



# DOG TALES

SEPTEMBER 2011

You should have seen 8th grade history class on September 8th for cowboy day. Students were encouraged to dress like cowboys to help them get into the time period of being a cowboy traveling down the Old Chisholm Trail.



WJHS Cheerleaders hosted a Help Heal Hunger Food Drive. Caps for a Cause - The students brought can goods for a local food pantry and got to wear a hat for the day. Thanks to our students and parents for bringing in over 9,000 items!

## 8th Grade News

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Teams and students have dived into the new school year with a positive outlook. All classes are in full swing! In Language classes, the students have written the first chapter of their Memory Book. This is a yearlong project, which will contain reflection pieces and a look into the future. Students in Science are selecting science fair projects and will begin the review of literature soon. This assignment will require students to complete research in the computer lab. The Outsiders has captivated the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Consider picking up a copy and read along. Diligent Math students are tackling integers, order of operations, and graphing. In order to find success with these classes, a homework incentive began August 26 and will continue until September 16.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

We strongly encourage open communication with our community. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Junior High Office: 939-3457  
Visit: <http://www.wcusd5.net>  
for:

- \*Team Homework
- \*WJHS information
- \*District Email Addresses



# Mark Your Calendars



Flu Clinic.....	September 30
6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Chorus Concert.....	October 4
Teacher Inservice (No School)/WHS Homecoming Parade .....	October 7
Columbus Day (No School).....	October 10
Book Fair.....	October 12-20
End of 1st Quarter.....	October 14
Report Cards Mailed Home.....	October 21
First Dance.....	October 21
Parent Teacher Conferences.....	October 27 & 28

## 7th Grade News

7th Grade students are off to a wonderful start. They seem to have picked up right where they left off just two short months ago. Team t-shirt order forms were sent home with your student and we are anxiously awaiting them. We hope to see LOTS of 7<sup>th</sup> graders supporting their team! BIG plans for the 7<sup>th</sup> graders are underway. Teachers have already started planning for the annual field trip to the Fabulous Fox Theater to see *A Christmas Carol*. Look for more information to follow in a few months. Early December is the target date for this trip.

More new math for the 7<sup>th</sup> graders this year! Mrs. Hensiek and Mrs. Moore have been working hard on the new 7<sup>th</sup> grade math curriculum. Parents have access to the math textbook by using the website [www.ucsmppmath.com](http://www.ucsmppmath.com). The login code that you can use is EE63B3C2. The math teachers are very excited that this is available to you at home. With this tool, you will be able to see what your students are learning in math and even see examples worked out step by step. What an amazing resource! Team Lightning and Team Thunder teachers are super excited to work with your children this year!

## 1st Day In 6th Grade

The sixth graders began their first day in the gymnasium where they met their advisory/study hall teacher. The students then headed to their 9th hour classes. They received their schedules, agendas, and supplies. The students stayed with their 9th hour teachers to get organized, go over the school rules and procedures, and to practice their locker combinations. Each 9th hour class took a tour of the building and grounds. In the afternoon, the students followed a modified mini-schedule to meet each of their core teachers.

Although making the transition from the elementary school to the middle school is sometimes not an easy process for some, most students are doing very well. Many seem to enjoy the change in learning environments and having a little bit more freedom to get from place to place.



Thank you for your support with our Box Tops Fundraising Effort. Our Goal For This Year is 40,000 Box Tops. So far, we have collected 10,330! The following students have already turned in 200 or more Box Tops: Lauren McVey, Madison Richards, Sydney Bockhorn, Anastazia Jany, Kaitlyn Menke, Kylee Hamann, Kyle Kneffelkamp, Jessica Wilson, Jacob Mueth, Sydney Ratz, Ian Brinkmann, Alyssa Busche, and Kyleen May.

### FYI...

Please note the letter that is included that discusses Skyward Family Access.

Basketball Try-Outs will be held during the first week or two of October. Please check out our daily announcements which are posted on our website for more details. The address is [www.wcusd5.net](http://www.wcusd5.net).