



Notes from the Principal

Dear Weaver Families,

Thank you for another great week at WMS! It is hard to believe we have turned the page to November. We are proud of the learning taking place at 4600 Avery Road.

Thank you to our PTO for a wonderful social on Friday! We had 300+ students at Weaver - it was a great night for our Wildcats! If you are interested in supporting our PTO - please consider donating to our [Give Now Campaign](#). This money goes directly to our students and staff at WMS! Last time we posted this on the wire, we had incredibly generous donors and ended up \$1,000 in donations overnight! Wow. We are so thankful for our Wildcat community - any amount helps!

As a reminder, there will be no school on Tuesday, November 7. Our staff will be continuing their learning with professional development.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything we can do to help support your student at Weaver.

Thank you for all you do for WMS! Go Cats!

Katherine Hueter
Principal

Attendance Tips

As you know, we have placed a heavy emphasis on developing good attendance habits in students this year. However, as we head into the cold and flu season, it is a good opportunity to clarify what our intent is and, perhaps more importantly, what it is not. Our intent is to start a conversation in every home about the importance of regular school attendance. Our intent is NOT to push every child to have perfect attendance nor is it to ask parents to send their child to school sick.

None of our guidance regarding when a student should stay home because of illness has changed this year. We know that an ill child will not perform well and may expose other students in the classroom. Please continue to use the following guidelines and keep your child at home if any of these symptoms are present:

- fever of 100 degrees or greater (before medication)
- an undiagnosed rash
- an earache or draining ear
- diarrhea or vomiting
- severe sore throat
- persistent or severe cough

If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or greater, they must be fever free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school. A child also needs to be free of diarrhea and vomiting for 24 hours to return to school.

Thank you for your continued partnership with our district.

You are invited to the Holiday Art Workshop!

At the [Holiday Art Workshop](#) students will create 2 homemade gifts for the holidays, plus a handmade ornament. Ms. Schmidt will lead a step-by-step canvas painting and Mrs. Murlin will demonstrate how to make a ceramic tree candle holder. We will have snacks and holiday music during the workshop.

The workshop will take place in room 144 and 145 over two days, December 6th and 13th from 2:45-5:45pm. The cost of the workshop is \$40 and can be paid on [mypaymentsplus.com](#). Once paid on [mypaymentsplus.com](#), students are automatically registered for the class. Any student at Weaver can register for the workshop. They do not have to be in art class.

Grab your friends and signup before it sells out! Class space is limited and on a first come, first serve basis.



Performing Arts

WMS Music Program Spirit Wear

Support the Weaver Music programs by purchasing spirit wear! Great holiday gift ideas for your student...and those parents and grandparents cheering them on! Last day to order is November 6th and items will be delivered at your program's December concert.

Band: https://jupiter.areswear.com/store/?storeName=Weaver_Band_Spiritwear_Store_2023

Choir: https://jupiter.areswear.com/store/?storeName=Weaver_MS_Choir_Store_2023

Orchestra: https://jupiter.areswear.com/store/?storeName=Weaver_MS_Orchestra_Store_2023



Daily Announcements

Weaver Ski & Board Club

The Weaver Ski & Board Club is now working on gathering its members! About 50 seats remain on the busses. Full details of the club are available here:

<https://rebrand.ly/wmssbc2024>. No experience is necessary! Come learn to ski or snowboard in a 6 week program starting in early January. See Mr. Banyots David_Banyots@hboe.org with questions.

Attention all 7th grade students!

The 8th grade just got back from a great trip to Washington DC which means that your DC trip is next! We will start planning in the Spring for your October 2024 trip. This year's trip cost was \$785. The cost of next year's trip will be the same or slightly higher. This is a large amount. However, if you start saving \$65 per month now, you will have the \$785 by next year's 8th grade trip in October. Please contact Mrs. Schultz or Miss Emmons with any questions.

Order the 2023-2024 Weaver Middle School Yearbook

Now through December 29th, you can get your WMS yearbook for just \$43! Click the link below to place your order today! Go cats!

[WMS 23-24 Yearbook Order](#)

General School Reminders:

- As a reminder, all visitors to the school (during the school day) need to report to the main office. We appreciate your support in our commitment to safety.
- With it getting darker in the mornings, please make sure to be extra aware of our students who are walkers/bike riders at WMS. In addition, we are asking students to be aware walking through our parking lots. Thank you for supporting our commitment to safety!
- For continued safety in the car line, please stay in your lane when picking up your child – do not pass any cars in front of you. There are too many vehicles in motion, as well as students walking, and we do not want any unsafe situations.

