

M.S.A.D. #53
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REPORT
WMS

To: M.S.A.D. # 53 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
From: Kristen Gilbert
Re: Board Report for January 2012
Date: January 2012

December update:

As of January 1st, 2012: 343 (up ten since August)

- ✚ 5th grade (teacher/student ratio - 1:23)
- ✚ 6th grade (teacher/student ratio - 1:21)
- ✚ 7th grade (teacher/student ratio - 1:21)
- ✚ 8th grade (teacher/student ratio - 1:21)

December 7, 2011 WMS and MCI collaborated in their In-Service day:

Key Take Aways:

- Better understanding of the 9th grade academy – Much more closely mimics what we do at WMS.
- Both do Advisor-Advisee
- At WMS many of our students score at or above state average in science yet one science teacher feels students are not prepared for what she is teaching.
- We would like to spend time in each others' classrooms for a day so that we can better support students.

Kristen and Sherry visited Hall-Dale and GNG middle schools to learn how they each approach standards referenced / based teaching and learning. If the Commissioner sticks to his plan of all middle schools being standards based by the school-year 2013-2014, WMS would like to get out in front and model some standards based classrooms next year. We are researching creative ways to do professional development in order to prepare teachers to take this step.

WMS held its annual holiday music concert. It was very well attended. As usual, all components: band, chorus, concert band, and jazz band gave stellar performances.

Students had their holiday meal with their FISH teacher. All students who were not allowed a holiday meal due to owing too much money to the school lunch program were provided a meal through the PTO. (~ 60 students)

Mid Term for the second quarter was Dec. 14th. Progress Reports for all students went home in the Wednesday folders. Only four students were declared ineligible to participate further in sports due to grades. **WMS currently does not have a policy that holds students accountable at progress report time if they were not already failing at last quarter.*

WMS will be conducting 6th and 7th grade NWEA tests, MCAPs and Oral Reading Fluency tests during the month of January.

UPCOMING DATES:

Important Dates to Remember:

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| January | 13: | Civil Rights Dance |
| | 16: | No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. observed |
| | 27: | End of Q2 |
| | 31: | ½ Day Inservice dismissal at 12:35PM |