

Weare Middle & Center Woods Upper Elementary

NEWSLETTER

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What an exciting week - our school was named a Gold Medal winner as the **Best Middle School in the Best of 603**. We truly see this honor as a way to recognize every member of our community - teachers, students, parents and all community members.

Your administration team,
Mrs. Hilliard, Mr. Matzke
& Mr. Morrill

We will be having a Virtual Open House this year. You will receive information from your child's homeroom teacher or grade level team with information about how to access the Open House.

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PUP Default Plans

Default student dismissal plans need to be updated by Wednesday September 15th. This means that parents need to log in to PUP and submit a default plan for a full week. Even if the default plan hasn't changed from last year, please delete and re-enter the plan so it will update with a current date.

In the web app, the default plan tool is represented by the bus icon. This should not be used for a plan change affecting only one day. Teachers will not see that on their notifications.

The daily plan change tool is represented by the calendar icon. When a dismissal plan changes, parents should only be submitting a change for that day, not a default plan change. Teachers do see this on their notifications.

The Weare Bus Company has asked for the following information to be included with any default plans or daily plan changes:

- If a student rides more than one bus a day as their default plan, (an AM bus and a PM bus), please specify in the notes which bus is which.
- If a plan change requires a student to go home with another student, please specify that student's name or an address.
- All default plans should have either the student's address or the bus stop number.

If you need assistance setting up a default plan, [please fill out this google form](#).

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Parent Pick-up and Drop-off

Please remember, students may not be dropped off in the morning before **7:10**, and all students should be in school by **7:25** to be ready to start instructional time at 7:30. At 7:30, students are considered tardy and will need to sign in at the office before heading to their class.

Students may only exit vehicles once the cars are fully in the drop-off lane in front of the building. As cars enter the drop-off lane, please pull as far forward as directed by staff.

Covid Information:

Families will now be notified by email if their child experienced a potential exposure to a positive case in our building. That notification will include recommendations for families from the NH Department of Health and Human Services. You will receive a second notification if your child was determined to be a close contact due to classroom seating or small group work. We will use the information in Pickup Patrol to identify potential exposure on buses so please keep this information as current as possible.

If your child rides two different buses on the same day regularly (ie. takes the bus to Strong Beginnings afterschool) please specify the AM and PM Bus in the notes section in PUP.

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Welcome to Unified Arts (UA)CWUES/WMS Students and Families,

We are so happy to see everyone in person this year. The UA team has not changed since last year. It consists of Miss Gorham (music/band/chorus), Mrs. Sargent (computers), Ms. Antoine (library), Miss Lewis (PE-2), Mr. Barasso (PE-1), Mrs. Bodine (FACS), Ms. Chauca (art), Mr. Boucher (tech ed), Miss French (french/world language)), Mrs. Crosby (health), as well as Mr. Crabtree (enrichment), and Mrs. Chasse (Spanish). Each grade level will experience a different combination of UA classes.

4th Grade UA: 10 day rotations

PE-1, PE-2, health, art, music, world language, and library.

5th Grade UA: 10 day rotations

PE-1, PE-2, health, art, music, world language, library, and tech ed.

6th Grade UA: 3 UAs per trimester rotating on a red-white-blue schedule

PE-1, PE-2, health, art, music/band/chorus, world language, tech ed, and FACS

7th Grade UA: 3 UAs per trimester rotating on a red-white-blue schedule

PE-1, PE-2, health, art, music/band/chorus, tech ed, FACS, and computers

8th Grade UA: 3 UAs per trimester rotating on a red-white-blue schedule

PE-1, PE-2, health, art, music/band/chorus, tech ed, FACS, and computers

The book fair is coming soon!! It will be available in the library from September 30th - October 7th. Stay tuned for details.

More information about each class will be available on our Canvas pages.

Welcome to the 2021-22 school season. We are anticipating a terrific year!

With regards,
Your UA Team

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Superintendent's office hours

Jacqueline Coe, Superintendent of SAU 24 will be hosting monthly office hours via Zoom this year. The first Superintendent Office Hours will be held on Thursday, September 16 from noon to 1 PM. The October Superintendent Zoom Office Hours will be 6-7 PM on Thursday, October 21. These Zoom office hours will be held on the third Thursday of each month at alternating times of noon or 6 PM. To learn more about what is happening in the Henniker, Weare, John Stark, and Stoddard School Districts and to ask questions, please join SAU 24 Superintendent Jacqueline Coe via Zoom @<https://bit.ly/2Yx51YJOfficeHours> Meeting ID: 821 4229 1994 Passcode: 225191 or [Join by phone](#) @ (US) +1 240-623-0475 PIN: 538 949 965#.

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McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act

All school-aged children have the right to attend school no matter their housing status. The McKinney-Vento Act was established to assist children who may be experiencing home insecurity. The McKinney-Vento Act addresses the needs of students and families

who lack "a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence" which includes children and families who live in the following situations:

- In a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing
- On the street, or
- In an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations.

Weare School District encourages anyone with questions about their rights to services under the McKinney-Vento Education Act to contact us at 529-7555.

Our School Counseling Team

<p>Paula Oliveira paula.oliveira@sau24.org 529-8006</p>	<p>Chris Beede chris.beede@sau24.org 529-8014</p>
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From the Special Education Department

Congratulations to our students who have completed the fall round of iReady testing this week! Everyone appeared to put forth their best effort and maintain a good attitude during the testing, and we now have one more data point to consider when looking at a student's profile. The iReady assessments are an important tool, not only for the special education department but for all teachers, to help monitor student growth throughout the year and to help pinpoint which instructional areas in which our students might need additional instruction. By gaining a deeper knowledge of our students' needs, our educators are able to tailor their instruction to address any skill gaps that have been identified. This means that not only are we collecting data on our students' skills, we are able to transform that data into meaningful insights that drive our interventions and instruction. We appreciate our students working hard on this assessment and look forward to putting all of this information to good use in the year to come.

Ms. Gamache (Director of Special Education for CWUES/WMS)

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Athletics

Weare Middle School offers 9 sports over three seasons to students in 6-8th grade. Our [school calendar](#) has several opportunities to see our teams in action.

Any questions related to athletics can be sent to our athletic director, Kristen Lundeen, kristen.lundeen@sau24.org

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WMS Volleyball Club

Ms. French is starting a Girl's Volleyball Club for grades 6-8.

The club will meet on Wednesdays & Thursdays, from 2:45-4:00, starting September 15th. If your student is interested, [sign up here](#)

If you have questions, please contact Ms. French @ robyn.french@sau24.org

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Grand Monadnock Youth Choirs will be holding auditions on Monday and Tuesday afternoons in September, beginning at 4:00 pm. [Visit their website](#) for more information.

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Upcoming Dates - [full calendar can be found here](#)

September 21 - Weare School Board meeting

September 23 - Picture Day

September 30th - Virtual Open House