



December 2020

WEMS COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Newsletter from the Community School Office
at Wildwood Elementary Middle School

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UPCOMING

Protecting Our Children

Dec. 9, 6pm

School Family Council

Dec. 14, 5pm

Family Yoga & Mindfulness

Dec. 15, 5:30pm

Parents & Guardians of WEMS

Dec. 16, 7pm

3rd Monday Legal Clinic

Dec. 21, 5pm

Parent Attendance Meeting

Dec. 21, 5:30pm

Links: [WEMS88.com/events/](https://wems88.com/events/)

IT'S DECEMBER ALREADY!

We at Wildwood wish you a warm and connected December! This month will surely have highs and lows but know we are grateful to you for being a part of our community and please reach out if we can help to make this season better!

NEED SOME RELEASE FOR STRESS, FRUSTRATION OR ANXIETY?



Join us on TUESDAY, DEC 15 at 5pm for chair-based yoga and breathing. You'll learn ways to care for yourself when things are tough and feel good while doing it! Head to [WEMS88.com/events](https://wems88.com/events) for the link!



HOLIDAY AND WINTER EVENTS: LINKS AT [WEMS88.COM](https://wems88.com)



WINTER ESCAPE ROOM FAMILY NIGHT

Think your family can win the Wildwood Virtual Family Escape Room? Join us on **Dec. 22nd at 5pm** online! Presented by the School Family Council.

BEDTIME STORIES WITH MS. MURRILL & MS. GRAYSON

Put on your PJ's and come listen to a bedtime story for the season! **Dec. 23rd 7pm.** Presented by the School Family Council.



Help keep our families warm by donating to our coat drive: <https://tinyurl.com/y2z898gr>
Need a coat? Visit <https://tinyurl.com/wemscoats>

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ATTENDANCE TIPS FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Attendance is an issue district wide. Our students are falling behind and we know it's difficult at home as well. Here are a few tips to raise your child's attendance and grades:

- Work with your child to make a daily schedule.
- Set realistic goals with your child.
- Communicate with teachers frequently.
- Expect problems.
- Use game time, outdoor time and other treats to incentivize increased attendance.
- Keep your cool and reach out for support when it gets hard.



VIRTUAL AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW YEAR:

Girl Scouts: You Can Sit With Us 3rd-5th Grade girls starts Thursday January 7th at 4:15pm. The program will run virtually for 6 weeks every Thursday! Girls learn friendship skills, self-esteem and more. [Register here.](#)



Access Art 1st-8th Grades, 4 days a week after-school. A great program for artistic expression, social emotional exploration and lots of fun! [Learn more and register here.](#)



Chess Club with Boardroom Chess Tuesdays 4:15-5:30pm for 4th & 5th Graders AND Thursdays 4:30-5:30pm for 6th-8th Graders. Chess is great for improving mindfulness, strategy, teamwork and more! [Learn more and register here.](#)



Debate Club 6th-8th Graders, Schedule TBA

Students learn public speaking and how to organize a convincing argument. Look for announcements soon!

LAWYER IN THE SCHOOLS FREE LEGAL CLINIC

You can meet one-on-one with a volunteer attorney to help you with a wide range of civil legal issues.

TOPICS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

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| Bankruptcy | Foreclosure |
| Child Support, Custody, and Visitation | Government Benefits (e.g., Food Stamps, Cash Assistance, Disability) |
| Criminal Record Expungement | Landlord-Tenant |
| Debt Collection | Tax Sales |
| Divorce | Water Bills |
| Employment | |

DATE: First Thursday of every month, 9-11am
TIME: Third Monday of every month, 5-7pm
LOCATION: Zoom.com--Click "Join a Meeting"
OR Dial In: 301-715-8592 and enter:
Meeting ID: 851-2799-2781

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This program is made possible by a grant from the Legal Services Corporation Pro Bono Innovation Fund.

**YOU HAVE A
CHANCE TO
WIN!**

Beginning in December, each time a parent/guardian attends a parent event, they have a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate!

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