

July 15, 2017

Dear WRMS Students, Parents, and Guardians:

The 2017-2018 academic school year is coming up in about six weeks, and there are important reminders and new information in this newsletter. There are some important changes that you need to know about as the school year approaches:

- **Online Registration**: Technology has caught up to us and all registration paperwork will be done online this year! Online registration will open in Skyward Family Access on August 1st, and everyone is encouraged to do it at home if possible. The computer labs will be open and staffed on August 17th (Registration Assistance Day) to help families with the online process. Parents who do not complete the process before school begins, will have to do so before their child will be considered registered for WRMS.
- **Proof of Blaine County Residency**: The School District has established that **ALL 6th grade students** in Blaine County schools must prove residency each fall. Please see the enclosed document on Residency Requirements so you have an understanding of what you will need to prove residency and register. Returning WRMS students do not need to prove residency until they move up to the high school. Proof of Residency will take place on August 17th. Please see times by last name in this Newsletter.
- **Dress Code Policies**: Please read the dress code information sheet in this packet **prior to shopping for new clothes** this fall. Simple, nice, modest, appropriately-fitting clothing is best to avoid problems for the students, and it is often lower in cost. Middle School students grow so quickly that they often outgrow their clothing at a rapid rate.
- **Class Fees**: WRMS no longer has fees attached to elective classes; however, there are still fees for the following items so you can plan ahead:
 - **P.E. Shirt** – WRMS P.E. Shirts are \$6.00 or students can wear a PLAIN gray t-shirt with NO WORDS or SYMBOLS. 6th Graders do not need a P.E. shirt.
 - **Instrument Rentals** – Band and Orchestra instrument rentals are usually set up with music stores during Instrument Night in September.
 - **Environmental Camp** – All 6th graders attend the Resident Outdoor Environmental School in the fall. Please fill out the camp paperwork and bring it to Registration Assistance Day. There is a \$25.00 fee to cover food and other camp expenses.
 - **Yearbooks and Activity Cards** – It is a good idea to pre-purchase a yearbook and activity card during online registration. Also, students who participate in sports or music are required to purchase an activity card since the money is used to subsidize competitions and festivals.

During the Registration Assistance Day, the Vice-Principal, Mr. Ditch, and I will be assisting with Proof of Residency questions. Activity/Academic Card pictures will be taken on Picture Day which is the first Friday (September 1st). Keep an eye out for our PTA; they will have a booth with volunteer sign-up sheets, great WRMS Spirit wear, and information about upcoming events. We look forward to another great school year at WRMS! Have a great rest of the summer and continue to enjoy our beautiful Wood River Valley. As always, it is an honor to work with your sons and daughters.

Sincerely,
Fritz Peters
Principal

We are excited about our **Online Registration** process this year. Parents/Guardians will be able to complete **ALL** paperwork and change demographic information online through Skyward Family Access! How cool is that? We are encouraging all families to do this **before** the start of school. The computer labs will be open and staffed on August 17th (Registration Assistance Day) to help families with the online process.

All 6th graders **MUST** prove residency on Registration Assistance Day as listed below:

Thursday, August 17th	6 th Graders (Last Name A-G)	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
	6 th Graders (Last Name H-M)	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
	6 th Graders (Last Name N-R)	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
	6 th Graders (Last Name S-Z)	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
	6 th Graders – Make-Up	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Please see the Proof of Residency page in this newsletter, where you will find details on required documents so you will be prepared.

Be aware that the district has a policy regarding prescription and over-the-counter medication that is kept and distributed in the school office by school secretaries. All medication must be received in the original container with a Physician's Order Form (available in the office) signed by the prescribing physician and the parent or legal guardian. **Students are not allowed to keep medication with them**, unless they have a life-threatening illness (i.e. severe food allergy, diabetes, asthma)



2017-2018 Registration Fees

P.E. Shirt (7 th /8 th Only)	\$6.00
<i>(Students may also wear a PLAIN gray t-shirt without words or symbols)</i>	
Activity Card	\$15.00 – Must have one to get into WRMS sporting events free!
<i>(Students in Band, Orchestra, Choir, Robotics, and Sports are required to purchase an Activity Card)</i>	
Yearbook	\$25.00
Yearbook/Video Combo	\$30.00
Band (Instrument Rental)	
Orchestra (Instrument Rental)	

All fees can be added in Fee Management during the online registration process. Fees must be paid in full online and cannot be charged. If you prefer to pay by cash or check, you can do so the first week of school in the office.

