



THE PAW PRINT

Western Middle School



Russiaville, IN

Hurricane Harvey

By Destiny Ash

There was a hurricane named Harvey in Houston, Texas, beginning around 9:45 P.M. last Friday. It made landfall again on Wednesday. On Friday, the hurricane came from the Gulf of Mexico going 130 miles per hour. At least 50 inches of rain fell after the hurricane. Lots of helicopters and airboats were sent to rescue people. Many were hurt and some died. Some people used swimming rafts, beach toys, and even air mattresses to get to a safe place. The water rose and rose from the rain, making it harder to survive.



Western Steps Up to Help Houston

At WMS, we want to do our part to help those who are suffering in Texas after the recent devastation left by Hurricane Harvey. The following grades or groups are collecting specific items.

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| 6th Grade | diapers and baby wipes |
| 7th Grade | garbage bags |
| 8th Grade | toiletries |
| WMS Cheerleaders | water |
| WHS Cheerleaders | socks |



Photo Sources: Time.com and The Atlantic

Top IXL Students

At WMS, we “Persist Until Success Happens”, or P.U.S.H., as we like to call it. One area where our students excel is in their skill mastery through the use of the IXL learning program.

We are pleased to congratulate the following students for securing a spot in the top 3 overall for their grade level. If you see them in the hallway, please congratulate them!

8th Grade: Eliza Lutgen
Gavan Davis
Audrey Rassel

7th Grade: Natalie Nutt
Jace Rayl
Jenna Yazel

6th Grade: Miles Bowley
Lauren Brantley
Cole Armstrong

The Principal's Corner



By Mr. Horrell

Students, I know you cannot drive yet, but I can imagine you know what the **green**, **yellow**, and **red** lights mean at an intersection, while some of you might think they're merely suggestions. In elementary or primary school, they used these colors to remind you of good and bad behaviors.

I want you to know we have a process of “**Red**” light. These are called **Red Slips** that allow you, the student, access to talk to Mrs. Lemons the nurse, Mrs. Price the counselor, Mrs. Carlson the assistant principal, or myself. When you complete a red slip (located in the office) and we receive it, we immediately respond as a red light and stop what we are doing to address your concern or issue. “If we don't know, we cannot assist”, **SO LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP TO MAKE IT A GREAT DAY TO BE A PANTHER!!!**



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WMS Holds First Dance of the Year



By Caroline McCarty

Did you go to the school dance? If not, don't worry, I interviewed Alaina Day, 6th grader, and she told me about it and what it was like. Alaina described it as dark, fun, good, and the best dance she had ever been to before. She told me that there were glow sticks and also a DJ who did all the lights.

She went with Ella Davis, fellow 6th grader. They danced their heads off! They decided that they needed a break from dancing, so they went to the cafeteria to get cheese balls and juice. Alaina is also planning on going to the next dance, if possible. She is also very excited about future dances. If you went to the back to school dance, I hope that you had just as much fun as Alaina and Ella did. I hope that you all will go to the future dances!



Liberty Hall's Density Lab

Check out the really "cool" density lab Mrs. Coulson conducted with her students this past week.



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Science Never Tasted So Good!



Students in Mrs. Obermeyer's 8th grade science class had a real treat this past week! Mrs. Obermeyer likes to use "hands-on" activities in her classroom to help students learn. However, this week their taste buds were utilized as well to make edible volcanoes.

For this project, students had to learn the steps of the design process so they could design a volcano out of only edible materials. They also had to complete a procedural writing, which is a writing standard in science.



Mrs. Obermeyer



Which volcano would you prefer to sample?



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The Paper Caper: How You Can Help



By Shelby Conaway

The Paper Caper, the middle school tennis team's community service project, will take place on September 7, at 4:30 on the tennis courts. The tennis teams collect packages of toilet paper to be donated to the Salvation Army.

"It is going great," said Mrs. Lazar. "The paper caper is a thing we love to do. Since toilet paper is not considered a necessity by the government, Western donates it to people who would like to have some, but can't afford it. So far we have made a great impact. Keep it up!"



Bring a package of toilet paper to Mrs. Lazar's room before September 7 to help out your community!

By Alaina Day

This past week I interviewed Emily Smith, 6th grade student. When I asked her some questions about her school year so far, she said her biggest fear of school was, "losing all of my stuff." When asked about some of her favorites, she said her favorite class was Language Arts class and that her favorite teacher was Mrs. Lee.

She has not had any locker problems, but she does miss recess!

Student Spotlight

Emily Smith
6th Grade Student



Teacher Feature



Mrs. Lazar
6th Grade ELA Teacher



By Owen Moore

When Mrs. Lazar reads the book, *Holes*, to her class, she puts on a red hat and red nail polish.

