

BULLDOG



PRIDE

The Bulldog Bark

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Message from the Principal...



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WCS District Website:
www.wcsoh.org

Who's Who at Blendon:

- * **Principal:** Kendall Harris
- * **Asst Principal:** Fred Tombaugh
- * **Secretary:** Tina Showalter
- * **Registrar:** Kathy Hayman
- * **Attendance:** Jodi Dixon
- * **School Counselors:**
 - Marcia Childs
childsm@wcsoh.org
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All 6th Grade & 8th Grade Boys
- * **Resource Officer:** Matt Ware
warem@wcsoh.org

Hello Bulldog Families!

Congratulations to all of our students on the completion of a successful first quarter! Another record number of students will participate in the Q1 Renaissance Celebration!

Going into our second quarter, we were excited to introduce a new program that targets our 7th graders as well as 8th graders who are not designated **WEB Leaders**. Our first of six **Student Personal Development** sessions, held on November 1st, was a great success! The purpose of a **Student Personal Development** program is to provide our students with opportunities to participate in hands-on, educational (& fun!) experiences that engage them in actively learning new skills or developing new areas of interest.

Each session is developed and guided by our amazing, talented staff. Students are able to select from a range of sessions with themes like cooking & baking, budgeting & finance, body weight workouts, volleyball, and even learning how to write in cursive. Students may not always get their first choice of activity, but the same options will be repeated in future sessions to provide

everyone with a chance to participate in a variety of activities.

While our 7th and 8th grade students attend **Student Personal Development** sessions, our 6th grade students get the opportunity to reconnect with their 8th grade **WEB Leaders**. With school counselor guidance, **WEB Leaders** will lead these sessions especially developed for the 6th grade students.

To accommodate these monthly sessions, the regular class schedule is shortened to allow one period at the end of the day for **Student Personal Development** activities. We hope you will check in with your student each time we hold these sessions to find out what new interest he or she may have developed!

Families play an important role in helping our students reach their goals too. If you were unable to attend student-led conferences, I encourage you to contact your student's teachers to follow up on his or her academic progress. Our teachers, as well as our school counselors are committed to working as a team to make sure Blendon students reach their full potential.



Mr. Kendall Harris

Finally, let's congratulate the Football, Volleyball, and Cross Country teams on a winning fall season! We look forward to showing our Bulldog Pride throughout the upcoming winter season in Boys & Girls Basketball and Wrestling. Special thanks to our fall and winter Cheer Teams!

Go Blendon Bulldogs!



HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY BLENDON MIDDLE SCHOOL!



1969-2019



Renaissance at Blendon

The Renaissance program at Blendon celebrates the success of students who strive for excellence. Recognition requires that students meet academic, attendance, volunteer service, citizenship and Blendon spirit criteria.

Qualifying students attend an assembly where they are recognized for their achievement. Additionally, student names are entered into a raffle drawing where they can win big prizes! Prizes may include gift certificates to local restaurants, gift cards for local stores & fun venues, and a variety of awesome gifts. A Grand Prize is awarded to one lucky Blendon student and can include such prizes as a \$50 Gift Card to Start Lanes, Free Birthday Party for 10 from Skate Zone 71, Digital Tablets, or other prizes worth at least \$50.

At the conclusion of the assembly, students get to spend the rest of the school day in a fun activity!

Nearly 200 students celebrated their success from last year's Fourth Quarter by spending the day at the Jaycee Pool at the beginning of this school year and were treated to free Skyline Coney's. We will recognize our students who qualify for this school year's Quarter 1 Renaissance Celebration at an assembly on **Tuesday, November 26, 2019** followed by a fun-filled day at **Skate Zone 71!**

The Blendon PTO is proud to sponsor this program with help from other various fundraisers throughout the year and the generosity of local businesses and PTO parents who contribute the

Thanks to Our Sponsors!

