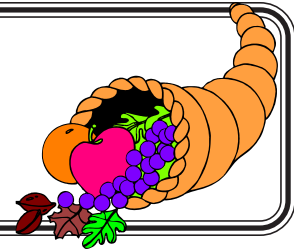


# West Valley Middle School's WOLF TRACKS



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Our Parent/Teacher/Student conferences are scheduled for the week of November 16-20, 2009. Prior to coming in for your conference, it might be useful to write down any questions you need answered. Hopefully, you will be able to learn more about how your child/children is/are doing and maybe pick up an idea or two for making them even more successful at school. You are always welcome to call, e-mail or come into school to keep the communication lines open.

**Gang Awareness:** The West Valley secondary schools have uniform rules regarding gang dress/behaviors. Middle School students will receive one warning if they are engaged in gang-like behavior/wear clothing that can be associated with gangs - like the red and blue canvas belts. With the second offense related to gang-related dress or behaviors, they will be suspended from school for 3 days. A third referral for gang-like behavior or dress will result in the student being expelled from the Middle School for the remainder of the school year.

An officer from the Yakima Police Departments Gang Enforcement Team will be speaking at our next Pack Parent meeting on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-7:30 PM. The Gang Enforcement Team will provide us with information regarding gang activity in the Yakima area, especially what is happening in the West Valley area.

Pack Parents meet on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Middle School Library.

Dave Jaeger, Principal

## UNACCEPTABLE GANG-LIKE DRESS/BEHAVIOR

West Valley Middle School • West Valley Junior High • West Valley High School

### NOT Allowed:

- Blue or red canvas belts
  - Buckles with gang signs
  - Dangling belts
- Blue or red shoe laces not original to shoes
- Three dot markings "La Vida Loca" • •
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- Words or drawings like; playboy bunnies, happy or sad clown faces, bongs, brown pride, Homie, etc.
- Gang related clothing
  - All red or blue
  - Red 'Yankee' hats
  - Jewelry with gang signs
  - Chains
  - Stocking caps/nets/bandanas
- Drawings of gang symbols
  - Numbers of 13, 14, 66, 69
  - Letters N and M
  - Old English Text
  - Tagging Property

# IMPORTANT SNOW DAY INFORMATION...

With winter months approaching, it is time to review our district communication plan for school delays or closure due to inclement weather. We always try to keep schools open. However, if necessary, school openings may be delayed to ensure the safety of students and employees. In most cases, school closure or late start announcements will be made no later than 6:30 AM by the following radio/TV stations:

KIT 1280 AM	KMWX 1460 AM	KQSN 92.9 FM
KATS 94.5 FM	KFFM 107.3 FM	KJOX 930 AM
KHAK 980 AM	KBBO 1390 AM	KHHK 99.7 FM
KARY 100.9FM	KXDD 104 FM	KRSE 105.7 FM
KSOH 89.5 FM	KYXE 1020 AM	KZTA 96.9 FM
KNWY 90.3 FM	KNDO CHANNEL 23	KIMA CHANNEL 29
KAPP CHANNEL 35		



Parents and students are asked NOT to contact radio stations or schools for school closure information. Closure or delay announcements will also be available on the District website at [www.wvsd208.org](http://www.wvsd208.org) and apply for one day only. All meetings in school buildings during a school closure will be cancelled or postponed.

**NO ANNOUNCEMENT means school will operate at the usual times.**

## The Sound of



**Auditions for the children's roles in the District Musical, *The Sound of Music* will take place on Tuesday, November 17th and Wednesday, November 18th at 3:00 pm in the**

**West Valley Junior High School Auditorium.**

**The audition process will take approximately two hours.**

**Callbacks will be on**

**Thursday, November 19th at 3:00 pm.**

**Please keep in mind that this is Conference Week and that the students will need to be transported to the auditions.**

**If you have any questions please contact Mr. Beck at 972-5834.**

## The Book Fair is Coming!



The library has seen a lot of great readers over these past few months. We are very proud of the many, many students that have already met or have exceeded standard by getting those Pyramid Packet requirements fulfilled! Remember that students can log on to their library account from any computer at school or from home - there they will find personal checkout history, holds, overdues or basic bibliographic information on any book in the library!

After school Movies will continue every other Wednesday - be sure to check the middle school home page for dates/times!