She uses the Remind app to send "Remind Me Questions" for her students. One of the questions Mrs. Lazar asked recently was, *Which Baseball player will hit 50 homeruns?*

Did you know that Mrs. Lazar entered a grilled cheese competition at the Indiana State Fair last year? A lot of people entered to try to win, but Mrs. Lazar won!! She won cheese, milk, and \$100!



Proud Daughter of Marathon Runner

The Kokomo Tribune ran a front page story this week about Denise Bradley, mother to Lauren Bradley, 6th grader. Bradley is running in the New York Marathon on Nov. 5, 2017, leaving for it most likely the day before the race. She is running to raise money to find a cure for Parkinson's Disease, a cause that is important to their family. Lauren Bradley is happy for her mom, but also scared because she doesn't want her mom to get hurt. "She may be 42, but she can still run like a pro," Lauren said. At WMS, we wish good luck to her !

Cheer on Your WMS Teams at These Upcoming Games!

Girls MS Volleyball.....Sept. 13 at 6:00

Boys MS Football.....Sept. 6 at 6:00

6th Grade Girls Volleyball.....Sept. 27 at 6:00

CO-ED MS Tennis.....Sept. 5 at 4:15

The Western Invitational for CO-ED MS Cross Country will be Sept. 19 at 5:00 at Oakbrook Valley



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Paw-fect Puzzles & Games



DRONES' SPYING EYES

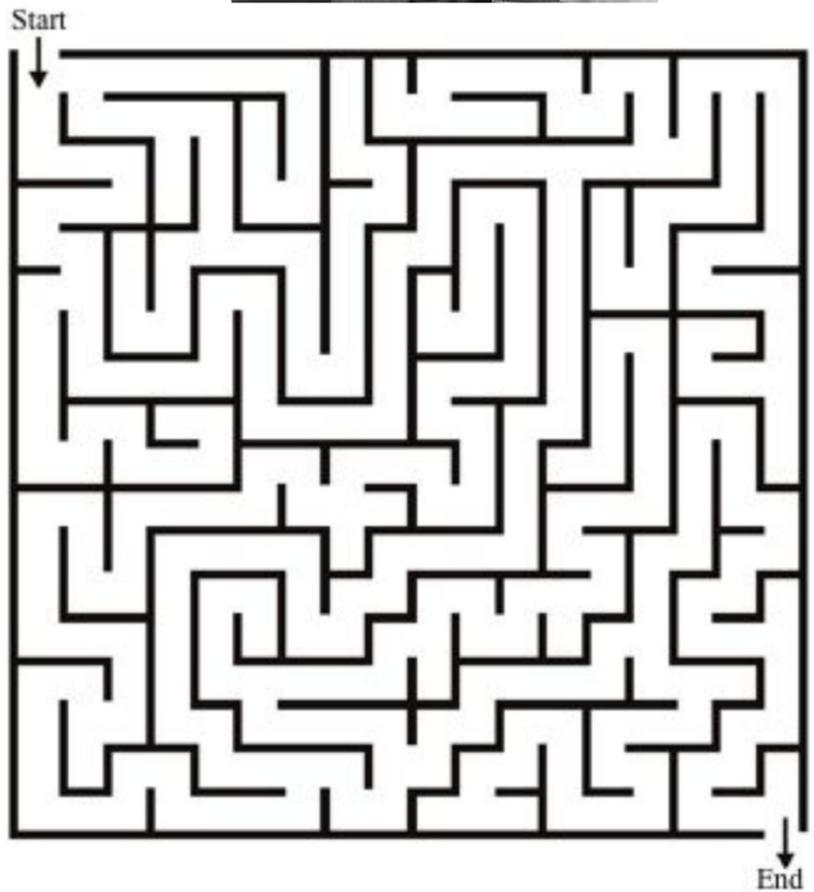
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| FERTILIZER | PRIDE | VIDEO |
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| FORMULA | REMNANT | WILDFIRE |
| HYENA | RHINO | |
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WMS Word of the Week: *Eavesdrop*

Part of speech: verb
 Definition: to secretly listen to a conversation or to spy on someone

Example sentence: *He opened the door just enough to eavesdrop on the conversation that was going on.*



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

Find 10 differences between the 2 pictures!



The Paw Print will take a break for Labor Day weekend and not publish an edition on September 8. On September 15, we will meet again!

The Paw Print Poll

Hey WMS!

Last week we asked, "Which of the these is your FAVORITE YouTuber?"

The Winning Response?

Dude Perfect
 (thanks to write-in votes!)



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