We hope you will support our sponsors

Gahanna Lanes

The Tedeschi Family	Texas Roadhouse
City BBQ	Skate Zone 71
Rockin' Jump	Frisch's Big Boy
Dairy Queen	Old Skool Skateboards
Donato's Pizza	Rapid Fired Pizza
Skyline Chili	Cucinova
Fazolli's	Cold Stone Creamery
Anthony Thomas	Chiller Ice Rinks
Soccer Plus	Graeter's
Blendon PTO	Meg Miller
Jersey Mike's Subs	Star Lanes

prizes. The annual Entertainment Book/Cookie Dough Sale is a school-sponsored fundraiser that contributes to the transportation costs associated with all offsite field trips. Ultimately, our students are the real heroes who make this a worthwhile, successful program by continuing to earn the privilege to celebrate their achievements.



Blendon's monthly **PRIDE** award provides yet another opportunity for teachers to recognize students who display great character traits. In other words, students are "Caught Being Good"! Teachers are encouraged to nominate students on the spot when they see them do something that is thoughtful, helpful or supportive to another person. All nominated students are rewarded with accolades and a small treat from school counselors or Mr. Harris.

The "Bulldog Breakfast" Celebrates Good Character

Blendon will hold its first of two annual Bulldog Breakfast events on Friday, December 6, 2019!

Since 1995, Blendon has held a "Bulldog Breakfast" twice a year to honor students who strive to always do their best and always be their best. Every staff member in the building is permitted to nominate one deserving student each time for this award and every student is eligible to receive the honor one time throughout their Bulldog career. The criteria for this

award is all about making someone's day rather than being based on grades.

The Bulldog spirit promotes responsibility, respect, kindness, and an overall positive attitude. Students chosen to attend the Bulldog Breakfast generally display these attributes on a daily basis. Family members are invited to attend the Bulldog Breakfast with their students to share in the celebration of our Blendon Bulldog Pride.





What is a school counselor's role in my student's educational career?

The Secondary School Counselor department's mission is to *intentionally develop positive relationships and avenues of support for all students through our comprehensive school counseling program. In collaboration with educators, families and community, we provide individualized academic, personal/social and career advising to develop active community members and lifelong learners.* Scheduled "Counselor Days" and "Minute Meetings" make our school counselors accessible to all students. School counselors also partner with classroom instructors to connect with students and provide access to *Naviance Family Connection* <https://www.naviance.com/>. They are always available for appointments as well.

Always looking for opportunities to maximize students' educational experience, our school counselors are especially proud of the implementation of our **WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) Leader Program**, now in its second year. Rising 8th Graders go through an application process and participate in extensive training over the summer to be prepared to welcome and work with incoming 6th graders and all new students throughout the school year. This year marked the first year for our WEB Leaders to host a 6th Grade-Only Day on the first day of school, which was a grand success. WEB Leaders are also responsible for leading sessions especially designed for 6th grade students on **Student Personal Development Days**, new to Blendon this year. **MODEL (Mentors Opening Doors, Enriching Lives)**, is another amazing program organized by our school counselors that targets 8th Grade Middle School students and particularly aims to increase girls' sense of self-worth, improve perspective toward education, and help them develop and define short and long term goals. This program, led by adult mentors from the Westerville community filled with various career backgrounds and lots of wisdom to offer their students, brings speakers, projects and activities covering health, wellness, self-esteem, relationships and career exploration.



Parents are always encouraged to contact your student's school counselor if you have questions or need additional resources to support your student's academic career or social emotional well-being!

Here's to a successful 2nd quarter!

Mrs. Marcia Childs, All 7th Gr./8th Gr. Girls (childsm@westerville.k12.oh.us)

Mrs. Amy Weinrich, All 6th Gr./8th Gr. Boys (weinrica@westerville.k12.oh.us)

Sub for Mrs. Weinrich is Miss Taylor Slemmer, (slemmert@westerville.k12.oh.us)

2019 WCS A+ Employee Recognition Award

CONGRATULATIONS,
MR. ICE!

