

# Wiesbaden Middle School

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**Please take a few minutes to complete the Customer Satisfaction Survey at:**

<https://webapps.dodea.edu/CSS0809/>

We have also placed a link to the survey on our school home page at:

<http://www.wies-ms.eu.dodea.edu/>

We are nearing the end of the first semester. Report cards will be sent via email on Friday, Jan. 30. Students will receive a copy of their report cards by Thursday, Jan. 29.

Parent and student please remember to take advantage of the **HOMEWORK CLUBS** offered after school every Thursday for 6<sup>th</sup> grade in room 126 and 8<sup>th</sup> grade in room 147.

**Some Important Dates to Remember:**

Jan. 10 Volleyball Teams to Ramstein

Jan. 12 School Advisory Meeting 1600 in the Library

Jan. 16 Teacher In-Service to Work on School Improvement Goals

Jan. 19 Martin Luther King Holiday – No School

Jan. 23 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter – No School for Students

Jan. 28 Outdoor Club – Swimming in Wiesbaden

**Looking Ahead!**

Feb. 24 NEAP 8<sup>th</sup> Grade,

Mar. 10-11 and 17-18 Terra Nova Testing

For several years Wiesbaden Middle School students have had the opportunity to utilize an excellent career exploration program called MyRoad, produced by College Board. This high interest computer based program has a world of information and options to explore. A personality profile, career survey, and college major interest surveys help students learn about their personality type and learning style. They get suggestions for compatible majors and careers based on their preferences. All of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders have signed up for MyRoad and completed the surveys. They will always be able to use this program to explore careers, college majors and possible colleges they may want to attend.

This week, Thursday and Friday, our 7<sup>th</sup> graders will complete these tasks. For many years DoDDS has had a “Six Year Plan” which recognizes that our students cannot wait until high school or even 8<sup>th</sup> grade to start this important planning. For 7<sup>th</sup> graders to sign up for MyRoad requires parent permission. If you prefer that your 7<sup>th</sup> grader not take part in this program please call our 7<sup>th</sup> grade counselor Dr. N at DSN 337-6251 or Civ. 0611-721182

This school year Dr. J and Ms. V have sponsored a seminar sports program at WMS. During the first two quarters all students participated in the Presidential Fitness Program. This January Dr. J has started the second phase of the program and will offer time during the first half of seminar for selected students to participate. Students will be selected based on academic standing. Those students who need to complete work will remain in seminar. Selected students may also pass on the seminar sports if they prefer to stay in the classroom. This program is an effort to reward students for maintaining good study and work habits but also to promote a health, active life styles.

Seminar Sports	Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>	Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	Jan 21 <sup>th</sup>	
6 <sup>th</sup> Graders	X			X		
7 <sup>th</sup> Graders		X			X	
8 <sup>th</sup> Graders			X			

Jan. 12 – 16 Junior Leadership Conference -- Six of our students will represent WMS at the Junior Leadership Conference in Oberwesel/Rhein, Germany. The program is designed to promote future school leaders with weeklong seminars and workshop on leadership, organizing, planning and collaboration. The students will return to WMS to plan an outreach project that will have a positive affect on their school community.

The program was open to all interested 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who completed the application process last November. If you missed out this year be sure to apply for 2010!

Sponsor – Mr. T

## **Shadow Day – Feb. 2, 2008**

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### **CLEARED FOR RELEASE BY THE USAG WIESBADEN DPTMS**

**1.** Shadow Day is a world-wide program that gives students the chance to "shadow" a workplace mentor as he or she goes through a day on the job. There is a very wide range of participation in USAREUR, to include Wiesbaden schools. Shadow Day guidance for parents has previously been published in school newsletters and briefed to Senior Leaders at the Senior Leader Forum. Parents are responsible for coordinating the individual Shadow Day plan as one-on-one mentors throughout the day. Shadow Day is an excused absence from school for students, with parent approval. In some cases, students may be required to make up work missed. All students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher to participate. Units are encouraged to support students in the workplace during the duty day. To ensure mission requirements and security issues are met, Command approval is required prior to bringing students to work sites.

**2.** USAG Wiesbaden tenant units, directorates, and staff support Shadow Day on 02 February 2009 from 0630 to 1700 in order to provide DoDDS students the opportunity to "shadow" a workplace mentor in any military or civilian career in the Wiesbaden community.

**3.** (U) EXECUTION.

**3.A. (U) Commander's Intent.** The Shadow Day will provide students an opportunity to look into the daily workplace environment of career fields available in USAG Wiesbaden. The end state is for students to gain awareness of the work place and the opportunity to be mentored by an individual, soldier or civilian with specific occupational experience

**3.B. (U) Concept of the Operation.** All community activities are encouraged support sponsors efforts to find Shadow Day opportunities in the Wiesbaden community. USAG Wiesbaden DFMWR School Liaison Officer will provide oversight of the Shadow Day Program, but is not responsible to coordinate and facilitate individual student /employee participation.

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## **PTSO News**

### **Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,**

**Happy New Year! The WMS PTSO is having our next Board meeting on January 20 at 1615. We will be having the meeting 15 minutes later than planned due to many work and home commitments of our Board. We will be voting on a donation for the Physical Fitness Award program. We will also be discussing a 'Valentine's Day Extravaganza' fundraiser that will be offered to our school.**

**We will be discussing our next General Meeting and Chili Cook-Off Family Fun Event. We are planning on holding this event at ACS so that we can have maximal participation and we will also be holding a Bake Sale for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of year party.**

**I am asking all of our many volunteers to step forward and help us fill the Board for next year. My son will be going into High School and another member will be PCS'ing this March. We will need a Secretary for WMS to fill in and hopefully carry on into 2009-2010 school year and we will need a new President to help with the WMS PTSO. All Board positions are open for nomination and the current Board member may also be nominated again for up to 2 years in the same position.**

**At the end of the meeting we will hold an informal meeting for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of year party. We encourage all parents, students and teachers to come brainstorm and help with this year's planning.**

**Sincerely,**

**WMS PTSO President**