

Notes from the Principal

Dear Weaver Families,

As we highlighted last week, we are proud to share that WMS was recognized with the "Momentum Award" from the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce. This recognition is for schools who had significant improvement in growth and achievement on the Ohio School Report Card. We are proud of the commitment of our students, staff, and Wildcat community. Together, we are creating a positive learning environment where our students are ready to learn, grow, and achieve. We are proud of the hard work taking place at 4600 Avery Road!

Thank you to our members of the PTO and student helpers who helped clean the courtyard last week. Wow! They did an excellent job cleaning up the space for the future project. Our PTO is working hard to create a memorable space at WMS. We are thankful for our partnership with the Wildcat community!

For 7th grade students interested in the Washington DC trip for the 24-25 school year, the dates for this trip are October 14-17. The deposit is due TODAY (April 19). Please see the information below for more details.

Next week, our students will be taking the Math portion of the Ohio State Tests. Our students have been working hard to "show what they know." We are looking forward to our students finishing strong!

It was great seeing a lot of our Wildcats in action at WMS this week. Best of luck to our student-athletes who are competing this weekend!

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

Katherine Hueter Principal

Next School Year's 8th Grade DC Trip Deposit Due Today!

Our current 7th graders will have the opportunity to attend next year's 8th Grade Washington, DC Trip from **October 14-17**, **2024**. The three Hilliard Middle Schools will be traveling during the same timeframe.

The three middle schools held a combined webinar to provide information about the trip. A representative from our partner tour company, Prodigy Tours, shared information. Webinar video here.

A non-refundable deposit of \$135 per student is due to Prodigy Student Travel TODAY, Friday, April 19, 2024.

Please see the links below and visit the <u>Washington</u>, <u>DC Trip webpage on our Weaver Website</u> for the most up-to-date information.

Our Washington DC Coordinators are Meghan Schultz (<u>Meghan Schultz@hboe.org</u>) and Cathy Emmons (<u>Cathleen Emmons@hboe.org</u>). They are a great resource for any questions!

<u>Weaver MS – GDC Parent Letter 2024</u> <u>Weaver MS – GDC Trip Itinerary 2024</u> Weaver MS – GDC Trip Passcode 2024

Spirit Night

Grab some pizza for dinner and support the Hilliard Weaver Band!

Grandad's Pizza (4093 Trueman Blvd) Tuesday, April 23rd @ 4-10pm Dine In, Carry Out or Delivery Click here to view flyer ** Must mention Hilliard Weaver Band Spirit Night!

Order Your 23-24 Weaver Yearbook by April 27!

The final deadline to order your 2023-2024 Weaver Yearbook is drawing near! April 27th is the last day to order your yearbook – the price is \$47 each. Make sure to reserve you copy before it's too late! Click the link below to place your order, Go cats!

WMS 23-24 Yearbook Order

Author Visit

On Monday, May 13, Columbus author Elisa Stone Leahy will be at Weaver talking to Language Arts classes about the author's journey. Elisa wrote <u>Tethered to Other</u> <u>Stars</u>, which was one of <u>Kirkus's Best Books of 2023 for Middle Grade</u>. If you would like more information about the author, please see Mrs. Fout in the Media Center. If students would like to purchase the book, Cover to Cover is offering a <u>special sale</u> that benefits the Weaver Media Center. Please contact Mrs. Fout for more information.

State Testing Information

Weaver Middle School will be administering State Testing on the dates listed below. Please note that we will be on an <u>adjusted schedule</u> these days. <u>Click here</u> to review important AIR testing information for students. <u>You can learn more about these Ohio State Tests by following this link.</u>

Wednesday, April 24th - Math Part 1 (7th and 8th grade)

Thursday, April 25th - Math Part 2 (7th and 8th grade)

Testing will take place from 7:55 - 10:13 am on these days and students will follow an adjusted bell schedule once testing is complete each day. Please make sure that your child is well rested, has a good breakfast and arrives to school on-time. Students should also make sure their iPads are completely charged when they arrive at school on testing days.

If possible, please try to avoid scheduling any appointments or other planned absences on these testing dates. Students who are absent will make up the tests on a later date.



Courtyard Clean-up

THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who helped with the Courtyard Clean-up this week!! Our April 30th Clean-up Meeting has been changed to a Design and Planning Meeting. If you have experience with landscaping or love to plan a garden layout/design, please join us at WMS (time to be announced next week).

PTO Meeting

Our last PTO meeting of the school year will be on Monday, May 6th at 6:00 pm at WMS. We will be voting for next year's PTO Officers.

Teacher Appreciation Week

PTO has some fun things planned for our teachers and staff for Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10) and we need your help stocking the Teacher's Lounge with snacks and drinks! Donations can be dropped off in the WMS Main Office, a porch drop off, or shipped directly to the school. Drop off details and donation items can be found at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080848ADA729A3F94-49178043-teacher#/.

Perennials 4 Pollinators Fundraiser

Help pollinators and support WMS PTO at the same time! WMS PTO and Riverside Native Perennials are working together to bring 100+ perennial species to your home landscape! When checking out use promo code "WMS" and select "fundraisers only" for delivery. There are 100+ species available and come in 1.5 pt containers for \$8-\$12 each. https://riversidenativeperennials.com/shop/. Fundraiser pick-up will be on Thursday, May 16th.

Spring Social

Mark your calendars for our Spring Social on Friday, May 3rd from 5:00-7:00 pm! The students have spoken and we will be having a Neon-themed social! Wristbands will be sold during lunch on the day of the event and at the door that evening. The \$5 wristband includes admission, pizza, chips, cookies, and bottled water. More details to come next week (including a volunteer sign-up). This event is for current WMS students only.