A+



Blendon Choir Director, Josh Ice, was one of ten exemplary employees who received an **A+ Award** during the October 28 Westerville City Schools Board of Education meeting. This award recognizes employees who consistently go above and beyond normal expectations to support our students.

8th Grade Annual Washington D.C. Trip

Plans for the annual Blendon Middle School 8th Grade Washington D.C. trip are underway! Blendon is excited to once again partner with Prime Tours to organize this educational adventure scheduled for May 5-8, 2020. The total cost of \$614 per student includes transportation in a luxury motor coach, a 3 night hotel stay with overnight security, all meals, including a hot breakfast buffet, all daily touring events, and even a custom Blendon Middle School Washington, D.C. t-shirt and tote bag. The Blendon Bulldogs will experience all the major sites of our capital, including a photo stop at the White House, tour of the U.S. Capitol, Lincoln, King, Vietnam, Korea, WWII, & Jefferson Memorials, Arlington National Cemetery, Smithsonian Museums, Mt. Vernon and much more.

Detailed information packets with specific details about the trip and payment schedule are available in the office.

Any questions regarding payments should be directed to:

Prime Tours at 614-766-5553

Other Questions?

Contact:

Jacob Cullen at
cullenj@wcsoh.org



Box Tops for Education

The new and improved [Box Tops mobile app](#) uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online! Go to boxtops4education.com for more information! All proceeds from Blendon's Box Top collection effort are focused on providing books and other resources in the Blendon library.



Homework Calendars

Students in 7th & 8th grade can check what daily homework they have and when it is due in many of their classes by using the following links!

[7th Grade Homework Calendar](#)

[8th Grade Homework Calendar](#)

Teachers who choose to utilize the **Google Calendar** option will update the calendar regularly. Links are also available on the [Blendon School Webpage](#) under the "Resources" tab.



Attendance Procedures

The "Ohio Missing Children Act" requires that schools implement certain procedures for monitoring student absences. In the Westerville City School District, **the parent or legal guardian of the student must notify the school to report a student as absent.** The **Blendon Attendance Line** is available 24 hours a day. If you fail to notify us of a student's absence, our attendance clerk, Mrs. Dixon, will make every effort to contact you or an emergency contact until she is able to confirm your student is accounted for and safe. Pre-Excused Absence Forms are available in the office for students who know in advance they will be missing school.



614-797-6404

**Call or send a note regarding early pick ups for appointments so we can send your child a pass to get out of class and be waiting in the office!*

Utilizing the Westerville Library



Is your busy family schedule keeping you away from stopping by the Westerville Library?

Families are busy and now you no longer have to fret about racking up fines for late materials borrowed from the library and [LibraryLink](#) brings the library to your student! All library items can be requested for delivery except *art prints* and *wi-fi hotspots*. Students & family members can log-on to the Westerville Library webpage,

search for an item, and with their Westerville Library card, reserve that item. When asked where you would like to pick up your item, students should select their school. Blendon has a designated library bin in the main office where students may pick up and return Westerville Library materials daily. Don't have a library card yet? [Apply](#) online today [Westerville Public Library!](#)



NURSE NOTES:

Signs of Sleep Problems

- lacks energy or constantly feels tired
- takes a long time to get to sleep
- repeatedly wakes throughout the night and doesn't go back to sleep
- struggles to wake or refuses to get out of bed in the morning
- naps for long periods during the day or falls asleep at school
- struggles to concentrate or remember information
- feels irritable or struggles with emotional self control
- has very irregular sleep patterns from day to day
- sleepwalks or gets up and eats during the night while asleep has frequent nightmares or sleep terrors.

Why Sleep is Important

- maintaining a healthy body
- 'cleaning up' the brain
- helping the immune system
- improving energy levels, learning and concentration.



DID YOU KNOW?

Many young people don't get enough sleep. One study found that over 90% of children don't get the recommended amount of sleep on most school nights.

