

# WMS APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

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## Did You Know....

You can sign up for Homework Buddies. This is a daily homework email. Simply email your child's teacher to get started.

## PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

*Monthly PBIS Events*

*WMS Title I Meeting*

*PTO Meeting - Monthly*

*Parent Nights*

*School Board Meetings - Monthly*

*Parent / Teacher Conferences - Fall / Spring*

*Field Trips*

*Career Day*

*Music / Band Concerts*

*Award Assemblies*

## Signed up for E-notes???

E-notes is Westside's new form of communication via text messaging for important dates, reminders and inclement weather announcements. Go to the school website at [www.westsideschools.org](http://www.westsideschools.org) to sign-up.

Remember to check [westsideschools.org](http://www.westsideschools.org) for news, announcements, and other important dates.



## Important Dates

April 1: PTO meeting in the library at 6:00

April 5: Special Olympics Track and Field

April 15 - 18: WMS ACT Aspire Testing

April 19: NO SCHOOL

April 23: 7th Grade Field Trip to the Memphis Zoo

April 26: Career Day & PBIS Event Day

April 30: WMS Choir Concert at 6:30 in the FAC

## Testing Tips for Parents

1. Make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before the test.
2. On the morning of the test, your child needs to get up in plenty of time so he/she won't feel rushed.
3. Feed your child a good breakfast. Research shows that children do better on test if they have had a good breakfast.
4. Do as much as you can to make your child feel comfortable. Try not to say things to make him/her feel more nervous.
5. Attends school on the day of the test
6. Does not have any out-of-school appointments on the day of a test.
7. Knows that you think he/she will do well on the tests.
8. Knows you understand that the test is important.
9. Take an active role in your child's education throughout the school year. Let your child know you are interested in his/her learning by taking part in the entire process.
10. Find out all you can about the test. Ask questions of the teacher and/or counselor. The more you and your child know about the test, the better prepared your child will be.
11. When the scores are sent to you, talk to your child's teacher and/or counselor. This will help you to understand them more clearly.
12. Give your child praise even if he or she didn't do well on the test

## Testing Tips for Students

1. Make sure you understand all the directions given.
2. Be sure you know what you are supposed to do before answering a question.
3. Read each question several times, carefully, before answering.

*2018 - 2019 Parent and Family Engagement Plans for the District, WES, WMS, & WHS are posted on the school's website. If you would like a hard copy, please contact your child's office.*