

Winchester School

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Dear Families,

We have had a great start to the year. There have already been so many amazing experiences happening around the school, and many more are to come.

One new initiative this year is positive office referrals. We are calling them "Paws for Applause." When staff members find students demonstrating T.I.G.E.R traits (Thoughtfulness, Integrity, Grit, Engagement, Responsibility), they may refer them to the office to be recognized. We display their names on magnetic tiger paws in the main lobby, we do a brief celebration, and the referral sheet goes home. It has been lots of fun recognizing students who are doing great things in our school!

Stay tuned to hear more about how we are building positivity and pride in our school community!

Who's New (Part 1)?

Mr. Tashjian- Assistant Principal

He has many years of experience as a middle school science teacher and as an administrator! He is making great connections with our students.

Mr. Whittle- 7th & 8th Math Teacher

He is a Hinsdale native, and has most recently been teaching at Conant High School. He brings his impressive math and computer skills to our middle school.

Mrs. Putnam- 5th grade Teacher

She actually attended Winchester School for 5th and 6th grade, and has wanted to be a teacher since then. She is thrilled to teach alongside some of her former teachers.

Upcoming Events

September 13

5:30- Nature's Classroom 7th grade parent information night

September 13

6:30- School Board Meeting in the Library

Important Announcement

Mondays will be newsletter days. Please let us know how you prefer to see them:

On the Website

In the App

Paper- sent home from school

Via e-mail at this address:

Please indicate your preference and return this section to school.

What is happening in the classrooms??

Who is up for a STEM Challenge?

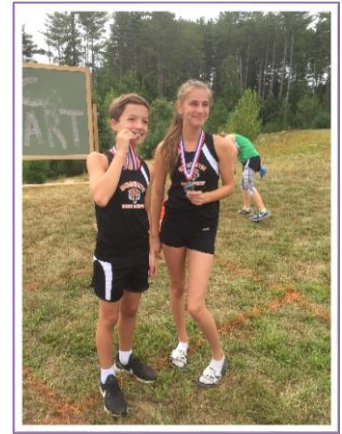
5th graders practiced working in collaborative groups to create shoe designs. They had very limited materials. The results were pretty impressive.



6th graders worked on a challenge called "Drop, Stop, Don't Pop." They worked collaboratively, with limited resources, to meet all the parameters of the challenge.



7th and 8th Graders are rotating through a STEM Challenge class during their UA block. They are working with Ms. Michaud to design and create solutions to a given problem. It has been a popular activity.



Sports Events

September 12

Soccer Game-Away KMS

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X-Country meet- Away KMS

September 14

4:00/5:15 Home Soccer Games (JRMS)

Important Announcement

At the Cross Country Meet on Saturday, runner Ian Cardinale placed 3rd overall for the boys. Runner Autumn Ladd-Parkhurst placed 10th overall for the girls. Impressive Results! Our girls' team placed 3rd in the meet! Excellent work!

You can see them run again on Wednesday, at Keene Middle School