

FEBRUARY UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS FOR WWS FAMILIES

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



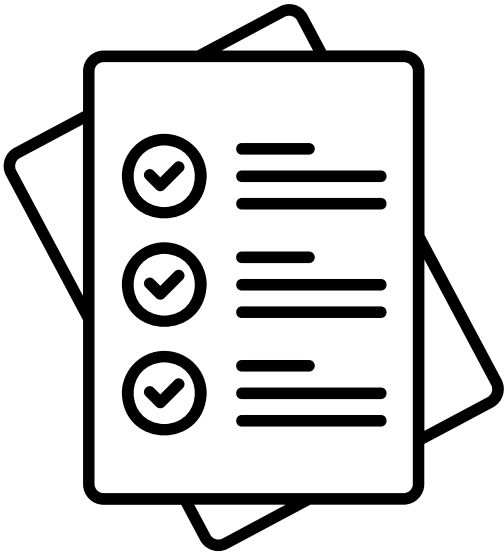
>>> I ❤️ WINDHAM WOODS SCHOOL

Every day, I feel grateful to be a part of the WWS community! It was exactly 12 months ago, during last February, when I first learned about Windham Woods and as soon as I stepped foot on campus, it felt like coming home. I greeted many students on my visit, and several of them served as interviewers as part of my day on campus. It has been incredibly rewarding to see the growth our students have achieved so far this year as the second trimester draws to a close!

- Jeremy Robbins

➤➤➤ PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports for Trimester 2 are scheduled to be sent home by March 12th. Progress reports this year align to the standards-based Mastery Transcript process. Reports include a class overview, individual standards-based feedback, and additional comments next to the standards. Spring parent conferences will take place May 9 and 10.



FLEX SESSION 5

The 5th session of Flex begins with the start of Trimester 3. Biking resumes as an outdoor offering, weather permitting.

Destination Imagination continues until our team participates on March 9 at the Regional Tournament at Souhegan High School in Amherst, NH. Congratulations to our student participants for their collaboration and creativity, and a big thank you to Reading Teacher, Nikki Ignacio, for offering this extra-curricular STEAM activity for our students!



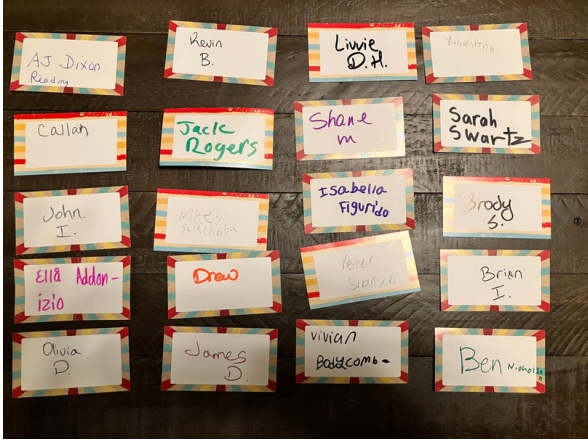
»»» LIBRARY CARDS

All WWS students will be receiving Windham Public Library cards so that they can access digital resources to support a greater level of research and audiobooks. Middle School families are requested to complete [this registration form](#) and return it to your student's advisor to receive a library card when Windham librarians visit during Literacy Week in April. A paper copy has been sent home with students as well. We look forward with partnering with our local library to increase access to resources!



➤➤➤ POSITIVE BEHAVIOR REWARDS

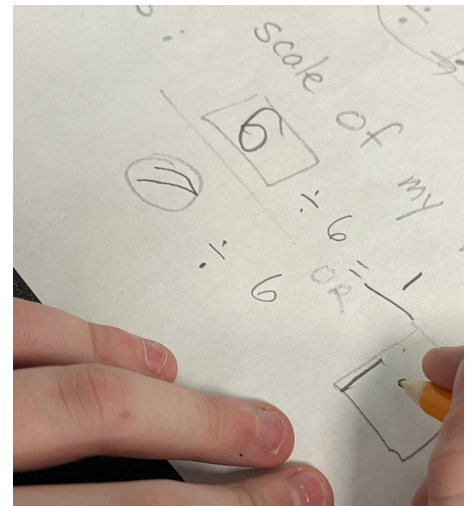
For the month of February, Mrs. Urton randomly picked 20 students' positive behavior cards. Those students will participate in an Ice Cream Party on Thursday, March 7 during lunch. In addition, students who reach 25 cards will receive a \$2 voucher which will allow them to purchase a big snack item from the school store. Students are already anticipating the fun prizes to come at the end of March!