- Just a reminder that students are permitted to have phones at school, however, they are not to be used during class time. Students are able to use them during their lunch period. Thank you for helping us to reinforce the expectations.
- At this time, we will not be allowing extra students on the bus. Only students assigned to the bus may ride.
- Students are not permitted to get food deliveries from any restaurant or delivery service (Grub Hub, Door Dash, etc.) during their lunch periods. Parents are permitted to drop off lunches for students in the main office.
- If students bring blankets to school, they need to be stored in their locker or in their bookbag. In general, extra layers are encouraged instead of the blankets. This can become a safety hazard as students are walking around desks and could potentially trip on the blanket.



Athletics

Weaver Winter Sports Information

Please visit our [Athletic Website](#) for information about Weaver sports,

Tickets for the 2023-2024 season will be sold and distributed in an electronic format. You can purchase a ticket from our box office by visiting our athletic website and clicking “Get Tickets.”



Important Dates

Dates to Remember:

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| Tuesday, November 7 | No School – Professional Learning Waiver Day |
| Wed-Fri, Nov. 22 – 24 | No School – Thanksgiving break |
| December 20 - January 2 | No School – Winter Break |
| Wednesday, January 3 | Students return from winter break |
| Monday, January 15 | No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day |



District News

Embrace, Empower, Inspire Award Winners

Congratulations to these Embrace, Empower & Inspire Award winners: Betsy Long (Elementary Teacher Leader), Jackie Noland (Elementary Teacher Leader), Nikole Abate (Secondary Teacher Leader), and Linda Sowers (Bus Driver). These staff members go above and beyond the expectations of the Hilliard Way and truly make a difference in our district. You can read more about this month's winners or nominate someone for next month's award by [clicking here](#).

Hilliard Veterans Day Parade

The Hilliard Veteran's Day Parade hosted and organized by the American Legion will take place this Sunday, November 5, stepping off at 2 p.m. from the Franklin County Fairgrounds. There will be road closures around 1:45 p.m. and then open up as the parade passes the various points. There will also be limited access to the HUB, Station 6th Grade School, and Heritage Middle School during this time. Everyone is invited to attend.

Parent Voice in Curriculum

The Hilliard City School District's Curriculum Department is in the midst of a multi-year curriculum revision cycle for several content areas. An important part of this process is seeking input from our parents on what is important to them in each content area. The next content area that a district committee will revise is 6-12 Mathematics. If you are interested in providing feedback in regard to your child's Math curriculum, please click [this link](#) and respond to a brief, two-question survey. Thank you for your consideration.

Hollyfest Returns

The 40th Annual Hollyfest Arts & Crafts Show will take place at Hilliard Davidson HS on Saturday, December 2, from 9-3. There will be 120 vendors with only handmade items for you to purchase. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for seniors and students. A portion of this event goes to the scholarships that are awarded to graduates from all three high schools, totaling \$31,000 annually.

Senior Reading Program Seeks Volunteers

The City of Hilliard Senior Center and Hilliard City School District are on the lookout for dedicated volunteers to join the Back to School Volunteer Program. Launching for the first time this fall, the Back to School Volunteer Program pairs local seniors with elementary school students to share the joys of reading and create meaningful connections. The program is expected to improve literacy rates, create bonds that transcend generations, and provide meaningful volunteer opportunities to those ages 55 and up. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up.



Helpful Links & Resources

[Stay Connected with HCSD / Weaver](#)

Please continue to visit our district website regularly for the most up-to-date school information: <https://www.hilliardschools.org>.

- **Current athletic information** can be found online on the athletic website: <https://www.hilliardschools.org/davidsonwildcats/>.
- **Update Contact Information through parent Home Access** – please update as changes occur during the school year. All address changes must go through the HCSD Welcome Center, <https://www.hilliardschools.org/updating-your-address/>
- **To keep up with activities and events at Weaver**, please check our [Activity Calendar](#). In addition, the weekly [announcements](#) as well as the weekly **Weaver Wire** will be posted on the Weaver [website](#). Follow Weaver Twitter feed at [@wmcats](#), on Instagram: [weavermcats](#) and like us on [Facebook](#).
- **Hilliard City School District** — Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HilliardSchools or follow the district Twitter feed at www.twitter.com/HilliardSchools

Visit the [Flyers Connections Page](#) to find information on a variety of community resources