

WHAT WE DO FOR WCMS

Tiger Bash is held two evenings before school starts in August as an orientation to the upcoming academic year. Students and their parents/guardians pick up class schedules, assignment books, the previous year's yearbooks, meet teachers, and tour classrooms. The PTO sells memberships, WCMS T-shirts/hoodies, and helps staff with other areas of this event.

Pie With The Principals is held during the first scheduled Parent-Teacher conference session of the school year. Parents are invited to enjoy a slice of pie and a drink with WCMS administrators. The PTO provides cups, plates, utensils, napkins and serves at this event.

Equipment / Teacher Requests are funded as often as possible by the PTO. Teachers submit written requests and costs for educational supplies or equipment which benefit WCMS students. Examples of recent purchases include 60 sets of headphones for the computer lab, a *Junior Scholastic Magazine* subscription for Government and Economics classes, 10 sets of Relational Geometric Solids and 2 high-tech TI-73 calculators for math, dry erase markers and bulk colored construction paper in a variety of colors.

First Aid Room Supplies are a funding responsibility we've taken on recently. This room is located in the school's main office and contains health supplies available to any students who need/request them. When stock runs low, we are contacted by the office staff to purchase and deliver Band-Aids, Kleenex, sanitary pads, etc. to WCMS.

VIP Student Awards are gift certificates given to a boy and girl from each team every nine weeks after report cards are issued. Each team selects their VIP students based on a student's attitudes, efforts, citizenship, solid grades, etc. – essentially all-around good students who stand out as excellent role models for their peers. The PTO pays for these awards.

Tiger Tracks is an incentive program that occurs the day that progress reports or report cards are distributed (approximately every 4.5 weeks). Students who are "on track" have earned an A, B, or C in each class; have no referrals to the office; and have no unexcused absences. Students who qualify have the chance to participate in a variety of activities such as cooking, arts and crafts, karaoke, team sports, etc. The PTO funds six Tiger Tracks sessions.

CATS Testing is required by the state of Kentucky. The PTO provides and distributes a bottle of water and a snack for each student every day of CATS testing.

Students who are NOT thirsty and NOT hungry tend to perform better on important tests.

Diffendoofer Day is an annual Spring field day for WCMS students. Weather permitting, students participate in a variety of outdoor activities on school grounds. Last year, the dunking booth (featuring teachers and the principals) and climbing wall were especially popular. Softball, corn hole, tug-of-war competitions, sidewalk chalk art, etc. promote socialization, laughter and energy releases helpful in combating Spring Fever. Students whose names are randomly drawn and announced receive prizes. PTO volunteers are essential to organizing and staffing this event. The PTO pays for equipment rentals, drink cups, and most of the prizes.

National Teacher Appreciation Week at WCMS means a week of enjoyment for faculty and staff with a different food focus each day. Parent/guardian volunteers cook or purchase food and drinks. Teachers are randomly chosen for gifts/prizes during the week. This is a wonderful way to show our hard-working teachers that we sincerely appreciate everything they do for our students. The PTO organizes this event, pays for paper products, cups, utensils and most of the prizes. Last year we also gave each teacher a set of dry-erase markers for classroom use.

8th Grade Trip Sponsorships are granted by the PTO to financially-eligible students for this 3-day trip. The trip is planned and coordinated by two 8th grade teachers and is jam-packed with educational outings and sightseeing tours. The destination has typically been Chicago because this city offers the most social studies' content-appropriate events. Our school has often received compliments on the good behavior of our students while on this trip.

*Education is the shared responsibility of ALL –
teachers, students, parents and community.*