



# Westfield Intermediate

## March 2021

### Newsletter

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## Return to In Person Learning

On Friday, March 5, 2021, the State Board of Education granted the Massachusetts Commissioner of Education the authority to determine when hybrid and remote models no longer count toward meeting the required learning hours. The Commissioner has indicated that beginning on April 5, 2021, hybrid and asynchronous models will no longer count toward the time on learning requirements for grades K-5. Families will still have the option to choose fully remote learning for the remainder of the 20/21 school year. Grade six students will phase in on April 28, 2021.

Westfield Intermediate School will prioritize five day in-person learning for students and plan to phase out the hybrid model in the coming weeks.

In order to accomplish in-person learning for students we need definitive commitment from parents/guardians about their child's learning mode for the remainder of the school year so we can plan for class size, transportation, etc.

**Please visit the school website (or use this link) by the end of the day March 16, 2021 to complete one enrollment survey per student:**

**[WIS Enrollment Selection March 2021](#)**

The schools will open five days in-person under the following conditions:

- The WPS Hybrid Learning Plan will be replaced by a return to in-person learning five days per week. The hybrid option will no longer be available.
- Social distancing requirements will match DESE recommended (3 feet minimum which is different from our current 6 feet).
- Masks will still be required.

- DESE recommended cleaning protocols will continue.
- New DESE Transportation Guidelines will be followed. These new guidelines lift capacity limitations and physical distancing requirements for students on school buses.
- Students will still be 6 feet apart and facing the same direction during mask breaks and lunch

NOTE: The transition back to in-person learning may result in scheduling adjustments which could mean changes in teachers and teaching assignments.

**Westfield Public Schools Full remote option will still be available for the remainder of the 20/21 school year.**

Please contact Mrs. Bourque at 572-6441 if you have any questions about learning modes or schedules at Westfield Intermediate School.

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## Library News

April is Poetry Month! Celebrate by entering a poem in the WIS Library Poetry Contest! Entries will be accepted between April 1st and April 30th. Look for the guidelines and entry form on the Library website. All poems will be included in a digital compilation that will be shared with the school. Winners will receive a library prize pack."

Check out Mrs. Preye's March Newsletter for more Library information here: [Library News - March 2021](#)

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## Trimester Two Report Cards

Trimester Two report cards can be accessed through PowerSchool starting on March 24. A hard copy will be sent home with hybrid students and mailed to remote students. If you need assistance logging into the parent portal, please call the main office at 572-6441.

Students who had PE or Music in term 2 should return PE equipment and drumming noodles to the school by March 19. Parents of remote learners who are scheduled for PE and /or Music in term 3 should plan to pick up PE equipment and drumming noodles the

week of March 22-26. Any remote students who still do not have a math workbook or math manipulative box should pick them up in the office.

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## Picture Day

We have rescheduled our Picture Day for April 8th and 15th. April 8th will be for grade five students and grade six students in cohort A. April 15 will be for grade six students in cohort B.

Picture packages can be purchased online by visiting [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) and enter the ID; **EVT7T8MRT**

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## Recess Fundraiser through Donors Choose

Our students need more opportunities to be physically active and engage with one another during social play. Recess is the perfect time to provide them with materials that support their growing social emotional skills. With social distancing rules, creating these fun activities through a dance station, bubble machine and enough sidewalk chalk to rotate through is key to getting them moving and making connections. These are critical skills and we hope YOU can help support our 5th and 6th grade kids in socialization and embracing their peers.

Mrs. Tudryn has set up a Donors Choose project and all donations are matched. The entire project cost is about \$775.00. If we raise about \$390 through donations, our project will be matched and fully funded! Please click on the link below to read more about the project and donate!

[Dancing, Drawing & Making Friends at Recess](#)

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# PTO

## Scrip Gift Card Program

WIS families may now participate in the Scrip Gift Card Program to earn money for our school. Most Scrip gift card orders these days are done electronically which offer a downloadable gift card directly to your computer or smartphone or you can purchase and receive a "physical" gift card like you would receive if purchased at the store. The choice is yours. To do so, click on the tab that says "physical card" when making your purchase from the Scrip website. If you are new to Scrip, the information that you will need to get started is outlined on the website <https://www.shopwithscrip.com>.

Our Enrollment Code is: 471A765225326

## Amazon Smile

It is easier than ever to support the intermediate school. Just simply follow the instructions below to set up amazon smile with Westfield Intermediate as your charity and then shop as usual 😊

1. Click on the link: [Amazon Smile](#)
2. Sign into your Amazon account or create an account
3. Find WIS PTO: Westfield Intermediate School PTO Location: Westfield, MA
4. Start shopping!

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## General Reminders

- Charge your chromebook each night
- Bring a water bottle to school as our water fountains are not accessible
- Dress in layers
- Wear a coat
- Label all personal items with your child's full name

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## Dates to Remember

March 12 - No School

March 18 - Last day of Trimester 2

March 19 - First day of Trimester 3

April 2 - No School

April 5 - Grade 5 students phase back to school everyday

April 8 - Picture Day - Grade 5 and Grade 6 Cohort A

April 15 - Picture Day - Grade 6 Cohort B

April 19-23 - No School

April 28 - Grade 6 students phase back to school everyday

May 31 - No School