Sleep and sleep patterns start to change during adolescence. Adolescence also brings lots of reasons to miss out on sleep, but your child needs to get good-quality sleep more than ever! Experts recommend 8-10 hours of sleep every night for kids between 12-15 years old .

Lifestyle Changes to Promote Better Sleep

Routines

- Encourage your child to go to bed and get up around the same time every day.
- Be sure to allow plenty of time for your child to do wind-down activities before bed.
- Encourage your child to use some wind-down time at night to complete morning tasks, such as getting clothes ready for the next day, making lunch or getting his/her school bag ready.

Your Child's Sleep Environment

- Turn off electronic stimulation in your child's bedroom at least one hour before bedtime.
- Change your child's sleep space if necessary. A dark, quiet, private space is important for good sleep.
- If your child is 'clock watching', encourage him to turn his clock around or move it to where he can't see it.
- If your child can't get to sleep he/she could try reading under dim light.

Good Health and Nutrition

- Make sure your child has a satisfying evening meal at a reasonable time.
- Encourage your child to avoid caffeine, especially in the late afternoon & evening.
- Physical activity has been shown to increase the total sleep time of children during adolescence.

For more information, check out the following suggested websites:



BLENDON WINTER ATHLETIC SEASON

Basketball Coaching Staff

7th Grade Girls Basketball

Michael Mays
michiganmaize31@gmail.com

8th Grade Girls Basketball:

Fred Millington
fkmillington@yahoo.com

7th Grade Boys Basketball:

Shannon Johnson
johnsons@westerville.k12.oh.us

8th Grade Boys Basketball:

Justin Hughes
hughesj@westerville.k12.oh.us

BASKETBALL



Please check Blendon's athletic page on the district website for updated practice and schedule information.
<http://www.wcsoh.org/25/Content/576>

Typical 19-20 Daily Practice/Competition Schedule

7th Gr. Girls BB Practice: 5:30-7:45pm M-F
Games: Tuesday & Thursday

8th Gr. Girls BB Practice: 5:30-7:45pm M-F
Games: Tuesday & Thursday

7th Gr. Boys BB Practice: 2:50-5:30pm M-F
Games: Tuesday & Thursday

8th Gr. Boys BB Practice: 2:50-5:30pm M-F
Games: Tuesday & Thursday

**Times Subject to Change. Coaches will advise teams of specific practice times.*

Athletic Directors:

Kenny Farrow
akennyfarrow@gmail.com
614-561-7798

Abram Estes
abramestes@gmail.com



OHSAA PHYSICAL FORMS are available in the Blendon office or on the Westerville City Schools website at www.westerville.k12.oh.us. A current annual physical form with Physician's Signature is required.

Cheerleading Coach:

Jordyn Wolfe
jordynvanhorn@gmail.com

Asst. Coach: Caitlin Cantrell
cantrelc@westerville.k12.oh.us



Head Coach: Kenny Farrow
akennyfarrow@gmail.com

Asst. Coach: Cameron Goldsmith
goldsmithcameron@gmail.com

Official Practices Start

Monday-Friday

NOVEMBER 4, 2019

2:50 PM-4:30 PM

Competitions will be held on
Wednesdays & Saturdays

Wrestling schedule available now
on our school website!

** REQUIRED FORMS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION **

- Signed Physical Form
- Emergency Medical Authorization form
- Concussion Information Sheet
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest & Lindsay's Law Parent/Athlete Signature Form
- Please note that students will be bussed one-way to games and meets held against the other Westerville Middle Schools. Parents will need to provide transportation home from these events.
- All events are scheduled to start at 5:00 PM unless indicated otherwise. School transportation and weather may affect the actual starting time. Home events against Olentangy schools will probably begin after 5:00 due to bus issues.