- School pictures will be taken on September 1st. Retakes are scheduled for October 13th.
- Check out the PTA Page to get the scoop on PTA Meetings, events, and volunteer opportunities!
- OPEN HOUSE is scheduled for September 12th.





Wood River Middle School

Skyward Online Registration

2017-2018

Beginning the Summer of 2017, Wood River Middle School will be converting to an **Online Only** Registration Process!

“What? I don’t have to come into the school for registration this year?”

That’s right! Each family will be asked to login to Skyward Family Access and complete the registration process which will include updating demographic information, filling out paperwork, adding and paying for yearbooks, activity cards, and PE shirts, and e-signing important documents.



“What if I don’t have a computer at home? How will I be able to do an online registration without a computer?”



No computer? No problem! Mark your calendar for August 17th for Registration Assistance Day (RAD) when all the computer labs will be open and staffed for your assistance.

“What about all the other informational papers, agenda books, and PE shirts that we received at registration? How will my child get those items?”

Folders with important information and agenda books will be distributed to all students on the first day of school in their first core classes. Students who have purchased a PE shirt online will receive those in their PE classes.

“How will my child get their schedule and locker information? They won’t know where to go the first day of school or anything about their locker and combination!”

All of this information is available in your Skyward Family Access. The SCHEDULE tab opens your child’s schedule for the entire year and the STUDENT INFORMATION tab shows their locker number and combination. How cool is that?! The school will be open on Registration Assistance Day so you can walk your child’s schedule and practice his/her lock.

“My child is going into the 6th grade. Aren’t I supposed to prove residency and how will I be able to do that before school starts?”

You are right! All 6th graders have to prove residency, and we have that covered too! Registration Assistance Day (RAD) will also be 6th Grade Proof of Residency Day! Times are outlined on Page 2 of this newsletter.



“This all sounds great, but I don’t even know my Skyward Family Access login information. How can I get a login and password?”

What? You’ve never used Skyward Family Access? You are going to love it!! Fifth grade parents can contact their elementary school secretaries to receive this information. Of course, middle school parents can contact Darsi, Nora, or Dot in the front office to receive this information.

Questions? Contact Darsi at dcordingley@blaineschools.org.



Welcome to WRMS Skyward Online Registration!

Everyone will be required to complete this online process this year.

Login to your Skyward Family Access through the Blaine County School District website www.blaineschools.org.

Returning Student Online Registration

All of the steps are listed on the **right side** of your screen. You **MUST** complete each step to be able to move on to the next step.