We are very excited about our Annual Book Fair coming soon! The Pack Parents will host a Scholastic Book Fair in the library November 16 through the 20th from 7:30 - 3:00 and one late night. The Book Fair is a great place to find books for middle school students, their siblings and parents! Great holiday gifts for family and friends can be found at the fair as well as new exciting titles for your home library. We look forward to seeing families after their conferences in November!

### Correction:

The School Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, November 9th, 2009 is being held at the Junior High Library, not the Cafeteria as stated in the October Newsletter.

# WACKY CHEFS NEED YOUR HELP!

Due to the enormous number of students taking interest in WACKY CHEFS this year and because this is a fairly new program, the Middle School is in need of donations. If you have any extras laying around your house, find the need for new items and want to donate your old/ in good condition supplies or even donate something new, we are hoping you will help the future chefs of America by donating. The following supplies are needed:

- dish cloths or dish towels
  - bowls
  - wooden spoons, measuring spoons, ladles, spatulas
  - cookie sheets, cake pans, 9x13 baking pans
  - blenders, hand mixers
- ...or anything else you find to be useful in a kitchen.



Thank you so much,  
Mrs. Schmidt and the WV WACKY CHEF CLUB

## WEST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- |       |  |
|-------|--|
| 9     | School Board Meeting - JH Library @ 6:30 PM                    |
| 10    | Veteran's Day Assembly in the MS Gym @ 8:00 AM                 |
| 11    | NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day                                      |
| 12    | Pack Parents Meeting @ 6:30 PM in Library                      |
| 16-20 | K-7 Parent Parent Conference Week - EARLY DISMISSAL @ 11:00 AM |
| 23    | School Board Meeting @ WVHS @ 7:00 PM                          |
| 23    | "Operation Wishes" Kickoff                                     |
| 25    | NO SCHOOL - Secondary Trimester Break Day                      |
| 26-27 | NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation                              |

### DECEMBER

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|----------------|---|
| 10             | Pack Parent Meeting in Library @ 6:30 PM          |
| 14             | School Board Meeting @ Mt. View Library @ 6:30 PM |
| 17             | 5, 6, 7 Holiday Band Concert @ 6:45 PM            |
| 21 - January 1 | NO SCHOOL - Winter Vacation                       |





# "FLORIDA SCIENCE... AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!"

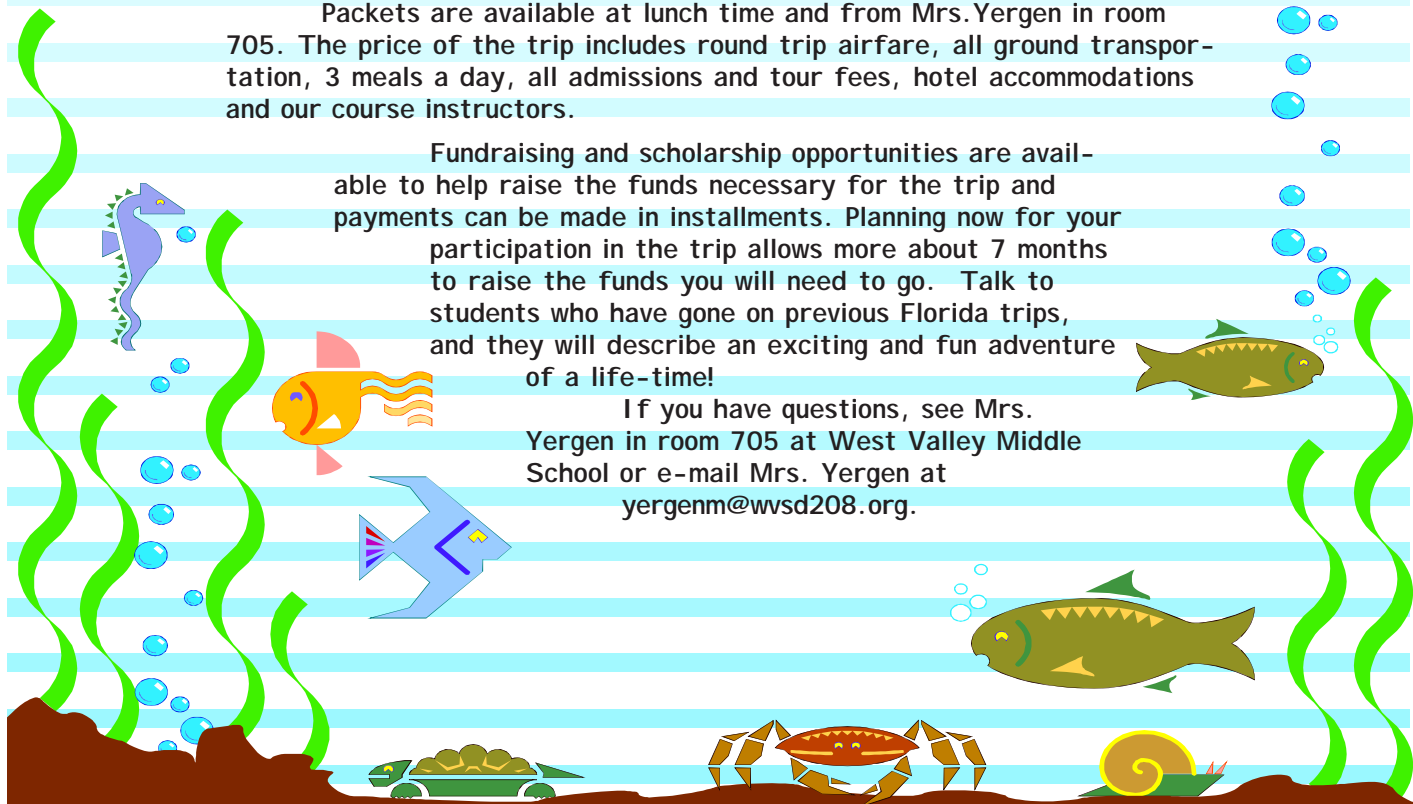
It is time to start planning for the next Florida trip! Mrs. Yergen is planning another trip to the Everglades and Florida Keys. The trip is being offered to students who will be in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade next year (current 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> graders), and will take place after school is out next summer, from June 24-28, 2010.

