WILLCOX UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WMS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2026

WILLCOX COWBOYS · ALL IN! · Grades 5–8

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A NOTE FOR PARENTS

Is It Bullying? Teasing, Mean Moments & Bullying

"Bullying" gets used for a lot of things kids go through. Knowing the difference helps you respond the right way, and it helps us at school, too. Not every hurtful moment is bullying, but every hurtful moment is worth talking about.

Teasing

Playful, between friends

- Both kids are laughing
- Stops when someone says "that's enough"
- Nobody is left feeling small

Rude or Mean

Hurtful, but once or twice

- An unkind comment, often said in anger
- Usually a one-time conflict
- Still not OK — a chance to teach kindness

Bullying

All three of these together

- **On purpose** — meant to hurt
- **Repeated** — keeps happening over time
- **Power imbalance** — one child can't easily make it stop

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Listen calmly and ask what happened, how often, and who was there.

Praise them for telling you. That takes courage.

Let us know. If it sounds like bullying, call the WMS office at (520) 384-8602.

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

Tue 11/3	Boys Basketball vs. Smith (home) *Girls Softball @ Smith*
Wed 11/4	Girls Softball @ Naco
Thu 11/5	**Breakfast in the Classroom** *Every Thursday through November · Boys Basketball vs. Naco (home)*
Fri 11/6	**Staff Development Day**
Mon 11/9	Girls Softball vs. St. David (home)
Tue 11/10	Boys Basketball vs. ALA (home) *Girls Softball @ ALA*
Wed 11/11	**Veterans Day** — No School
Thu 11/12	**Breakfast in the Classroom** *Boys Basketball @ St. David*
Fri 11/13	Friday School — 8:00 AM–12:00 PM
Mon 11/16	**Knowledge Bowl** Meet
Tue 11/17	**SPUR Activity** — 2:40–3:40 PM *Hot Wheels Show & Race · WMS Gym*
Wed 11/18	Girls Softball vs. Palominas (home)
Thu 11/19	**Breakfast in the Classroom** *7th Grade Field Trip: Holocaust Museum · Boys Basketball @ Palominas*
11/23–11/26	**Thanksgiving Break** — No School
Mon 11/30	**Spring Elective Forms** go home

DECEMBER

Tue 12/1	Girls Softball vs. Huachuca City (home) *Boys Basketball @ Huachuca City*
Thu 12/3	**Winter Concert** — 6:00 PM *HS Auditorium · STUCO Dance, time TBD*
Fri 12/4	**Staff Development Day**
Mon 12/7	Girls Softball Semifinals *Boys Basketball Play-in — times TBD*
Wed 12/9	Boys Basketball Playoffs *Time TBD*
Thu 12/10	Girls Softball Championship *Time TBD*
Fri 12/11	Friday School — 8:00 AM–12:00 PM
Mon 12/14	**D.A.R.E. Graduation** *5th grade*
Thu 12/17	**End of 1st Semester**
12/21–12/31	**Winter Break** — No School

JANUARY 2027

Mon 1/4	**School Resumes**
Tue 1/5	**PAC Meeting** — 5:00 PM
Thu 1/7	**Honor Roll Assembly**
Fri 1/8	Friday School — 8:00 AM–12:00 PM
Mon 1/18	**Martin Luther King Jr. Day** — No School
Fri 1/22	**Staff Development Day**
Fri 1/29	Friday School — 8:00 AM–12:00 PM

FEBRUARY 2027

Thu 2/11	**We Are Willcox Event** — 5:00–7:00 PM *HS Parking Lot · new date*

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CALLING ALL HOT WHEELS!

SPUR Activity: Hot Wheels Show & Race

Bring in all your best Hot Wheels for a race and great prizes! The upcoming Hot Wheels show will take place in the **Willcox Middle School Gym** from **2:40 to 3:40** on **Tuesday, November 17**.

You will need **8 Silver Spurs** to join the race, and tickets need to be purchased ahead of time. Ask your Cowboy how many spurs they've earned!

8 Silver Spurs to race | Tue 11/17 · 2:40–3:40 · WMS Gym

Before the Break

- **Breakfast in the Classroom**: every Thursday through November (11/5, 11/12, 11/19).
- **7th Grade Field Trip** to the Holocaust Museum: Thursday, 11/19.
- **Thanksgiving Break**: 11/23–11/26, no school.
- **Spring Elective Forms** come home **Monday, 11/30**. Help your child choose, and return the form on time.

Happy Thanksgiving! We're grateful for our WMS families.

Cowboy Corner: Student Voices

Articles written by WMS students

COWBOY ELECTIVES

Orchestra & Pre-Culinary

Orchestra

In Orchestra they have achieved a lot in their practices. They are preparing for their upcoming concert on **December 3** and will be playing 5 songs in the concert. They have put in a lot of effort and practice since the beginning of the year. The class has fun while working toward their concert. The class is loud, funny, and chaotic in their practices, and overall a fun elective!

Pre-Culinary

In Pre-Culinary, they go over many fun things to do and learn, but before you go into the kitchen there are things you need to learn, like going over the basics along with going over safety rules. Cooking can also be fun and enjoyable! Especially since the holidays are coming up, you would be able to cook holiday treats for your friends and family. In the end, Pre-Culinary is a fun elective to participate in overall, with many fun things to learn and do.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Activities

During the Red Ribbon assembly we got to learn about the dangers of vapes, cigarettes, and drugs. Students learned that doing things like what we listed can damage your mental and physical health along with your body. This was a very educational speech that the whole school got to watch and learn from.

We also learned techniques to help calm yourself down at times you feel distressed or want to try it. Overall, this assembly was very educational and an interactive time for students to have fun and also learn about real-life situations.

We would also like to thank **Cochise County** for coming and giving our school an educational speech about Red Ribbon Week.

Red Ribbon Week: Healthy choices, drug-free Cowboys!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Boo Grams

Boo Grams are a fun way to celebrate Halloween. Our student council decided to sell Boo Grams to students. Some had drinks, treats, and toys inside. A lot of students bought them, and we were able to sell a good amount. It was fun seeing everyone get excited about sending them to their friends!

By Allison Williams

7TH & 8TH GRADE

Halloween Dance

The school dance was really fun, and everyone seemed excited to be there. The gym was decorated with colorful lights and decorations, and music was playing while everyone danced and hung out with their friends. People were laughing, taking pictures, and having a good time. It was nice to get away from schoolwork for a little while and just enjoy the night with everyone. It was a Halloween dance, and people were wearing costumes, and everyone looked awesome.

By Allisson Torres

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