1. **Verify Student Information:** This step will show you the information we have in our Skyward Database for your family. Please go through each line carefully and make changes where applicable. It is important that we have correct Mailing Addresses, Phone Numbers, and Emergency Contacts (only those people on the emergency contact list will be allowed to pick up your child).
2. **Verify Ethnicity/Race:** This step allows you to verify your Ethnicity/Race, which is required by the Department of Education.
3. **Verify Skylert Information:** The BCSD has adopted the Skylert system to alert families of emergencies or important information. The information you provide below will ensure that you will receive these notices. You have the option to receive text messages, phone calls, and/or emails.
4. **Annual Notice of Parental Rights in Education:** This form is required of all students at all grades. Please read it before moving to the next form.
5. **Computer Use Agreement Policy:** The Blaine County School District requires all students to sign a Computer Use Agreement allowing them to use the internet, email, and software programs provided by the district.
6. **District Accountability Agreement:** The Blaine County School District enters into an accountability agreement with each student. The expectations of the student are listed here, and students need to sign this form.
7. **Important Notice to Parents:** This form is to inform parents/guardians of the District Policy regarding insurance and injuries.
8. **Assessment of Student Health:** It is very important that we know if your student has any medical issues that would affect him/her academically. Please give us as much information as possible. The school nurse, Kathie Gouley, will receive this information and meet with students as she sees fit.
9. **Fast Forward Participation:** This form lets parents know the conditions for participating in the Fast Forward Program and the \$4,125 available for each secondary student to pay for Advanced Opportunities. This form is optional for 7th and 8th grade students. If the student wishes to participate, please complete and sign the form.
10. **Make a Foodservice Payment:** This step allows you to put money on your child's lunch account. Wood River Middle School has amazing lunches, and it is a great idea to have your child start out with a positive balance at the beginning of the school year!
11. **Make a Fee Payment:** This step allows you to add a Yearbook, PE Shirt or Activity Card to your child's account and pay for it. Students in Band, Orchestra, Choir, and Sports are required to purchase an Activity Card because these programs are subsidized with these funds. 7th and 8th grade students are required to dress down for PE and have the option to purchase a WRMS PE Shirt or wear a plain gray t-shirt (no words or graphics). WE DO NOT SELL YEARBOOKS AT THE END OF THE YEAR SO PLAN AHEAD AND PURCHASE EARLY!

PROOF OF RESIDENCY

6th Grade Only

The Blaine County School District is mandating that all 6th grade students attending Blaine County schools must provide proof of Blaine County residence. In order to avoid longer lines during our normal registration, we are asking parents/guardians to plan ahead and be prepared.

As a proof of residence, **ALL** parents will be required to provide the following three (3) items showing physical address in Blaine County and the name of the Parent/Guardian of the student:

Proof of Residency Requirements

- Two (2) current utility bills or a current lease agreement proving inclusion of utility service, indicating name and physical address in Blaine County

AND One (1) of the following additional documents

- Valid Idaho Driver's License with Physical Address
- Property Tax Bill with Physical Address
- Current Lease Agreement with Physical Address
- A Notarized Affidavit signed and sworn from current landlord or homeowner of Physical Address
- Idaho Tax Return indicating Physical Address



El Condado del Distrito Escolar de Blaine esta obligando que todos los estudiantes de 6^{to} grado que atiendan a las escuelas del Distrito Escolar de Blaine tienen que proveer una prueba de residencia que viven en el condado de Blaine. Estamos preguntando a los padres/guardianes para planear a tiempo y estar listos, para así evadir líneas largas durante las inscripciones.

Como prueba de residencia **TODOS** los padres tienen que proveer las siguientes tres (3) cosas la cual muestra la dirección de su domicilio en el Condado de Blaine con el nombre del padre/ guardián del estudiante:

Requisitos de Prueba de Residencia

- Dos (2) pagos actuales de utilidades (pago de luz, teléfono, gas, etc.) o un acuerdo actual de renta que prueba la inclusión de servicio de utilidades, que indique el nombre y la dirección física en el Condado de Blaine.

Y Uno (1) de los siguientes documentos adicionales

- Una licencia de manejar válida de Idaho con la dirección física.
- Pago de Impuestos de Propiedad con dirección física.
- Acuerdo de Renta Actual con dirección física.
- Una carta Notariada firmada y juramento del dueño actual del terreno o casa de la dirección física.
- Regreso de su Impuesto de Idaho indicando la dirección física

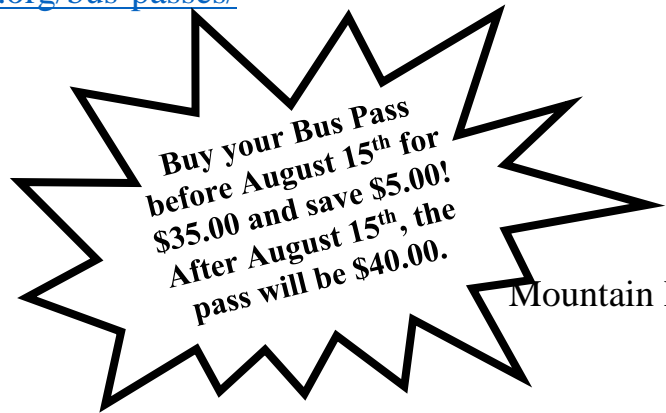
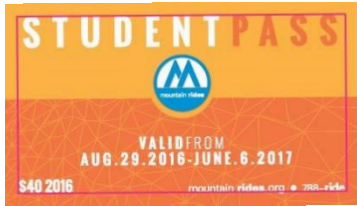


MOUNTAIN RIDES STUDENT BUS PASSES

Buy your Mountain Rides bus pass today for \$35!

