



# Westfield Intermediate February 2019 Newsletter

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## MCAS

Our Spring 2019 MCAS dates are:

April	
2	Grade 6 ELA Session 1
3	Grade 6 ELA Session 2
9	Grade 5 ELA Session 1
10	Grade 5 ELA Session 2
May	
1	Grade 5 Math Session 1
2	Grade 5 Math Session 2
7	Grade 6 Math Session 1
8	Grade 6 Math Session 2
13	Grade 5 Science Session 1
14	Grade 5 Science Session 2

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## March Madness

Our March Madness event will be held on Thursday, March 28th from 6 PM - 7:30 PM. We will have a DJ in the cafeteria, free throw contest in the gym, and movie in the auditorium. The Builders Club will be holding a fundraiser for St. Baldrick's Cancer Research. Tickets will be available at all lunches starting on Tuesday, March 12th. The cost of tickets is \$5 or 10 Polar Points.

During the month of March we incorporate college awareness connected to the Final Four basketball tournament. Once the teams and bracket are announced, homerooms will be assigned a school. They will research aspects of the school including, but not limited to: location, cost, course of study offered, enrollment etc. We will also have a decoration contest where each homeroom will designate a space to decorate, show support, and list facts about their college/university. We will have a poster size tournament bracket hanging in the cafeteria where we will keep track of the basketball tournament as well.

Also happening in March, WIS will be emphasizing school attendance by holding a friendly, basketball-themed Attendance Rate competition. Each day that a neighborhood/team has an attendance rate of greater than 95% will get them closer to scoring a basket and earning a reward. Once the neighborhood/team has 15 days of a 95% or better attendance rate, they will earn an extra 20 minute recess. Please help us have a great attendance rate at WIS.

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## PBIS

This year students took an interest survey for our PBIS program. One of the top incentives they wanted to earn was a fancy lunch. We have scheduled dates in March and April for students to participate in a fancy lunch. We will have a reservation book in guidance, a “fancy” table set up near the cafeteria with a tablecloth, and Mrs. Bourque will serve as the waitress. Students can exchange 10 Polar Points in guidance to reserve a spot at the fancy lunch. Each lunch is limited to six reservations.

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## Book Fair

The Westfield Intermediate School Library will be holding a spring book fair from March 11-15 during school hours. Students will receive a flyer from their teachers in the next week.

**New for this year is the Book Fair eWallet!** Let your child shop the Fair cash-free with our NEW digital payment option. Learn more on our Book Fair homepage and get started creating an account. Check out our book fair website to create an eWallet account, preview the fair, or purchase online. The website for the bookfair is <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/WIS19>

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## PTO Updates/Reminders

Remember to register for a FUN night out Paint/Sip at the Elks on 3/7. See flyer for information to register. You can bring your own snacks! To reserve your seats call (413) 205-8346 or go to [berkshirepaintandsip.com](http://berkshirepaintandsip.com)

**PAINT & SIP – THU 3/7, 6PM**

**TO BENEFIT THE WESTFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PTO \$35**

Learn to paint this beautiful image of “Beach Welcome Sign” on an authentic slate roof tile. Various sizes available. All painting materials, instruction and donation included. Doors open at 5pm, painting starts at 6 pm. CASH BAR and Bake Sale.  
**At the Elks Lodge, 56 Franklin St, Westfield, MA**

Art instruction by  
Michelle Iglesias, Berkshire  
Paint & Sip

Michelle will instruct you step by step through an original piece of art. At the end of the night you'll take home a one-of-a-kind painting and hopefully a new found talent has emerged.

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Girl's Night Out  
Date Nights  
Mum Daughter Day  
Reunions

Birthday  
Anniversaries  
Baby Shower  
Fundraisers

Bachelorette Parties  
Bride Showers  
Family Day  
Team Building

Berkshire  
Paint  
& Sip

Raffle Basket donations will continue until March 1, please consider donating items (see flyer attached to email). Thank you to those who have already donated!! Tickets for the raffle basket will be sold at the Chorus and Band concerts 3/12 and 3/14. The drawing will occur on 3/15.

H & R Block with donate \$20.00 to our school if filing taxes with them so remember to mention/present flyer (see below).

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WESTFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PTO



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School Store will be coming soon for spirit wear t-shirts, sweatshirts and other apparel.

Next PTO meeting is 3/21 at 6 PM in the library. Childcare will be provided. We will finalize spirit wear, and discuss upcoming fundraisers such as Coins for Kids, Mixed bag designs. Come joins us!

Questions/ concerns email : [ptoofwis@gmail.com](mailto:ptoofwis@gmail.com)

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## Dates to Remember

February 27 - FULL day of school for Intermediate School students

March 11-15 Spring Book Fair

March 12 - Music In Our Schools Chorus Concert

March 14 - Music In Our Schools Band Concert

March 25-29 Spirit Week

March 28 - Builders Club March Madness Event

March 29 - Early Release Staff Development - students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM

April 15-19 School Vacation

May 28 - Spring Band Concert

May 30 - Spring Chorus Concert