Highlights of this 5 day trip focusing on the flow of water and the biodiversity of the life of the Everglades and surrounding reefs, include a night critter safari into Everglades National Park, a tram ride to spot wildlife-especially alligators and birds-in the beautiful Shark Valley, kayaking the mangrove forests and Atlantic Ocean, snorkeling the coral reefs of the Florida Keys, a visit to the world's largest sea turtle rescue facility, and the final highlight-to swim with dolphins!

Packets are available at lunch time and from Mrs. Yergen in room 705. The price of the trip includes round trip airfare, all ground transportation, 3 meals a day, all admissions and tour fees, hotel accommodations and our course instructors.

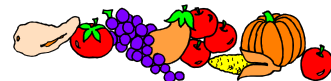
Fundraising and scholarship opportunities are available to help raise the funds necessary for the trip and payments can be made in installments. Planning now for your participation in the trip allows more about 7 months to raise the funds you will need to go. Talk to students who have gone on previous Florida trips, and they will describe an exciting and fun adventure of a life-time!

If you have questions, see Mrs. Yergen in room 705 at West Valley Middle School or e-mail Mrs. Yergen at [yergenm@wvmsd208.org](mailto:yergenm@wvmsd208.org).



**FRIENDLY REMINDER....** If your student is going to be late arriving to school in the morning, please either:

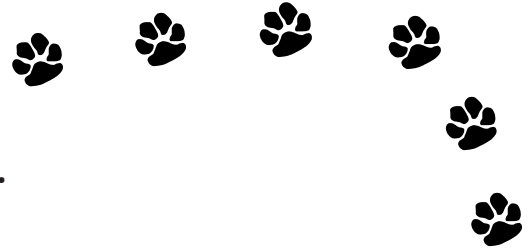
- give us a quick call at 972-5700, or
- send your student in with a note excusing the tardy, or
- come into the office with your student and sign them in. If your child is going to be absent, please call us early in the morning or send a note with them when they come back to school. Many thanks to those parents who are doing a great job of excusing their children's tardies and absences. We appreciate your attention so much!



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# PACK PARENT NEWS AND VOLUNTEER INFORMATION...



November is here and the holiday season is just around the corner. Thanks to those parents who attended our October parent meeting. We hope that it was helpful to hear directly from the district regarding the school changes that are coming next school year. Continue to ask questions to get answers and be involved in your student's education.