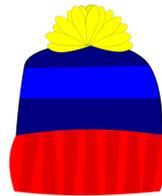


Westerville
CARING &
SHARING



STUDENT COUNCIL

Blendon's Builder's Club/Student Council group takes us from "Socktober" to "Glovember" in support of the The "Miracle of Mom's Memory Foundation" and our local Westerville Caring & Sharing organization. Please continue to bring in your new sock donations along with gloves and hats & even gently used coats throughout the month of November. All items will be collected in Mrs. Liston's Room 340.



Yearbooks still on sale!
Pre-Order your TODAY!

\$30.00!

Don't count on extras!



BRR...

It's Cold Outside!

Where could your coat be?

Where is your:

Be sure to check the back of the cafeteria...

- House key
- Glasses
- Change purse
- Left shoe
- Your planner
- Your binder
- Etc, etc, etc...



And the office window!!!

Join the Middle School Bowling Club!

WHO?

All 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders
At Blendon & Walnut Springs!

WHEN?

Fridays
Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 21, 28 &
March 6

Transportation Provided
Immediately After School
Bus will return to Walnut/Blendon @ 5:30



WHERE?

Sequoia Lanes
5501 Sandalwood Blvd,
Cols, OH 43229

COST: \$100

Blendon Students: checks payable to BMS
Walnut Students: checks payable to WMS
Cost includes 8 weeks of bowling, shoe rental, t-shirt, prizes and a pizza party at the end of the season.

** Family Information Meeting will be held on
November 13th @ 6:30 pm
@ Walnut Springs MS*

QUESTIONS:

Contact Ms. Shimovetz in Room 250
shimovec@wcohs.org

Blendon Concert Events



Thursday, November 14, 2019
 Fall Choir/Orchestra Concert
 7:00pm @ Westerville South HS Auditorium



Tuesday, December 17, 2019
 6th Grade Band/Orchestra/Choir Concert
 7:00pm @ WSHS Auditorium

Help raise money to support **Blendon's Band Program** this year with a new **online only fundraiser** through **Boon Supply!** Shop now through **December 31, 2019** for a variety of eco-friendly cooking, storage and bag collections just right for gifts and home storage and **40% of the sales will be profit for the band!** All orders will be sent directly to customer addresses. To browse the online catalog go to: <https://www.boonsupply.com/956701>. Any questions about products or orders can be sent to our sale coordinator **Adrienne Moyer** at ramosa1975@yahoo.com. Thank you for supporting music here at Blendon!

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40% PROFIT!

COMMUNICATION

Read morning announcements every day on Blendon's webpage available through the district website! [Go to www.wcsoh.org](http://www.wcsoh.org) > [Our Schools](#) > [Blendon MS](#) > [Announcements](#)



Check out current and past Blendon newsletters!

[Go to www.wcsoh.org](http://www.wcsoh.org) > [Our Schools](#) > [Blendon MS](#) > [Resources](#) > [Newsletters](#)



SchoolMessenger has replaced **OneCall!** Be sure phone numbers & emails are current in *Power School's Parent Portal!* **SchoolMessenger** is our new automated notification system used throughout the Westerville City School district to send out important information via voicemail, text, and email. **All Blendon daily announcements and newsletters are sent via email through SchoolMessenger in addition to being posted on our website.**

[Sign-up for e-Communications to receive school closings notifications and district announcements.](#)



SAVE THE DATE!

Blendon PTO Info



IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

You can still join the 2019-2020 Blendon PTO! Your membership fee of \$5.00 will help support our efforts to organize and manage school dances, pay for incentive activities, offer scholarships to college-bound Blendon alumni, respond to teacher and staff requests, and so much more. Volunteer efforts are equally important to achieving our goals. Members get voting privileges at meetings, and your entire membership fee stays with Blendon PTO.

Dodgeball Tournament

Friday, February 28, 2020
3:00-5:00 pm
Team sign-ups will begin in January!



Dine-Out Night at City Barbecue!