1st Place Spirit Wear Sale

All shorts are \$10 OFF this week! Supplies are limited, so act fast! Shop: https://istplace.sale/73953

2024-2025 Davidson PTO

We are currently accepting Davidson PTO officer and committee chair nominations until **April 26**, **2024**. All nominations will be compiled and voting will occur at the

May 13, 2024 PTO meeting in the Davidson High School Teacher's Lounge at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend. The teachers, staff, and students thank you for your support.

Officers: Secretary, Co-Treasurer

Chairs: ISPTO, Spirit Wear, Social Media

If you would like to be considered for any of these positions or have any questions, please email hdvpto@gmail.com.

PTO information is available from several sources

Facebook: Hilliard Davidson High School PTO

Twitter: @PTODavidson

Website: Davidson PTO Parent Tab



8th Grade Class Panoramic Photo

Save the date for our upcoming 8th Grade Panoramic Class Portrait scheduled to be taken on Friday, May 3rd at about 12pm.

Just prior to the event, you will be receiving the actual "Order Envelope" sent home with your student. Use it to place your order (with payment) and have your student bring it to the photographer on picture day for "Picture Day Only" specials!

General School Reminders:

- To sign out your student early for an appointment or early dismissal, you will need to scan your Driver's License or state-issued ID using our School Safe ID Visitor system, so please plan to bring your ID into the office with you when you arrive. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we implement this important safety measure.
- 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.
- 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 <u>not</u> be allowing extra students on the bus. Only students assigned to the bus may ride.
- Students are <u>not</u> 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.
- <u>Click here</u> for information on Mental Health Crisis Helplines translated into several different languages.
- There are many ways for students to get involved at Weaver, including clubs & activities. <u>Check our website</u> for more information!



Important Dates

Dates to Remember:

Friday, April 19

Tuesday, April 23, 4-10 pm

Wednesday, April 24

Thursday, April 25

Friday, April 26

Friday, May 3, 11:45 am

Friday, May 3, 5-7 pm

Friday, May 10

Monday, May 27

Friday, May 31

Next Year's 8th Grade DC Trip Deposit Due

Band Spirit Night @ Grandad's Pizza

State Testing: Math Part 1 (7th & 8th grade)

State Testing: Math Part 2 (7th & 8th grade)

Kona Ice during student lunches

8th Grade Panoramic Class Photo

WMS Spring Social

Kona Ice during student lunches

No School – Memorial Day

Last day of school/End of 4th Grading Period



District News

Three Hilliard Schools Win State Award for Academics

Congratulations to both Weaver and Heritage Middle Schools and Crossing Elementary for achieving the Momentum Award for results on the 2022-2023 report card! The Momentum Award is for a school who has improved their performance index by 3 or more points from the 2021-2022 report card to the 2022-2023 report AND received a value-added rating of 4 or more stars. You can <u>click here</u> to read more.

Save the Date: Innovation Showcase

Join us for an exciting Innovation Showcase, hosted by Hilliard City Schools and the City of Hilliard on May 14th from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the Hub. Discover the latest innovations from our students, community members, and local innovative companies as we showcase groundbreaking projects and creative solutions! Save the date now, and stay tuned for more exciting details!

Career, College and Military Expo

Attention Juniors and Seniors! Exciting opportunities await at the upcoming Career, College and Military Expo! Whether you're seeking full-time employment, internships, part-time jobs, or exploring military and college options, this is your chance to connect with over 50 organizations. Get ready to plan your future!

- 1. Bradley High School: April 30th (9:30AM-12:30PM)
- 2. Darby High School: May 1st (9:30AM-12:30PM)
- 3. Davidson High School: May 2nd (9:30AM-12:30PM)

Don't miss this valuable event! Mark your calendars and prepare to take the next step toward your goals.

Hilliard Schools Summer Enrichment Registration Open

Hilliard City Schools will offer summer exploration and enrichment workshops for students in kindergarten through eighth grade, and online high school credit classes. All offerings will be based on the availability of staffing. Registration is based on the students' current 2023-2024 grade level. Should our student registration exceed our available staff, we will let parents know by May 10th.

Click here to register.

Child Find

Hilliard Schools is responsible for locating any child birth through 21 with a suspected disability who resides within the Hilliard School District. The school district provides special education services to any child who qualifies as having a disability according to the Individuals with Disabilities Education

Improvement Act (IDEIA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act ages 3 through 21 years of age. If you know of a child who is suspected to have a disability, please call Jamie Lennox, Director of Special Education, at 614-921-7000 or contact your building principal for more information.

Detección de Niños

Las Escuelas de Hilliard son responsables de localizar a cualquier niño desde su nacimiento hasta los 21 años de edad que se sospeche discapacitado y él cual resida dentro de los limites del Distrito Escolar de Hilliard. El Distrito Escolar proporciona servicios de Educación Especial a cualquier niño que califique como tal, de acuerdo con la Ley del Mejoramiento Educativo pará los Individuos con Discapacidades (IDEIA de acuerdo con sus siglas en ingles) o la Sección 504 de la Ley Rehabilitación para las edades comprendidas entre los 3 hasta los 21 años de edad. Si Usted conoce a algún niño con discapacidades o tiene la sospecha de que sufre de alguna, por favor comuníquese con la Señora Jamie Lennox, Directora de Educación Especial, al teléfono 614-921-7000 o contáctese con el Director de la Escuela correspondiente a su área para mas información.



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/.
- <u>Update Contact Information through parent Home Access</u> 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 @wmscats, on Instagram: weavermscats 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 <u>Flyers Connections Page</u> to find information on a variety of community resources.