

West Running Brook Middle School

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FRIDAY FOCUS

I am sure many of you woke yesterday and sent your children to school with a head and heart that felt different than the day before. It strikes me that with the multitude of factors woven into these continued, complex tragedies that most recently shook Florida - factors at the edges of our control - *we can act to do the singular thing within our control* - namely, to care for each and every person in our school, deeply, every day. I have shared publicly and privately, many times, that I see our work in schools as a series of three sequential items, each one dependent on the former: student safety, student self-worth, and student learning. Learners need to feel safe and need to feel good before they can learn at high levels. This remains unchanged. Early next week we will conduct a lockdown drill in conjunction with the Derry Police Department. This drill is not in response to Florida but rather a planned part of our ongoing preparation to provide for the safety of our school community. Ask your child(ren) about the drill. Ask them what is expected of them. Ask them what is expected of staff. Ask them how they felt during the drill. Ask them why we practice. And talk with them about all five. We are also available here at WRB to answer your questions and talk with you.

Be well,

Justin Krieger, Principal

A Few Upcoming Dates and Information of Interest

- WRB Drama Club Presents *Peter Pan Jr.*: Friday, (2.16.18) 7 PM and Saturday, (2.17.18) 4 PM @ The Stockbridge Theater - Be sure to catch one of these professional performances that includes the work of well over 100 of our students. Tickets are available [here](#).
- WRB Student Presentation to DCSD School Board - If you missed our students presenting their experience of recording in a professional studio with a band recognized around the globe, you can watch a stream [here](#). They were reflective and poised.
- WRB Track Coach Vacancy - We are in need of a boys and a girls track coach for the spring season. Interested parties may contact [Sheryl O'Connor](#), Athletic Director, to learn more or apply for the positions.
- PTSA Meeting: Wednesday, (2.21.18) 7 PM
- February Is Dental Health Month - The Children's Dental Network has been providing dental service for children without access to dental care for 25 years. See this [notice](#) for more information if you or someone you know could benefit from their service.
- School Vacation: Monday-Friday, (2.26.18 - 3.2.18) - WRB will be closed on Monday, 2.26.18, but will be open Tuesday through Friday. School will resume for students and our full staff on Monday, 3.5.18.
- Employment Opportunities - Currently, there are openings in the food service department within the DCSD. Employment openings are listed [here](#). For more information or to ask questions, you can call Susan Boraskas, Food Service Director, at 432.1231.
- PTSA Fall 2018 Golf Fundraiser - Last year, the PTSA raised substantial funds operating their first golf outing. Round two is scheduled for August 10th. If you have an interest in supporting the event in some capacity, please contact [Laura Peterson](#), PTSA Board President. Look for communication from the PTSA soon as to an initial planning meeting.
- FOR GRADE 8 FAMILIES - Next Charter High School Information Nights: Wednesdays (3.7.18, and 3.14.18): Next Charter School staff and students will be hosting two (2) upcoming evenings at 6:30 PM to learn more about their mission, tenets, and overall student experience. Parents and students are invited to attend to determine if Next may be a match for their future goals. You can also schedule an individual time to visit and learn more by contacting the school directly at 437.6398.