

# WPSD PARENT NEWS

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WPSD?

We did it! Another memorable school year in the books. These past three weeks have been jam packed with so many activities, too many to even mention here. What a wonderful way to wrap up the year. Check out Instagram and Facebook to see A LOT of pictures and more information.

May Day 2024 had beautiful weather and so many visitors. It was wonderful to see old friends and new faces. Congratulations to Sami R., our newly crowned May Queen.

Our student athletes were celebrated at the Annual Sports Banquet. We witnessed a lot of awesome teamwork and sportsmanship over the course of this year, and relished some very satisfying wins!

Congratulations to our Kindergarten graduating class. The movie they made with their teachers, "The Ball", was precious and we cannot wait to welcome them to First grade in the Fall.

We had multiple Spelling, Geography, Vocab, and Idiom Bees. These are always a fun tradition held at the end of the school year. There was intense but friendly competition at all. Congratulations to all the winners.

Field day this year was another smashing success. The dunk tank, water olympics, bounce house, and yard games were all the perfect way to celebrate a very sunny and hot day. And of course, the shaved ice station was quite popular.

Our Life Skills department held a foam party! The students loved playing in and getting completely covered in foam.

The last few weeks were not only fun and games. Our students continued their Keystone testing and finals rounding out our year of learning.

A huge congratulations to our Class of '24! We will miss them all and wish them nothing but the best in the future.

The official school year may be complete, but WPSD is definitely not quiet over the Summer. We look forward to hosting ESY, Preschool Summer School, Summer Camp and Sports Camp!

Have a relaxing Summer ~ see you all in the Fall!

## IMPORTANT DATES:



Summer Camp  
JUNE 17-21

Extended School Year (ESY)  
JULY 8-25

Preschool Summer School  
JULY 8-AUG 2

Sports Camp  
AUGUST 23-25





# THE TH ANNUAL Perfect Pitch Camp

FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN



Open to ANY Deaf or Hard of Hearing Child between the ages of 6 and 17! The event will be grouped and stationed by age and skill level!

Come and join 90 minutes of excitement in health, exercise, and baseball at beautiful PNC Park!



**Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30pm at PNC Park**  
**Deadline to register - June 10<sup>th</sup>**

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# WPSD Summer Camp

June 17-21, 2024

The Western PA School for the Deaf will offer one week of camp that is co-ed and open to deaf and hard of hearing youth ages 10 to 18. Campers can choose between an Overnight Camp or Day Camp program. There are a limited number of spaces! Registration ends June 7, 2024.

## ACTIVITIES



Baseball



Hiking

Robotics

Art



Pickleball



Swimming

Video Production

and much more!



Standup Paddle Boarding



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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

\$200 for Overnight Camp

\$150 for Day Camp



# WPSPD SPORTS CAMP

**FRIDAY TO SUNDAY  
AUGUST 23-25, 2024**

**Age group: 7th to 12th Grade**

**ANY Deaf and Hard of Hearing Student  
from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**

**Price: FREE**

**Lodging: Residence is an option**

**Location:**

**Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf  
300 E. Swissvale Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15218**

**More info: [www.wpspd.org](http://www.wpspd.org)**

**Contact Athletic Director:**

**Kallie Mendenhall, [kmendenhall@wpspd.org](mailto:kmendenhall@wpspd.org)**





# WPSD Learning Center

Summer 2024

Carolyn Kirkpatrick, Coordinator of Library Services

A message from your librarian, Mrs. Kirkpatrick:

Another school year is ending and the long days of summer lie ahead. I would encourage you to keep reading high on your list of summer activities. It really is true that readers are leaders. Just like other skills, you are learning, such as how to hit a baseball or how to ride bike safely, reading needs to be practiced every day to maintain and strengthen skills.

I do not want this summer to be a "summer slide" for you...not read anything over your summer break. I know that you LOVE reading, so hopefully, you find the time to read daily over the summer break, even for 30 minutes! If you don't read, it may take a month or two for you to get back to the level at which you were reading at the end of the previous year. Please find the time to read daily, even for 30 minutes.

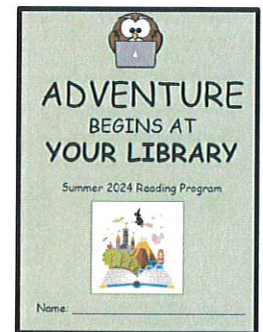
Most of you have received this packet. Please find the time throughout the summer to learn all the resources we have in our library.

If you complete this packet and turn it in to Mrs. Kirkpatrick by the end of August, you will receive a PRIZE!

If you finish your packet, please let me know so I can have your prize **READY!**

If you need a packet, please let me know so I can mail you a copy!

My email address is [ckirkpatrick@wpsd.org](mailto:ckirkpatrick@wpsd.org)



Have a great summer!



## Accessit Library Catalog

You can access into Accessit Library from home, local library, or anywhere there is an internet connection. This interactive library website will help you get access to all of the subscribed databases we have.

Go to [www.wpsd.org](http://www.wpsd.org) and click **Academics**.

Scroll down to **Learning Center**.

First one listed in the webpage: **Library Accessit Cat/Circ System**

Click **GUEST**. Click **Login via SSO**.

Bookmark it!

Renaissance MyOn (ebooks)

PebbleGo, PebbleGo Next (topics, articles, ebooks, games, videos)

Lightbox, AV2 (ebooks, videos)

Tumblebook Library, TumbleMath, Teen Book Cloud (ebooks)

FactCite, Facts4Me and World Book Online (topics)

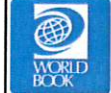
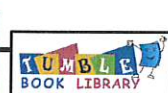
*Reading At Home can make a huge difference!*

Make Reading a Part of Your Summer Plans!

Why not make reading a part of this valuable time of your life?

Here are some tips for integrating reading into our daily summer activities.

- Read bedtime stories
- Read with a family member
- Play a board game
- Visit your local library
- Read a recipe and cook something yummy!
- Use Accessit Library for ebooks and research topics!





# COOL BOOKS FOR A HOT SUMMER



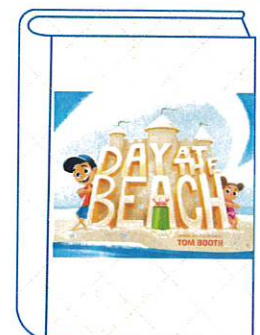
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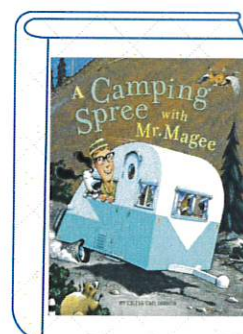
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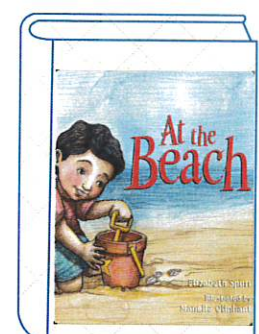
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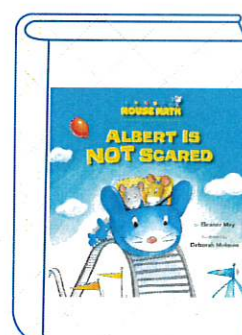
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