Student Bus pass is good from the first day of school to the last (including weekends and schools breaks)

- Mail check payable to Mountain Rides, PO Box 3091, Ketchum, ID 83340 (include your mailing address)
- Online at: <https://www.mountainrides.org/bus-passes/>



Mountain Rides

For more information: contact Kim at 788-7433 X103



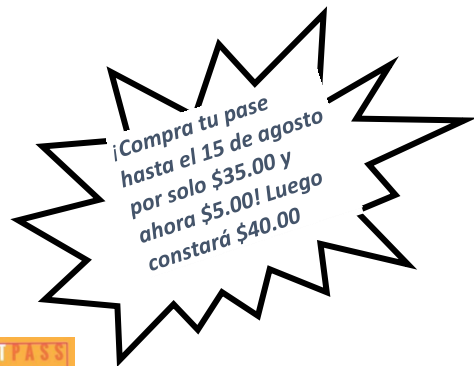
Pase para el Autobús de Mountain Rides para estudiantes

¡Compra tu pase de autobús hoy por solo \$35!

El pase de estudiante para el autobús de la ciudad es válido desde el primer día de escuela hasta el último día

(incluyendo los fines de semana y los feriados escolares)

- Envíe por correo un cheque a nombre de Mountain PO Box 3091, Ketchum, ID 83340 (incluyendo su de correo postal)
- Compre por internet <https://www.mountainrides.org/bus-passes/>



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Para más información contacte a Kim en la oficina de Mountain Rides al 788-7433 X103



STUDENT DRESS AND APPEARANCE

WRMS believes that student dress corresponds to student academic and behavioral success. Therefore, the following rules apply to help students understand specific **Dress Code Expectations**:

- Clothing or accessories must not depict violence, racial preference, inappropriate sexual images, tobacco products, alcohol products or controlled substances, or refer to such products.
- **GANG RELATED DRESS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!** Examples include (but are not limited to):
 1. Bandanas
 2. Oversized clothing that is excessively baggy and belts that hang extremely low
 3. Clothing, accessories, or jewelry that depict a “Gangsta” or gang lifestyle (rolls of money, evil cartoon characters, large dollar signs, scantily –clad women, crowns, guns, etc.)
- Pajama tops, bottoms, or soft-soled slippers
- High heels or footwear that limits mobility in case of an emergency or evacuation
- See-through clothing **is not allowed**
- Hats or large headbands (over 2” diameter) must be taken off as students enter the building and remain in their lockers until the end of the school day. Students with medical needs may be allowed to wear a head covering depending on special medical issues.
- Skirts, Shorts, or Skorts **must exceed** fingertip length
- Shirts and pants must completely cover all under garments at all times! Spaghetti straps, tank tops, halter tops or tops not covering from the neck to the shoulder, midriffs, and low-riding pants are not allowed! Students **MUST NOT** write on themselves or others.
- Torn pants with skin showing above the knee are not allowed.

Refer to the Blaine County School District Student Dress Code Policy Number 502.5

Wood River Middle School Supply Lists

2017-2018

These items are essential to help your child do his/her best in school. Supplies must be purchased by the first Tuesday of school and students are expected to have these supplies in class every day throughout the school year. School agendas will be used as assignment books and will be handed out at the first day of school.

