

# December 2016 and January 2017

## Westlane Middle School PTO

Check out <http://www.msdt.k12.in.us/wl/> for all the latest updates and follow us on social media!



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**Westlane Winter Dance** – Westlane will be hosting an informal Winter Dance for all Westlane students on **Friday, December 9th** from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Admission is \$5 per student. Pizza will be served and a DJ will be playing great dance music throughout the evening.

We are looking for parent/guardian volunteers to chaperone the evening. There are several shifts, so you do not have to be there the entire time. Set up starts at 5:30 p.m. and cleanup will end at around 9:30 p.m.

Please visit the following link to [sign up for a volunteer shift](#) or email Angela Williams at [amw\\_gi@hotmail.com](mailto:amw_gi@hotmail.com).

### Holiday Luncheon for Westlane Staff

As a small token of gratitude to the hard-working teachers and staff at Westlane, the PTO will be holding a special holiday luncheon on **December 20<sup>th</sup>**. We need everyone to pitch in to make this happen for our awesome Wildcat staff. Please take a minute and check out the [sign up genius](#) to see what you would like to donate and drop off on 12/20 prior to 10 am. Thanks in advance for your support!

### Media Center Volunteers Needed

Thank you to those who could spend some time in the Media Center in November - your effort is a great help to Ms. Gartner and Ms. Baksa! For those new to the media center, hours are flexible and any time you can volunteer to shelve items, search for missing books and help with varying projects is so appreciated!! Please contact Rebecca Arora ([rarora75@gmail.com](mailto:rarora75@gmail.com)) with questions. Thank you!

**Check Out Your Child's Homework Assignments at:**  
[www.westlanehomework.com](http://www.westlanehomework.com)

**If you have questions or ideas for the PTO,  
please contact PTO Co-Presidents:  
Erika Grueninger, [grueninger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grueninger@sbcglobal.net)  
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## **\*\*Upcoming Events\*\***

**December 9**

*Westlane Winter Dance  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.*

**December 13**

*Winter Music Performances  
Intermediate & Advanced  
7:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.*

**December 21**

*End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter*

*Last student day before  
winter break*

**Dec 22 – Jan 6**

*Winter Break*

**January 11**

*Report Cards Sent Home*

**January 16**

*No School (Flex Day) –  
Dr. MLK, Jr. Day*

**January 17**

*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night  
7:00 p.m.*

**January 24**

*5<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night  
7:00 p.m.*

**Jan 30 – Feb 3**

*Spirit Week*

**January 31**

*Honors Celebration  
7:00 p.m.*



## MSDWT Statement of Gratitude to the Community

Washington Township Community,

The Metropolitan School District of Washington Township extends our sincere appreciation to the entire community for approving the November 8, 2016 ballot referenda. We also extend our appreciation for the extraordinary efforts of community members who volunteered their time to support and educate the community on the needs of our schools.

Passing these referenda makes a significant difference in the district's ability to continue our rigorous educational programs, attract and retain outstanding teachers, enhance services and opportunities for ALL students, maintain our current buildings, expand our capacity to safely accommodate our growing number of students, offset decreasing and inadequate state revenues, and help maintain property values. Washington Township enjoys a long tradition of superior schools in a supportive community, where our goal, every day is to develop lifelong learners and globally-minded citizens. We look forward to continuing in this tradition of excellence and we thank you, the Washington Township community, for your support of our schools.

We will begin developing plans for our facilities and staffing needs based on our Strategic Plan and the broad-based community input received as a part of our master facility planning process over the past eighteen months. Information and updates will be available on our website, so the entire community may stay engaged and informed.

With Appreciation,

Mr. Bill Turner, President of the School Board & Dr. Nikki Woodson, Superintendent

## Boxtops for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education



Parents: You may not have realized, but Westlane Middle School participates in both Boxtops for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education programs. The money earned from these submissions is used by Mrs. Gartner in the Media Center to purchase items used by all of our children: paperback books, video camera batteries and cords, art supplies for group projects, and much more!

**Boxtops** are worth 10 cents each and add up to hundreds of dollars each year. Boxtops may be mailed in twice a year, with our next submission due in February, so the time to send them in is NOW. Just look for the BOX TOPS LOGO on hundreds of products in almost every aisle in the store. They are on food items as well as Ziploc bags, Kleenex tissues, or Hefty bags.

**Labels For Education** - For Campbell's Soup and Pepperidge Farm products, simply clip the UPC's carefully so that they include the words Labels for Education.

Please gather up all of your boxtops and labels and send them in with your student, or drop them by when you're coming to school. There is a collection box at the front reception desk after you come through the front doors.