For November's pack parent meeting, we will have a presentation by the Yakima Police Department Gang Unit. They'll discuss signs to look for as a parent and ways to keep your student safe. That will be held on Thursday, Nov. 12th at 6:30 in the middle school library.

October was a great month at the middle school thanks to all the PACK PARENT VOLUNTEERS. Thanks for being so willing to help with your student's school experience. We started October with the first after school Social and had overwhelming parent support— too many volunteers to list: THANK YOU! The kids had a great time and I think the parents did too. The next social is in December. Look for volunteer opportunities via e-mail.

Thanks also to our after school movie crew: Cheri Keefe, Diana Covell, Kim Clendenin, and Emiko Okubo for continuing to help those run smoothly twice a month! We wanted to recognize some parents for donations they made to the school — Diana Covell donated soda pop and Renee Berger gave a box of candy bars! This really helps with the cost of supplies for the after school movies. We appreciate your support.

We wanted to thank Christina Fawcett for helping on picture retake day— making that run more smoothly for the school and Parsons photography. Also in October was the Vision and Hearing screening. Thanks to Mary Lou Sheen, our school nurse, for helping coordinate this event and doing a lot of screening herself. The volunteers for that day included: Teresa White, Diane Dezelle (doing both morning and afternoon shift!), Sherri Stoddard, Laura Ridd, Sheon Quaempts, Shannon Bickler, Kelley Bolin, and Kirsten Livingston. The Lions club depends on parents like you to help with this great program— you are wonderful!

I also wanted to clarify a couple of changes from past years, in case any of you were wondering when you'll have an opportunity to volunteer for these specific events. We are no longer needed to help label the newsletters since most of them are sent via e-mail and posted on-line. Also, due to cuts in grants and funding the school will no longer do a scoliosis screening for students. Look for additional volunteer opportunities via e-mail through the signuppenius.com website. As always if you have any concerns or questions you can contact Laura Ridd directly at riddkids7@yhoo.com. Thanks!

**FINALLY**, coming in November is our **3rd Annual Operation Wishes Community Service Project**. For the past 2 years the middle school students have joined with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to provide gifts for children in the foster care system during the holidays. We generally meet the needs of over 60 teens with Operation Wishes. Look for more information on the school web site and we'll send a note home with your student as it gets closer.

### **The dates for this year's Operation Wishes:**

**November 23rd and 24th-** Students will sign up for and bring home a "gift tag" with a wish from a child in foster care.

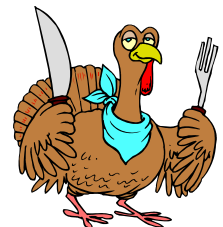
**November 30 - Dec. 4th-** Pack parents and ASB leaders will collect UNWRAPPED gifts from students in the commons area before school.

**December 11th (approx)-** Gifts are delivered to the DSFA office.

This is a great opportunity for our students to give to others— many of whom are the same age— who are in need at this time. Again, look for more information in the coming weeks.

We appreciate your willingness to volunteer and be involved in your student's education. We'll see you at the pack parent meeting on Thursday, Nov. 12th at 6:30 PM.

Shawnalee Asbury, Sherri Stoddard, and Laura Ridd  
WVMS Pack Parent Board





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 (Call CN office for student I.D.)  
 972-6040 or 972-6048

# November 2009

## West Valley Secondary Menu



Use Visa/MasterCard for lunch accounts -  
 Call before 10:00a.m. for same day deposits  
 972-6040 or 972-6048