6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Boxes of Kleenex – (<i>Give to 1st period teacher</i>) 3 Dozen #2 Pencils and 1 package eraser caps (<i>Give one dozen pencils to 1st period teacher</i>) 3 Packs Loose-leaf Lined Paper (no spiral bound notebook paper) 5 Pocket Folders (three-hole punched) 1” 3-Ring Binder (for Math) 2” 3-Ring Binder with Zipper (should fit in backpack easily) Small Pencil Pouch (three-hole punched to keep in binder) 3 Composition Books for journals – 100 page HARDBOUND – NOT SPIRAL Tennis Shoes for Gym Class 2 Colored Correcting Pens 1 Set of Colored Pencils 2 Jumbo Glue Sticks 1 Pack Dry Erase Markers and 1 Eraser 2 Highlighters 2 Ultra Fine Black Sharpies Ruler (standard/metric) for home Ear Buds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-Ring Binder (Heavy Duty) Spiral Notebook (70-100 page) 1 Pack Subject Dividers 4 Dozen #2 Pencils Ballpoint Pens (Blue or Black ink ONLY) 2 Packages Lined Loose-leaf Binder Paper Ruler with inch and centimeter 2 Highlighters Calculator - <i>Optional</i> 1 Set Colored Pencils 1 Pencil Zip Pouch for Binder Pack of 100 (3 x 5) Lined Notecards 2 Pads of Mini Post-It Notes 4 Composition Books 4 Fine Tip Black Sharpies Graph Paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-Ring Binder 6 Section Dividers with Pockets Pencil/Pen Pouch for binder 8.5 x 11 inch Ruled Paper 2 <u>SPIRAL</u> Notebooks (120 pages) NO clean edge type (<i>1 for Science Lab Book and 1 for Humanities</i>) Scientific Calculator for Math/Science Pens (Black or Blue) 2 Dozen #2 Pencils 3 x 5 Note Cards (Pack of 50) Manual Pencil Sharpener Ruler (6 or 12 inch/metric) 1 Pack Colored Pencils 2 Ultra Fine Point Black Sharpies 2 Fine Point Black Sharpies 1 Jumbo Glue Stick 1 Highlighter 3 Composition Notebooks (<i>1 for Math, 1 for Health, and 1 for Language Arts</i>) USB Flash Drive - <i>Optional</i>

Note: Specific teachers may have additional supply needs. Please check your child's supplies in January and replenish if necessary.

PLEASE LABEL ALL SUPPLIES!

WOOD RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT ORGANIZATION



The first PTA meeting of the 2017-2018 school year will be our annual ***“First Day of School” Coffee*** on **Monday, August 28th at 8:30 a.m.** in the school Library. This is a great opportunity to meet parents involved in the school, our administrative staff, and your PTA officers.



Got Spirt Wear? T-shirts, sweatshirts, and sweat pants will go on sale in August. Stop by the PTA table at Registration Assistance Day for more information.

Wood River Middle School has always had great volunteers over the years, which is one of the reasons we have such a great school. There is a place for you to help almost anywhere you would like in the school. Please take time to look at the Volunteer Sheet below and mark a couple of places that you would be able to help. Drop this sheet off at the PTA table during Registration Assistance Day. Thanks!

Chair	Volunteer	Volunteer Opportunities
		8th Grade Advancement Ceremony (June) – Decorations, Refreshments, set-up/take down
		Field Trip Chaperones (as needed)
		School Registration Assistance Day (August) – PTA Table
		School Pictures (Sept. 1 st) – Organize students/help photographers
		Teacher Appreciation Snacks (1x/month) – Bring snacks for teachers
		Book Fair (Sept./Oct.) – Set up/break down, work selling books
		Staff Appreciation Luncheon (May) – Planning, preparing food, serving
		Library Aide (1x/week) – Help with ongoing projects in the Library
		Sports – Help with athletic events
		General Volunteer – Call when help is needed ☺
		Snack Shack (Concessions Sept. – Feb.) – Staff snack shack during sporting events
		Bake Sale Volunteer – Bake treats as needed for events



It is okay to share my information for the PTA contact list.

Parent Name _____

Student Name(s) _____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____

Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Please drop form off at PTA table at Registration Assistance Day or in the office.