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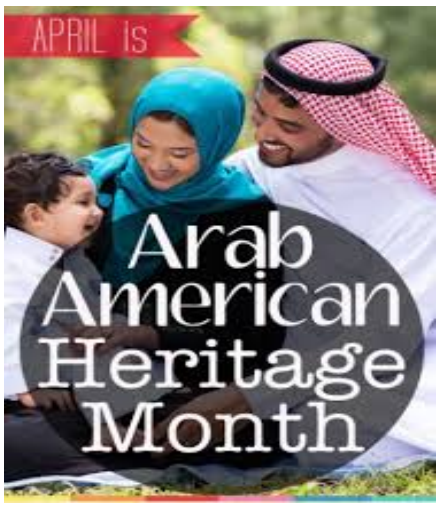

April is Arab Americans **Heritage Month**. During the month of April, the Arab America Foundation formally recognizes the achievements of Arab Americans through the celebration of National Arab American Heritage Month (NAAHM).

Learn More Here
https://arabamericafoundation.org/national-arab-american-heritage-month/

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SUPERINTENDENT THOMAS SCARICE

Save the Date
May 2, 2023
GENERAL PTA MEETING

Please attend our CMS General PTA Meeting on May 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

WPS Superintendent Thomas Scarice will be joining the PTA and answering parent questions.

We hope you are able to make this special event.

CMS Webpage

https://cms.westportps.org/

Parents and students are encouraged to check out the CMS Webpage. It's a great place to find information.

School Hours

Students 8:30-3:15
Office 7:30-4:00

Students may enter the building at 8:00 a.m.

Reminder to charge **Chromebooks** each night and keep the protective cover on the device. Also, students are expected to follow the Acceptable Use Guidelines.

Acceptable Use Policy& Email Guidelines

At the start of school, on CTV, we reviewed the Acceptable Use Agreement and Email Guidelines with the students. We connected these expectations to the WPS Guiding Principles. Below find a brief description of each policy and links to our BOE policies for both.See the link to the right for more information.

With Springtime and Spring Fever sneaking in we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you and your children of the expectations for devices in and out of school in order to keep everyone safe and happy.

Please review these policies and discuss them with your children. Contact us if you have any questions regarding this information.

Please check out the tips for parents/students at the end of this newsletter.

Visit The District Webpage to view the Policies

https://www.westportps.org/uploaded/site_files/www/hidden/Final_Acceptable_Use_15-16_MS-HS_updated_2.12.2016.pdf

https://www.westportps.org/uploaded/site_files/www/hidden/Email_Guideline_for_Student_personal_accounts_2020.pdf

CONGRATULATIONS SCI-OLY TEAM

Special Thanks to
Ms. Nixon & Ms. Cooper
for
Supporting Our Team

CMS. Science Olympiad Team recently Competed in the State Competition in Coventry. Fourteen teams competed. CMS took home the following medals:

Solar System, 1st Place: Jonah and James

Green Generation, 2nd Place: Jonah and Luke

Crave the Wave, 2nd Place: Jonah

Fast Facts, 2nd Place: Jade and Jonah

Other students who competed were: Phoebe, Elena, Ulysses, and Janani.

It's important to teach your child to use the internet and social media in a positive and respectful manner. Here are some tips to help keep your child safe online and avoid engaging in mean behavior.

Educate them on the impact of their words

1. Explain to your child how their words and actions online can affect others. Teach them that the internet is not anonymous and that their behavior online can have consequences in the real world.

Encourage empathy and kindness

2. Emphasize the importance of treating others with kindness and respect, both online and offline. Encourage your child to put themselves in the shoes of others and to think about how their words might make someone else feel.

Set clear expectations and boundaries

3. Establish clear rules and expectations for your child's online behavior. Set limits on screen time and establish consequences for breaking the rules. Make sure your child understands that being mean or bullying others online is not acceptable.

Monitor their online activity

4. Check in on your child's social media accounts and monitor their online activity. Be aware of who they are interacting with and what they are saying online. Look out for signs that your child may be involved in cyberbullying,. It may not always be a joke.

Have open and honest conversations

5. Create a safe and open environment for your child to talk about their online experiences. Encourage them to come to you if they ever feel uncomfortable or witness bullying online. Teach them to speak up and report any instances of cyberbullying to a trusted adult.