnostic assessments. While testing can sometimes feel stressful, these assessments are valuable tools that help our teachers better understand each student's individual strengths and areas for growth. This information allows us to provide targeted instruction and the support each student needs throughout the school year. Most importantly, I want our students to remember that a test score is a starting point—not a label! We are interested in where each student is today and, more importantly, how we can help them grow from there.

We are also excited to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at WCSA. Throughout the month, our students will have opportunities to learn about and celebrate the cultures, traditions, history, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities. From classroom learning experiences to our Hispanic Heritage Parade, this is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate the diversity and richness that make our WCSA community so special.

Finally, our fall sports season is underway! I am incredibly proud of our student-athletes as they represent WCSA both on and off the court and field. Athletics provide our students with opportunities to develop important qualities such as teamwork, perseverance, responsibility, and school spirit. I encourage all of our families to come out, cheer on our teams, and show our student-athletes just how proud we are of them.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us in supporting our students. Together, we can make this a successful, meaningful, and memorable school year for every Wolverine.

Ms Clark

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