HANDS ON LEARNING <<<



Why does a Lego person look way too small in the LEGO Delorean from *Back to the Future*? Middle Schoolers recently studied "scale" in math classes to solve this mystery. By measuring the objects, students found that the LEGO Delorean has a scale of 1:12, however a LEGO 'minifig' has a scale of 1:45. Therefore, when you put minifigs in the Delorean seats, they are way too small!



INTERNATIONAL DAY

On Friday, March 8, we will have our annual International Day, which promotes awareness of cultural diversity and international connectedness, and celebrates the many countries and backgrounds represented in our school community. Students will have a modified schedule for the day and will “travel” to classrooms, where teachers will lead discussions and activities connected to Dubai/UAE, Japan, Morocco, the Philippines, Portugal, and Brazil. Each year features different countries, and students carry with them a passport that gets stamped for each country they visit.



OUTDOOR FUN ON THE SPORTS COURT



>>> BUDDIES DAY

Many of our Middle School students choose to participate in our Buddies Program. Each student applied to the program and received a recommendation from a teacher. As part of their ECO class, they join their Buddy's Elementary class group. On March 1, during Flex and lunch, we hosted a Buddies Day when all Middle School Buddies and Elementary students come together for hot cocoa and fun!



WWS MIDDLE SCHOOL SNOWSPORTS

2024 BONUS DAYS

Meetup at Pat's Peak March 9 and 10

8:30am - 4pm

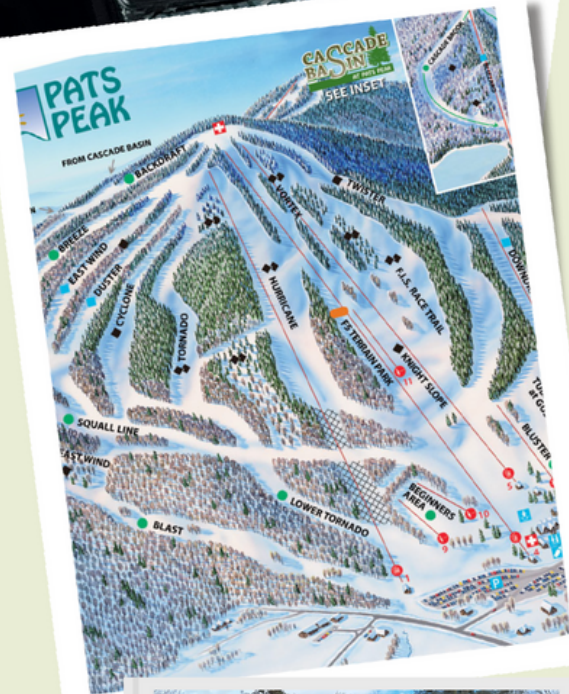
Parents,

Pat's Peak provides a bonus lift ticket for students in the Learn to Ski and Ride Program. I have set aside both Saturday, March 9 and March 10 from 8:30am to 4:00pm as dates for meeting up at Pat's Peak. This meetup is also open to all students, including those who did not participate in Snowsports. Parents and family member guests are also welcome and encouraged to attend. It is a great way for students to explore the program if they did not participate. Students with the LTSR pass will receive a voucher for a free lift ticket (and rental if it was included in their pass). All others will need to pay for their lift ticket.

If you cannot attend that weekend but wish to use the lift ticket voucher on another date before the season ends, let me know, and I can get you the voucher.

Lastly, all students who participated this year are eligible for a Bretton Woods and Waterville Valley voucher as well!

- Mr. Robbins



UPCOMING EVENTS

End of Trimester 2	March 1
Winter Stroll Family Event*	March 3
International Day	March 8
Pat's Peak Bonus Days	March 9-10
Staff Development Day - No School	March 15
Little Mermaid Performances	March 16-17
Literacy Week	April 1-5
Staff Development - No School	April 12
April Vacation - No School	April 15-19
Parent Conferences	May 9-10

*please note the Winter Stroll has been rescheduled to Sunday, March 3 due to weather