Tuesday, November 12th
Westerville Location



Mark your calendar for Blendon's next Dance!
Friday, November 15, 2019
5:00-7:00 PM



All PTO Meetings are at Blendon at 6pm:

- November 20, 2019
- January 21, 2020
- February 18, 2020
- March 17, 2020
- April 21, 2020
- May 12, 2020

PTO Board Members

- President:** Stacy Keenan
- Vice President:** Kim Millington
- Secretary:** Elizabeth Firth
- Treasurer:** Amy Bennett
- Parent Council Reps:**
Meg Hogan & Lisa Chakford
- Fundraising:** Crystal Rodriguez
- GEM/Scholarship:** Lori Robinson-Terry

Contact PTO Board Members at:
BlendonPTO@gmail.com



Look out for our **Holiday Spirit Wear Sale** in mid-November!
Spirit Wear items will be delivered in time for a gift to your Bulldog!



Dine-Out Night at Donatos!

Tuesday, December 17th
Westerville Location



Select **Blendon Middle School PTO** when you shop!



Register Online at Kroger & Giant Eagle to support **Blendon PTO!**

New this Year!

Donuts At Dawn

February 7th

Details Coming Soon!

The Yankee Candle Sale is happening now!

Online Ordering available until JANUARY 8, 2020

Online ordering available at:
yankeecandlefundraising.com

Use Group Name: **Blendon Middle School PTO**
Group #999969931



IMPORTANT DATES:

November: *TOLERANCE*

11/18: 2nd Quarter Interim Grades*

11/27-11/29: **NO SCHOOL**
Thanksgiving Break

December: *CARING*

12/19: **LAST DAY OF CLASSES**
2nd Grading Period

12/20-1/3: **NO SCHOOL**
Winter Break

January: *ATTITUDE*

1/6: **FIRST DAY OF CLASSES**
3rd Grading Period

1/9: Grade Cards Available*

1/20: **NO SCHOOL-MLK JR DAY**

1/30: **EARLY RELEASE**

February: *HONESTY*

2/6: 3rd Quarter Interim Grades*

2/14: **NO SCHOOL-Parent/Teacher Conf.**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

2/17: **NO SCHOOL-President's Day**

March: *PERSERVERANCE*

3/10: **LAST DAY OF CLASSES**
3rd Grading Period

3/11: **FIRST DAY OF CLASSES**
4th Grading Period

3/12: **EARLY RELEASE**

3/19: Grade Cards Available*

3/23-3/27: **NO SCHOOL**
Spring Break

April: *TRUSTWORTHINESS*

4/10: **NO SCHOOL**

4/21: 4th Quarter Interim Grades*

May: *RESPONSIBILITY*

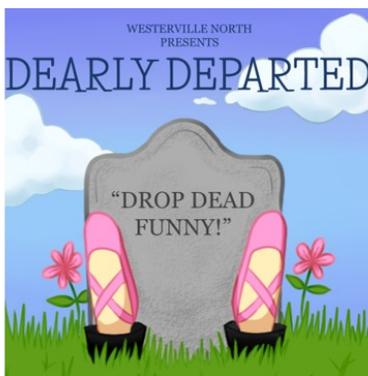
5/21: **LAST DAY OF CLASSES**
4th Grading Period

5/22: Teacher Professional Day

June 15: Grade Cards Mailed
(also available on PowerSchool)*

*Interim & Quarter Grades will be available online via the Parent Portal of PS on these dates. Only the final grade card will be mailed.

WNHS THEATRE PROUDLY PRESENTS:



THURS, FRI, SAT Nov. 7-9
@ 7:00 PM
TICKETS: \$10.00

WSHS THEATRE PROUDLY PRESENTS:

20th Annual Scholarship Show



Who Stole The Show?

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019
@ 7:00 PM
TICKETS: \$5.00

WCHS THEATRE PROUDLY PRESENTS:



SUN, DEC. 8
SAT, SUN DEC. 14-15
@ 3:00 PM
TICKETS: \$10.00