

WESPTSA Newsletter

October 2018

October... A Month of Many Awarenesses...

October is much more than breast cancer awareness month. October is also the month in which we can recognize bullying and awareness of inclusion and acceptance. October 24, 2018 is Unity Day and everyone is encouraged to wear **orange**. Unity Day is about coming together to stand against bullying and stand united to promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Please consider having your children and/or yourself wear **orange** on Wednesday, October 24, 2018. For more information on Unity Day and/or resources on bullying and bullying prevention [click here](#). Check out the Discovery and Explorer staff last year wearing orange on the 2017 Unity Day; our schools rock! Thanks teachers, administrators, and staff!



Upcoming WESPTSA & School Events:

- 10/10: Walk to school day!
- 10/11: PTSA mtg (7-8:30 Discovery Media Center)
- 10/17: Fun Run!
- 10/19: Box Tops 1st collection
- 10/19: 1/2 day (dismiss at 11:40)
- 10/26: Fall Fest - Discovery Gym/ Cafeteria (6-8pm)
- 10/29: Flu shot clinic
- 11/6: Conferences
- 11/6: No school
- 11/7: Picture retake
- 11/8: PTSA meeting (Discovery library 7-8:30pm)
- 11/21: No school

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VIEW OUR WEBSITE

[http://
wesptsa.weebly.com/](http://wesptsa.weebly.com/)

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COME TO OUR
MEETINGS

Generally 2nd Thursday
each month at 7pm

Bullying

What is bullying? According to stopbullying.gov, bullying is “unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.” Bullying involves using one’s power (e.g., physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity) to control or harm others. Thus, bullying includes spreading rumors, physically or verbally attacking someone, making threats, or excluding someone on purpose. As stated, bullying can be verbal (e.g., name calling, teasing, taunting, threatening, inappropriate comments), social (e.g., purposefully excluding someone, telling others not to be a child’s friend, embarrassing someone, or spreading rumors), or physical (e.g., hitting/ kicking, spitting, tripping/pushing, take items, or rude/mean gestures). Helping to stop or prevent bullying includes helping kids understand the difference between telling and tattling.



It is TATTLING if, (a) no one is hurt or injured, (b) the person did it on accident and is sorry, (c) this is the first time something like this has happened, (d) you have the power to solve this on your own, (e) your goal is get someone in trouble, and (d) it is a “so what” problem.

It is TELLING if, (a) someone is hurt and needs helps, (b) the person did it on purpose to be mean, (c) there is a pattern to what is going on. Nothing you have done has stopped it, (d) you don’t have the power to solve this without an adult’s help, (e) your goal is to keep someone safe, and f) it is a “this matters” problem.

BE A KID AGAINST BULLYING

Take the Pledge!

As a Kid Against Bullying, I will:

- Speak up when I see bullying
- Reach out to others who are bullied
- And be a friend whenever I see bullying

I Pledge to Be a Kid Against Bullying!

First Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

State of Williamston Community Schools

Before the October PTSA, WCS Superintendent Adam Spina will be in the Discovery Media Center from 5:30-6:30 to share a presentation on the state of Williamston schools.

Fun Run... Get Psyched!

The WESPTSA Fun Run - the only official fundraiser of the PTSA - kicked off September 17th! The Fun Run dates will be October 17th with October 18th as a rain back-up date. The Fun Run money supports the activities and events sponsored by the PTSA including trips to the Wharton Center for ALL Y5-5th graders, teacher grants, enrichment activities for both schools. The PTSA has also used money from the Fun Run in the past to support technology and arts integration. At last we heard, we were 1/2 way to our goal! Thank you so much to our parents, school staff, and community!

Remember to wear your grade/class colors on 10/17 for the Fun Run:

Kindergarten = Blue
1st grade = Red
2nd grade = Orange
3rd grade = Purple
4th grade = Yellow
5th grade = Green

A big shout-out to our Fun Run Coordinator Camilla Fritts!

October Volunteer Shout-Out

Thanks to Stephanie Lee and Itzamara Lesniak for helping set up for Family Math Night on 9/28! Also, a shout-out to the High School Math and Science Academy students who worked the event!

We want to hear from you...

Please let the PTSA know what information you want in your newsletter? How can we help you as parents and teachers? We are happy to provide information/articles requested by our members and readers. Thank you!

Remind

The WESPTSA is trying out a new method of communication with our members/families - Remind. Remind is an app, which allows you to get notifications via the app or texting. The PTSA will not have access to your phone number, nor you theirs - it is a way to communicate in a manner more and more people do nowadays - notifications and texting. The PTSA is asking those interested in receiving such notifications to sign up (see directions below). The PTSA will be using Remind as a way to send reminders about events and activities (e.g., meetings, Family Reading night, etc.).

Get information for Williamston Explorer Elementary School right on your phone—not on handouts.

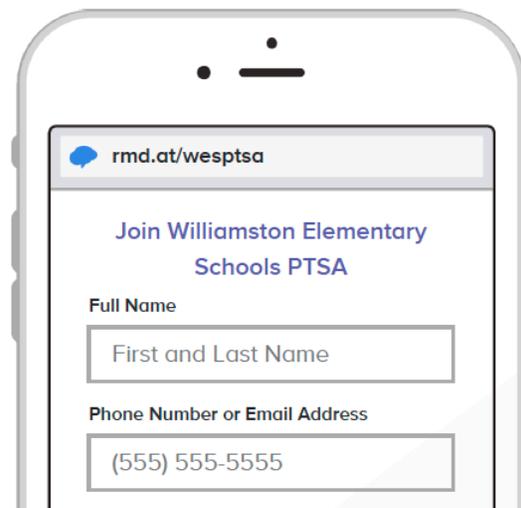
Pick a way to receive messages for Williamston Elementary Schools PTSA:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/wesptsa

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



The image shows a smartphone screen with a sign-up form. At the top, the URL 'rmd.at/wesptsa' is displayed. Below it, the text reads 'Join Williamston Elementary Schools PTSA'. There are two input fields: 'Full Name' with a sub-label 'First and Last Name', and 'Phone Number or Email Address' with the placeholder '(555) 555-5555'.

B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @wesptsa to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @wesptsa to (856) 432-4756.

** Standard text message rates apply.*



The image shows a smartphone screen with a text message. The 'To' field contains the number '81010'. The 'Message' field contains the text '@wesptsa'.