

## West Running Brook Middle School

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### FRIDAY FOCUS

The passing of a U.S. President makes me think about how integrated our school experiences are for students and reinforces the fact that history, like learning, is not linear. My memories of George H. W. Bush correspond to my transition from middle school to high school and watching the First Gulf War unfold, principally instantaneous and live on television. This experience would repeat again for me - this time as an adult - in 2003 during the Iraq War. His passing also makes me think of a recent statistic specific to World War II veterans; namely, of the 16 million who served, less than 500,000 are still with us. Most will not be with us come 2029. This spurs the questions: How do we best share history with young people? What is the role of school? What is the role of family? And of the community in making sure young people have a sense of what came before them and why? In the end, most everything comes down to civics. I do hope the student experience at WRB reflects this fact.

Be well, Justin Krieger - Principal

### A Few Upcoming Dates and Information of Interest

- Week of Notices - A review of all notices from morning meeting this week is [here](#).
- Fiscal Advisory Committee: Monday (12.10.18) @ WRB 6:30 PM - Continued discussion of the 19-20 DCSD budget.
- School Board Meeting: Tuesday (12.11.18) @ WRB 7:00 PM - An agenda item this evening will continue presentation and discussion regarding "viable options to close a school."
- PTSA Reflections: Thursday (12.13.18) @ The Coffee Factory 6:00 PM - Student submissions will be on display.
- Kids Care Club Book Drive - Kids Care Club will be conducting a "Gently Used Book Drive" for young children (not middle school). We will be collecting these and donating them to Grinnell School's Book Corner, which is in need of books for their students. Please drop off books or have your son/daughter bring them in. This will run from December 4th through the 14th.
- GRADE 8 FAMILIES - Next Charter High School is hosting an information night at their school (within GHH) on 12.12.18 @ 6:30 PM. Visit [www.nextcharterschool.org](http://www.nextcharterschool.org) for more information.
- GRADE 8 FAMILIES - Although Pinkerton Academy has not yet published its 19-20 course catalogue, previewing the 18-19 course catalogue [here](#) will give you an idea of the academic opportunities available for students.
- Derry Library Winter Programs - Our local library sponsors some innovative experiences for kids this winter, including an escape room, stop motion animation, and Harry Potter-focused classes. You can find all opportunities, [here](#).
- MEDICATION ALERT: From the best school nurse in the state of New Hampshire...As we enter into the winter months and students seem to get more illnesses, please keep in mind that if they have medication to be administered at school, MD orders are needed. I need written MD orders (not just the bottle with the prescription on it) as well as the labeled bottle, and written parental permission. The ONLY "medication" that I can administer without a MD order and still need parental permission is Tylenol.
- Parent / Guardian Workshop - The DCSD has partnered with Maureen Shields from the Parent Advocacy Center to lead a workshop titled, "Managing Difficult Conversations," on 1.31.19. More info is [here](#). Registration is required.