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekly Average
2) Breakfast Burrito  Lite Hot Dogs Soft Taco <i>Choice of:</i> salad, carrots, fresh pear, fruit bowl, chocolate chip cookie	3) Breakfast Pizza  Teriyaki Dippers Rice Bowl Chickenwich <i>Choice of:</i> salad, cucumbers, Asian vegetables, fresh pineapple, fortune cookie	4) Pancake on a Stick  Cheese Zombie Chicken Nuggets <i>Choice of:</i> salad, tomato soup, veggie sticks, rosy applesauce, kiwi	5) Breakfast Pizza  Chicken Caesar Salad Cheeseburger <i>Choice of:</i> salad, burger fixins, homemade roll, peaches, apple	6) French Toast Sticks  Baked Potato w/ Cheese Tostado <i>Choice of:</i> salad, cucumbers, fruit bowl, cinnamon pears, fruit snacks	Calc: 829 % Fat Calc: 26% % Pro Calc: 18% % Carb Calc: 56% Iron: 5.3mg Calcium: 583 mg Vitamin C: 44 mg Vitamin A: 383 RE
9) Breakfast Burrito  Pizza Pita Bites Burrito <i>Choice of:</i> salad, carrots, peaches, fruit bowl, cinnamon bread	10) Breakfast Pizza  Sloppy Joe Chicken Nuggets <i>Choice of:</i> salad, carrots, pineapple, kiwi, chocolate chip cookie	11) Pancake on a Stick  <b>Veteran's Day</b> <b>No School</b>	12) Breakfast Pizza  Chef Salad Chicken Drumsticks <i>Choice of:</i> salad, cucumbers, homemade roll, apple, grapes	13) French Toast Sticks  Pretzel w/ Cheese Sauce Soft Taco <i>Choice of:</i> salad, tomatoes, steamed broccoli, oranges, sliced cinnamon apples	Calc: 838 % Fat Calc: 28% % Pro Calc: 19% % Carb Calc: 53% Iron: 5.2mg Calcium: 627 mg Vitamin C: 39mg Vitamin A: 401 RE
16) Breakfast Burrito  Pizza Sticks w/ Sauce Rib-B-Q Hoagie <i>Choice of:</i> salad, carrots, fruit bowl, mixed fruit, fresh pear	17) Breakfast Pizza  Beef Strip Bites Taco Soup w/ Cornbread <i>Choice of:</i> salad, cucumber, peaches, apple, cinnamon animal crackers	18) Pancake on a Stick  Cheese Zombie Chicken Nuggets <i>Choice of:</i> salad, tomato soup, kiwi, oranges, fruit snacks	19) Breakfast Pizza  Buffalo Chicken Salad Burrito <i>Choice of:</i> salad, peppers, homemade roll, banana, Mandarin oranges	20) French Toast Sticks  Turkey Gravy & Potatoes Chickenwich <i>Choice of:</i> salad, green beans, homemade roll, fruit bowl, grapes	Calc: 861 % Fat Calc: 27% % Pro Calc: 17% % Carb Calc: 56% Iron: 5.7mg Calcium: 577 mg Vitamin C: 43 mg Vitamin A: 366 RE
23) Breakfast Burrito  Chicken Soft Taco Cheeseburger <i>Choice of:</i> salad, burger fixins, confetti fries, fruit bowl, fruit snacks	24) Breakfast Pizza  Spicy Chicken Sandwich Burrito <i>Choice of:</i> salad, carrots, apple, oranges, ice juicee	25) <b>No School</b>	26) <b>Thanksgiving</b>	27) <b>No School</b>	Calc: 836 % Fat Calc: 28% % Pro Calc: 17% % Carb Calc: 55% Iron: 4.4 mg Calcium: 541 mg Vitamin C: 73 mg Vitamin A: 829 RE

\*WV meals meet/exceed USDA requirements for iron, calcium, vitamin A, vitamin C, calories, protein, <30% calories from fat, and <10% calories from saturated fat

Daily Breakfast choices: Yogurt Parfait, Bagel & Cream Cheese, Variety Homemade Muffins, Homemade Cinnamon Rolls, Pop Tarts, Cereal, Juice, Fresh Fruit  
 Daily Lunch choices: Sandwich Bar, Pizza  
**8oz milk served with meals**

WV menus feature Washington State grown and harvested produce

WVSD is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

\*Menu subject to change\*



## Spooky Band Classes!

Our WVMS bands had a fun time rehearsing in costume on Thursday, October 29 when students were allowed to wear their Halloween costumes to school. . . .any guess who the students in the pictures above are??

## Excellent Fall Concert!

Both the WVMS 6<sup>th</sup> grade band and 7<sup>th</sup> grade band had an excellent performance at our Fall Band Concert on Thursday, October 15. Any parents who have pictures from the concert are welcome to e-mail them to Ms. Ley (or have your student bring them to school on a cd), so that we can put them on our WVMS band webpage.

## To Honor Our Vets . . .

Our WVMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade band and ASB student leaders will present a special assembly on Tuesday, Nov. 10 to honor our Veterans. All parents and Veterans are welcome to attend! 8:00 - 8:30am in the WVMS gym.

